

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the Chair.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Tynan.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, M. Shields.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager & Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Environment. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs. Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Planning & Development. Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs. Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs. Mr. P. O'Neill, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The O'Connor family on the death of Frank.
- The Laffin family on the death of Reg Laffin.
- The Milner family on the death of Kathleen Milner.
- The Sheehan family on the death of Maura Sheehan.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Marie O'Brien.
- The Graham family on the death of Mrs. Graham.
- The O'Leary family on the death of Peg O'Leary.
- The O'Driscoll family on the death of Derry O'Driscoll.
- The Comerford family on the death of Paddy Comerford.
- The O'Keeffe family on the death of Bridget O'Keeffe.

- The O'Reilly family on the death of Sean O'Reilly.
- The Martin family on the death of Tony Martin.
- The Allen family on the death of Pat Allen.
- The O'Keeffe family on the death of Holly O'Keeffe.
- The Fitzgerald family on the death of Bridget Fitzgerald.

## 1.2 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

The Lord Mayor advised Members of the following event which is taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010, and extended an invitation to Members of An Chomhairle to attend.

“Burning of Cork Commemoration Event – Procession from City Hall to the City Library with the presence of the Band of 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Brigade, the Fire Service, and An Garda Síochana.”

## 2. **MINUTES**

- The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010, were considered and approved.
- The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010, were considered and approved.

## 3. **QUESTIONS - 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

### 3.1 **EXPENSE BREAKDOWN FOR HOMECOMING RECEPTION FOR CORK SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM**

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

*To ask the City Manager to give an expense breakdown of the €50,000 allocated to the homecoming reception for the Cork All-Ireland Football Team.*

The cost of expenses incurred by Cork City Council in hosting the Homecoming Reception for the Cork All-Ireland Football Final was:

#### **Security / Health & Safety Matters €17,770**

This includes costs involved with crowd control, event management and medical personnel.

#### **Entertainment €24,768**

This incorporates stage and stage inspection, provision of screens and stage entertainment.

#### **Miscellaneous €4,631**

This incorporates costs involved in advertising, clean up and road closures/traffic restrictions.

#### **Total Cost: €47,169**

### 3.2 **INTERNAL RAIL GUARD – TORY TOP PARK**

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

*When will the internal rail guard be installed in Tory Top Park adjacent to McDermott Place. This installation is crucial to stop children running on to the road, it must also be designed to allow access for people with walking disabilities and buggies.*

I wish to confirm that a rail guard in Tory Top Park at the pedestrian gate adjacent to McDermott Place was installed over twelve months ago. The rail is designed to allow access for people with walking disabilities and buggies and complies with accessibility regulations.

### 3.3 **PODS ON SOUTH MALL AND GRAND PARADE**

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

*Can the City Manager identify the individual cost associated with the construction of each of the Pods on South Mall and Grand Parade and provide a breakdown of these costs?*

A total of three Kiosks were provided as part of the Grand Parade Renewal Scheme. The costs were as follows:-

Kiosk No1 @ Bishop Lucey Park	= € 129,260 Incl Vat
Kiosk No 2 @ the Library	= € 124,369 Incl Vat
Kiosk No 3 @ the Peace Park	= € 147,361 Incl Vat

The costs are broken down as follows:-

<u>Kiosk No 1 @ Bishop Lucey Park</u>		<u>Kiosk No 2 @ the Library</u>	
Structural Concrete Work	€20,700	Structural Concrete Work	€19,500
Utility Ducting	€ 3,915	Utility Ducting	€ 1,707
Cladding	€17,200	Cladding	€17,200
Glazing	€ 45,700	Glazing	€ 45,700
Roofing	€13,278	Roofing	€13,750
Prelims	€ 10,450	Prelims	€ 8,900
Total	€111,243	Total	€106,757
Vat @ 13.5%	€ 15,017	Vat @ 13.5%	€ 14,412
Supervision	€ 3,000	Supervision	€ 3,200
<b>All in Total incl Vat</b>	<b>€ 129,260</b>	<b>Total incl Vat</b>	<b>€124,369</b>

<u>Kiosk No 3 @ the Peace Park</u>	
Structural Concrete Work	€22,300
Utility Ducting	€ 7,800
Cladding	€22,251
Glazing	€45,700
Roofing	€15,230
Prelims	€ 12,500

Total	€125,781
Vat @ 13.5%	€ 16,980
Supervision	€ 4,600
<b>Total incl Vat</b>	<b>€147,361</b>

### 3.4 **GLEN REGENERATION PROJECT**

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

- a) *When is the expected completion date for Phase 2 of the Glen Regeneration Project?*
  - b) *Will the builder face any financial penalties if the Glen Regeneration is not completed on time?*
  - c) *When will the Glen Road be open?*
  - d) *What safety measures have been put in place in preparation for the diversion of traffic through Comeragh Park and Arderin Way?*
- a) The expected completion date for Phase 2 of the Glen Regeneration Project is June 2012.
  - b) If the project is not completed on time there is provision within the Contract for Liquidated and Ascertained damages.
  - c) The current Road Closure license expires on 17.12.10. It is understood, however, that the Contractor is currently preparing an application requesting that this be extended to the end of January 2011.
  - d) There is currently no provision to divert traffic through Comeragh Park and Arderin Way. Traffic Signage is in place at the junction of Glen Avenue and Ballyhooly Road to the effect that the Glen Avenue is closed to traffic approaching from an easterly direction.

### 3.5 **FOOTPATH ARRANGEMENTS ON COLLEGE ROAD**

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

- a) *With regard to “Frinilla” Development on the North East corner of Dennehy’s Cross and the fact that the temporary road and footpath arrangements on the College Road side of the development are far from satisfactory, could the Manager please tell the Council what plans the Council has with regard to improving these?*
- b) *Given that road furniture has narrowed the road for a very long time now and that barriers are in place on the footpath and the area is both ugly and dangerous and the fact the work needed to finish this would not be large, is it possible that completion can be accomplished?*
- c) *Do we have a bond in place for this development and could this be drawn down to do this work?*
- d) *Given that it seems that this development may have been “sucked into” the NAMA portfolio of properties, who is responsible for its completion?*
- e) *What time scale is allowed for such work to be completed and what options are available to the Roads, Planning or other Directorates of the Council to ensure completion?*

Kieran Wallace of KPMG was appointed Receiver of Oakdon Limited and their development at Dennehy's Cross during 2010.

- a) The Planning Directorate has been in regular contact with the Receiver and monitoring developments. The Receiver advised us early on that it was their intention to try and secure funding to complete the development. We were advised on 11<sup>th</sup> November that funding has been provided and KPMG have been instructed to recommence negotiations with a Contractor with a view to completing the development.
- b) The Receiver has advised that they hope to be in a position to restart work in January 2011. Part of this work will include the completion of all roads and footpaths. We have been in contact with the Receiver and asked him to undertake some remedial works on Magazine Road in advance of this restart.
- c) The Planning Directorate has a bond in place. It is not possible to draw down a bond for part of the outstanding works.
- d) At this time the Receiver is responsible for the completion of the development.
- e) If the works are not completed to the satisfaction of Cork City Council, then the Planning Directorate can make a formal claim on the bond and complete the works to the public services. The bond available to Cork City Council only allows us to complete works to the public services and not complete works on the buildings. Therefore it is desirable to work with the Receiver and try to ensure the development is completed in its entirety.

### 3.6 **RETRO-FITTING OF COUNCIL HOMES**

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

*Given that Cork City Council was allocated 4 million in January 2010 by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the retro-fitting of Council homes to enhance their energy efficiency standards. To ask the Manager:*

- a) *Has the programme commenced?*
  - b) *How many homes will be part of the programme?*
  - c) *The number of homes retrofitted to date?*
  - d) *How many of the houses to be retrofitted are vacant?*
  - e) *What will be the average spend on a house?*
  - f) *The time scale for completion of the programme?*
- a) Work commenced on the scheme early in 2010. Energy efficiency measures were added to the majority of vacant houses under repair, where feasible or cost effective, both for houses being repaired by Housing staff and by single unit contract. In addition, procurement processes were set up to engage BER assessors, technical advisors and contractors to enable the throughput of vacant houses being repaired to be increased so that full utilization of funding available could be achieved. Subsequently a number of multi unit repair contracts were commenced later in the year and are now in progress.

- b) 280 houses will have benefitted from the programme in 2010.
- c) Approximately 30 houses have been completed up to end of October, with work in progress or contracts awarded for remaining 250 units.
- d) In accordance with the terms of the DOE allocation, the programme was initially limited to vacant houses. A revised DOE circular in September 2010 allowed some flexibility in relation to adjacent occupied houses. Accordingly 223 of the houses in the 2010 programme either are or were vacant in 2010.
- e) The average spend per unit is approximately € 23,000 ( including other repair / refurbishment works as required ). Under the terms of the scheme, the DOE funding available does not cover the full cost of the requisite works.
- f) The works programmed under the 2010 DOE funding allocation are expected to be completed by Jan / Feb 2011.

### 3.7 **DOG FOULING SIGNS**

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

*Would it be possible to have “Dog Fouling Signs” erected on the green between Liam Lynch Park & Casement Park and when can we expect these Glasheen Road signs to be erected?*

There are no suitable locations to erect “no dog fouling signs” on the green between General Liam Lynch Park and Roger Casement Park.

However two “no dog fouling signs” will be erected shortly on suitable locations on the public footpath on Glasheen Road fronting the green area between General Liam Lynch Park and Roger Casement Park.

### 3.8 **PAY AND DISPLAY**

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

*To ask the City Manager:*

*If he can indicate when the report on the Pay and Display Pilot Project will be published?*

*What would be the cost of introducing a Pay and Display Parking Scheme?*

*How many individuals were registered for Park by Phone in 2009 and 2010?*

*How much income was generated by Park by Phone and what percentage of parking income did this amount represent?*

An evaluation of the current and potential payment options proposed for parking in Cork City was carried out over the past few years, to determine the most effective combination of payments methods for Cork City Council and our customers. Currently, customers can pay for on-street parking using one of two payment methods, parking discs or pay by phone. The Park Magic pay by phone system has been very successful in terms of public acceptance, with over 160,000 parking transactions being conducted by phone between January and October 2010.

The option of introducing a third payment system, on street pay and display machines, was given due consideration in 2008/2009. A trial, based on 12 machines located on four streets in the Central Business District (CBD), commenced in December 2007 and was completed in March 2009. While revenue during the trial indicated good public acceptance of the machines, this was to the detriment of parking disc sales, indicating a substitution effect away from discs, rather than any growth in overall customer numbers.

In order to assess the costs of installing pay and display machines to service the CBD, tender documents were issued to five qualified companies in March 2009. Based on the tenders received, the lowest tender sum was just over €426,000 for the supply and maintenance of 103 machines and a 'back office' management system. The annual cost of cash collection would be an additional €150,000 to €170,000 per annum. It was considered unlikely that the increased costs associated with the introduction of the machines would be offset by a commensurate increase in income, especially in light of the current economic climate. Given the significant capital and operational costs, the decision was taken not to proceed with the purchase and installation of the pay and display machines at that time.

However, it is envisaged that ISO smart cards will be introduced across the transport infrastructure in Ireland in the near future, and this would make the widespread introduction of pay and display machines a more cost effective payment solution. This issue will be re-examined as part of the review of parking in the city to be completed in 2011.

The number of customers registered for park by phone is as follows:

2008: 2,028

2009: 9,427

2010: 13,634

The income generated from the park by phone system in 2009 was €272,770, which represents 7% of all on-street parking revenue. In 2010, for the first nine months, the income generated was €288,320, representing 11% of the total on-street parking revenue for that period.

### 3.9 **PRIVATISATION OF KYRL'S QUAY MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK**

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

*To ask the Manager about the details of the privatisation of Kyrl's Quay Multi-Storey Car Park?*

In response to recent and forthcoming retirements of staff employed directly by the City Council in the operation of Kyrl's Quay Car Park, it has now been decided, following consultation with all relevant staff, to outsource on a pilot basis, the management of Kyrl's Quay Car Park for a period of nine months. Due to the present Government embargo on the recruitment of staff into the Public Service, the concept of transferring staff from other areas of the City Council into the car park was examined, but realistically it was not seen as a viable option. During the pilot phase the City Council proposes to advertise an open tender invitation for experienced car park contractors to operate and manage the car park

for a defined period. The process of determining the charge for parking in the car park will remain within the remit of Cork City Council both during the pilot phase and the subsequent fully outsourced period. It is anticipated that significant cost savings will accrue to Cork City Council from this proposal.

### 3.10 **RECRUITMENT EMBARGO IN PUBLIC SECTOR**

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

*With the continued existence of the recruitment embargo in the public sector, can the Manager outline how much empty capacity there is in City Council offices at the present time?*

The new Council Offices are open plan and while the reductions in staffing levels have meant that certain desks are not occupied in virtually all Directorates and Departments there is not any significant amount of vacant useable office space available as a result.

However we have managed to relocate some small sections back to City Hall and relinquish rented accommodation which has resulted in some savings.

The matter will be kept under review but it is unlikely that any significant amounts of office space will become available at City Hall.

Where additional office accommodation does become available we will continue to consolidate all services within the City Hall complex. However such transfers are not likely to be large and will involve small numbers of staff.

### 3.11 **ARUP ENGINEERING**

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

*Over the last 3 years (2008 – Oct 2010) how many projects were Arup Engineering involved in, in partnership with Cork City Council. How much was the cost to the City, i.e., total paid out to Arup Engineering for these projects.*

*How much has Arup charged for the work carried out at the request of Cork City Council regarding the quay walls that were damaged by the flooding last November?*

Arup Engineering have been engaged as lead consultants on 18 projects for Cork City Council over the 3 years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The total paid in those 3 years to Arup for this work is €2.761m.

The engagement of external consultants for the design and management of major capital schemes is an integral and necessary element of the City Councils delivery of strategic infrastructure in the city. This is evidenced by the breakdown of the costs across the following work areas:



Docklands Bridge	€1.134m
Green Routes	€0.828m
Old Whitechurch Road	€0.243m
Urban/Street Renewal Schemes	€0.193m
Southern Ring Road Interchanges	€0.192m
Environmental Mapping Control	€0.085m
Affordable Housing Scheme Shanakiel	€0.075m
Quay Walls	€0.011m

The engagement of external consultants is also governed by the public procurement procedures.

### 3.12 **RESIDENT'S PARKING PERMITS**

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

*Can the Manager outline any progress in relation to the issuing of reminder notices when resident's parking permits are about to expire, as suggested earlier in the year at various Road Meetings.*

The issuing of Resident's Permits is managed through the Ticket Court Management System (TCMS) software package provided by an external service provider. The version of the software currently in use by Cork City Council cannot provide the functionality to issue reminders to permit holders in advance of the expiry date of their permit. However, we are currently considering an upgrade to a newer version of the software, which would be able to perform this service, along with additional customer service enhancements.

A proposal to upgrade the TCMS system and allow for the issuing of reminder notices will be considered in early 2011.

### **QUESTIONS – 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

#### **.1 CLOSURE OF THE ALLEY LINKING MURMONT CIRCLE TO OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

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

*Can the Manager please provide an update in relation to the closure of the alley linking Murmont Circle to Old Youghal Road. In particular can he confirm if all impediments to closure have been resolved including title. Can he confirm that residents of Murmont*

*Circle who wish to have a key to use the alley after closure will be facilitated and finally, can he confirm when work is likely to commence?*

Cork City Council do not have title to this laneway linking Murmont Circle to Old Youghal Road. The Law Agent is currently investigating same.

When Cork City Council acquire the title to this laneway the necessary works to close it off to the public will be put in place.

As the Public Right of Way has been extinguished along this laneway the residents of Murmont Circle will technically not have access onto or through the lane when the closure is put in place. However, once the issue of ownership is resolved, the matter of facilitating controlled access can be discussed.

**.2 LEASE TO BALLYPHEHANE GAA CLUB**

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

*Is there any reason why a lease cannot be given to Ballyphehane GAA Club for the Green, Tramore Road?*

*What is the time frame before the lease is processed for the above Club?*

A draft sporting lease is being prepared for Ballyphehane GAA Club, and should be finalised in the next 8 weeks.

**.3 SMART TELECOM PHONEBOXES**

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

*What is the approximate number of Smart Telecom phoneboxes left in Cork City?*

*Are these still operational?*

*Who is responsible for their upkeep and/or removal?*

An assessment of the number and operational status of Smart Telecom Phoneboxes in the City is to be undertaken. Once complete, the Planning & Development Functional Committee will be advised of the numbers.

The owner of the box/kiosk would be responsible for their upkeep and/or removal.

**.4 ADULT MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CITY LIBRARIES**

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

*To ask the Manager what was the cost of adult membership of our City Libraries in each of the following years: 2008, 2009, 2010.*

*Can the Manager also inform the Council the number of adult members in each of those years:  
2008, 2009, 2010.*

Adult members pay one of a range of fees, depending on circumstances, e.g. State pensioners are entitled to free membership, unemployed, persons on disability pension, etc. pay a concession fee of €1.25. The full adult fee for persons who do not fall into one of these categories was as follows:

2008	€12.50
2009	€22.00
2010	€22.00

The number of adult members was as follows:

2008	5,152
2009	3,676

The full figures for membership in 2010 are not yet in, but are broadly in line with 2009. The total library membership in 2009 (all categories) was 22,580.

Members should note that it is intended to introduce a revised fee structure in January including lower adult membership charges.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, a vote was called for to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the current economic crisis and the upcoming national budget, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.(9)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, K. O'Flynn, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.(17)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the proposal to suspend Standing Orders rejected.

#### **4. ITEM DEFERRED FROM MEETINGS OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER & 29th NOVEMBER 2010**

##### **4.1 NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, Comhairleoir J. Corr was nominated as a member of An Chomhairle to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran from the Board of Cork City Partnership.

## **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

### **5. HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

#### **5.1 MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for October 2010.

#### **5.2 DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the City Manager dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 in relation to the following property disposals:

##### **Property Disposals**

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in the premises situated at and known as “Peking Restaurant”, Ros na Rí, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork to Man Keun Chan for the sum of €2,000 together with costs in the sum of €1,500 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in the premises situated at and known as 101, Knockfree Avenue, Gurrana Braher, Cork to Frances Wilkinson c/o O'Donnell Breen-Walsh O'Donoghue Solicitors, Trinity House, 8 Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of €4,000.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal of property to the rear of 8 Templehill Lawn, Ballintemple, Cork to David and Roisin Coleman c/o Timothy J. Hegarty & Sons, Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork for the sum of €1,000 plus costs of €1,500 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, the disposal was approved.
- d. Disposal of Right of Way at laneway off Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork to O'Brien & O'Flynn (Wilton) Limited c/o P.J. O'Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, 73 South Mall, Cork for the sum of €125,000 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, the disposal was approved.

##### **Shared Ownership**

- e. Disposal of Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 31 Townsend Place, Greenmount, Cork to Carol and Aidan Foley for the sum of €36,283.33. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

6.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for months ended October 2010.

6.2 **SECTION 38 OF THE ROADS TRAFFIC ACT, 1994, PROPOSED LOW COST SAFETY REMEDIAL MEASURES N20 COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 regarding Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994, Proposed Low Cost Safety Remedial Measures N20 Commons Road.

6.3 **SECTION 38 OF THE ROADS TRAFFIC ACT, 1994, PROPOSED LOW COST SAFETY REMEDIAL MEASURES TO AVENUE DE RENNES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 regarding Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994, Proposed Low Cost Safety Remedial Measures to Avenue De Rennes.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE –15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpath will be dishd at the appropriate location.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/252)

The report of the City Manager stated that Cork City Council through its *Taxi Forum* meetings considers all matters such as the provision of additional taxi ranks across the City at such meetings. The Forum consists of the chairpersons of both the City Council’s Strategic Policy Committee and Roads Functional Committee, representatives of the various taxi associations, members of An Garda Síochána, in addition to representatives from the City Council’s Traffic Division. The Forum meets 2/3 times per year and any requests for additional ranks are given due consideration at such meetings. This request will be included on the Agenda at the next meeting for consideration.

7.3 **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR ARDFOYLE AVENUE, BALLINTEMPE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that the existing public lighting provision in the Ardfoyle Avenue area will be examined and if any additional public lights are warranted for that area, they will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Roadworks Programme.

7.4 **IMPROVED PUBLIC LIGHTING ON ARDFOLYE AVENUE, BALLINTEMPE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the existing public lighting provision in the Ardfoyle Avenue area will be examined and if any additional public lights are

warranted for that area, they will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Roadworks Programme.

7.5 **SURVEY ROADS & FOOTPATHS AT ELTON LAWN, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the roads and footpaths in Elton Lawn will be surveyed and considered for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing and Footpaths Programmes.

7.6 **SURVEY OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DEERPARK & ROSSBARRA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a survey of the public lighting installation at Deerpark and Rossbarra. The need for additional public lights, or the upgrading of existing lamps to be reported to South Central Ward meeting in 2011, where a discussion and decision can be taken to enhance the quality of the public lights based on the report.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/292)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a report will be prepared as requested on the public lighting provision in the Deerpark and Rossbarra area and presented to the South Central Ward meeting for the members’ consideration.

7.7 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT CHERRINGTON, ON CHURCHYARD LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would paint double yellow lines at the entrance to Cherrington on Churchyard Lane (across from Cork Constitution), to assist people access their homes in the estate during match days and improve their sight lines, on what is a very busy road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/295)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area has been examined and as soon as weather conditions allow for lining operations to recommence across the City, the appropriate double yellow lines will be installed at the entrance to Cherrington.

#### 7.8 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Cul de Sac that incorporates houses no 17 to 27 The Drive, Curraheen Estate, be included in the re-surfacing programme for 2011, and that remedial work be carried out in the interim period outside houses no. 21 The Drive, Curraheen Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/305)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this section of Curraheen Drive will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime any remedial works considered necessary will be carried out.

#### 7.9 **CURRENT TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION – WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Traffic Department would report to the Roads & Transportation Committee on the operation of the current traffic configuration at the junction of the Well Road, Douglas Road and would move to restore the right hand turn to the city to alleviate the major traffic congestion that the lack of this turn is causing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 10/64)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the ban on the right turn on the exit from Well Road onto Douglas Road was introduced in 2003 in order to improve the road safety and traffic flow at the junction. The problem was that there is no room for the storage of right turning traffic, and one car turning right regularly blocked a large number of vehicles turning left to access Douglas Village. The Gardaí at the time fully agreed with the proposal.

As part of the proposal to ban the right turn exit from the Well Road, it was proposed to change the traffic management controls at the junction of Woodview/Well Road in order to allow traffic exit onto the Douglas Road from the Well Road. In order to ensure that Woodview would not become a „rat run“ for traffic avoiding the traffic signals at the junction of the Well Road/ Douglas Road, it was also proposed to introduce a ban on exiting Woodview onto the Well Road. The net effect of the change of traffic management on Woodview would have been that, while there would be a change in the direction of the tidal traffic flow, the traffic data had indicated that there would be no overall increase in traffic volumes using Woodview.



A survey was carried out of the residents in Woodview, and a large majority voted for no change in the traffic arrangements in Woodview. The proposed new arrangement for Woodview incorporated new traffic signals at the junction of Woodview and Douglas Road, and even if it was decided now to introduce the proposed new system, the issue of funding for the works could not be guaranteed.

The options for traffic which formerly turned right from the Well Road onto Douglas Road are as follows:

1. Turn right into Hettyfield and then onto Eglantine Park to traffic signals at the junction with Douglas Road.
2. Turn left at the junction with Douglas Road and then right along the new road at the refurbished Douglas Village Shopping Centre parallel to the South Ring Road. Turn right onto South Douglas Road and then access Douglas Road via any of the link roads such as Belvedere Lawn, Tramore Lawn, Rhodaville Estate/Rathmore Lawn, Rosebank or Cross Douglas Road.

Following a recent meeting of Ward Members, to review the on-going operation of the traffic regime in the area, it was agreed that additional road signage would be provided for traffic coming from the Mahon/Blackrock area to inform them to take the appropriate exit at the Well Road/Skehard Road roundabout, in order to access the city centre via the Boreenmanna Road. This action should then lead to a reduced demand from traffic looking to turn right at the Well Road/Douglas Road junction.

Accordingly it is recommended that the current traffic arrangements at the junction of Douglas Road/Well Road remain as they are.

#### 7.10 **MAINTENANCE ON JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the quarterly maintenance is essential for the maintenance of the Jack Lynch Tunnel, equipment & installations for operational & safety reasons. The tunnel maintenance is organized at times that attempts to minimize traffic disruption and disruption to all stakeholders. The planned schedule has been agreed with the Gardaí as the best practical option.

The planned closures occur for 2 nights from 20.00 hrs to 07.00 hrs at the start of each quarter: January, April, July & October and are usually on Wednesday & Thursday nights. There is a contingency for the inclusion of Friday night but this has been rarely used. On

only 3 No. occasions in the past 11 years has the Friday night contingency been exercised & then only on a limited basis.

The scheduled maintenance is planned up to 12 months in advance and involves up to 25 different specialist contractors some of whom travel to site from the UK, Northern Ireland, Dublin etc. Some of the contractors are required to carry out part of their 3 monthly maintenance scheduled work & site testing in advance of the closures. This work is completed during normal working hours on Monday & Tuesday. Advance travel at weekends, with overtime costs, is avoided where possible. All contractors have to agree to the maintenance schedule, plan their work and advise requirements in advance. Contractors are then advised of the planned maintenance closure dates up to 12 months in advance.

Regarding the use of contra-flow traffic by keeping one bore open at all times, there are a number of reasons why this is not feasible. Some contractors get their work done in one night because both bores are available, i.e. closed to traffic. There are also certain works carried out, e.g. in the drainage sumps which span the full width of the tunnel, which could not be safely done with live traffic overhead during a contra flow arrangement.

The wall washing contractor has to complete the washing of all walls in the Tunnel on the first night of closure, i.e. Wed, because some of the other operations cannot be carried out on the second night in the presence of wall washing. The tunnel washing equipment is highly specialised, moving from tunnel to tunnel on a carefully planned programme, involving inter alia, ferry travel from the U.K. We are aware that this contractor washes the (longer) Dublin Port Tunnel on Thur & Fri nights before returning to the U.K. The current contract will run to late next year and in the interim we can discuss schedules with the contractor for the following period.

Regarding any impact on Mahon Point Shopping Centre on Thursday nights from 2000 - 2100 hrs it is a fact that if maintenance was to start later to facilitate Mahon Point Shopping Centre, it would result in a later finish beyond 07.00 hrs thereby risking major disruption & delays to the traffic citywide during the morning peak on Fridays.

The traffic flows in the Tunnel during normal operation show no noticeable increase on Thursday nights (when Mahon Point is open) beyond the general slight increase at all times of each weekday as the week progresses, i.e. Monday to Friday. There is no evidence supplied to show that tunnel closures have any detrimental effect on business at the shopping centre which is generally quiet on Thur. nights outside of any tunnel closure.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Dublin City Council dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn – Criminal Law (Defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010 Insurance issues for the home and Business Enforcement of Social Standards in Local Authority Housing - 29/31 Oct 2010 – Galway.
- Cllr Kenneth O’Flynn – Alternative Energy Competing With the rest of Europe -22/24 Oct 2010 – Maynooth, Co Kildare.
- Cllr Lorraine Kingston - Pride of Place Community Award Ceremony -13 November 2010 – Trim, Co.Meath.
- Cllr Mary Shields – 17th Annual AOIFE Conference 2010 - 4/5 November 2010 – Ballinasloe, Co.Galway.
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Criminal Law (Defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010 Insurance issues for the home and Business Enforcement of Social Standards in Local Authority Housing - 29/31 Oct 2010 – Galway.

## 10. **SEMINARS**

### 10.1 **CORK ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE**

Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn withdrew his application to attend at the Cork Association Dinner Dance, in the Irish Centre, Murray Street, London on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

#### **CONFERENCE (ITEM 11)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda Item 11, where there appeared as follows:-

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

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins. (9)

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

## 11. **CONFERENCE**

### 11.1 **AOIFE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010 “PARTNERING FOR SURVIVAL”**

Comhairleoir M. Shields at the AOIFE 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference “Partnering for Survival”, held in the Carlton Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

## 12. **MOTIONS – SEE ALSO ITEM 20**

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

12.1 **CENTRALISE COLLECTION OF ILLEGAL RUBBISH**

‘That Cork City Council centralise the collection of illegal rubbish under one Directorship.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/279)

**Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

12.2 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME 2011**

‘That Scabeg from Christ the King Church to Capwell Road Junction be included in the 2011 Footpath Renewal Programme. This area is on the number 6 Green Bus Route. It is the most used section of the pathway because of schools, the church and the hospital and it has been left in a dangerous and deplorable state. Also the section from the old Nemo Rangers Football ground to the Cross Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/293)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.3 **PUBLIC LIGHT IN GLENHEIGHTS PARK**

‘That a public light be erected between 107 – 112 Glenheights Park, Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/311)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.4 **STAGGERED RATES FOR ENTREPRENEURS**

‘That Cork City Council introduces an incentive for entrepreneurs wishing to set up business in the City, where staggered rates would be introduced for the first three years. Whereby year one would be rate free, year two would be half rates and year three would be quarter rates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/330)

**Finance Committee**

12.5 **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

‘That the Joint Policing Committee write to Minister Billy Kelleher, (Trade & Enterprise), and request that the ‘below cost selling of alcohol’ would be made illegal. This would have a very positive effect on our society and can be achieved without delay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/350)

**Joint Policing Committee**

12.6 **TREES IN O'LEARY PLACE**

‘That the trees in O’Leary Place be pruned and attended to as a matter of urgency. Their present condition is causing a serious blockage of daylight to neighbouring properties and their roots are also causing damage to the pavement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/364)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.7 **REAL TIME BUS DISPLAYS**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the National Transport Authority implement ‘Real Time Bus Displays’, that will inform passengers when the next bus will arrive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/365)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.8 **DUBLIN BIKE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with Roads & Transportation/ Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee’s give a joint presentation on the successful Dublin Bike Scheme with over 30,000 subscribers with a view to implementing a similar scheme in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/366)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**

12.9 **PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE EXISTENCE OF THE OLD CORK – MACROOM RAILWAY LINE**

‘That Cork City Council would identify a suitable area to erect a plaque commemorating the existence of the old Cork – Macroom Railway line near the Capwell area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/370)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.10 **DIRECT LABOUR UNITS IN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING**

‘That this Council calls on the Government to immediately provide the necessary funding for the reintroduction of Direct Labour Units in Local Authorities to allow them carry out maintenance on their housing stock as the need arises and to build new social housing. In addition to allowing the Local Authorities such as Cork City Council to deal with their huge backlog of maintenance work this initiative would also create thousands of badly needed jobs in construction and would provide a substantial stimulus to the economy at this time of recession.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/371)

**Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee**

12.11 **GREEN FILTER LIGHT AT JUNCTION OF NORTH RING ROAD AND BALLYHOOLY ROAD**

‘That a green filter light would be added to the traffic lights at the junction of the North Ring Road and Ballyhooly Road from the Western (Blackpool) side as the current arrangement is dangerous.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/372)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.12 **TOUR OF INNISCARRA DAM**

‘That the Members of this Council be facilitated by the ESB with a tour of Inniscarra Dam, so that an understanding of its normal and emergency operating systems be understood.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/373)

**Environment Functional Committee**

12.13 **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION PANEL AT THE REPUBLICAN PLOT AT ST. FINBARRE’S CEMETERY**

‘In light of the successful 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, that a biographical information panel be provided at the Republican Plot at St. Finbarre’s Cemetery recalling those that are buried within the plot itself.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy & Cllr. M Shields 10/374)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.14 **RESURFACE CAHERGAL LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council resurface Cahergal Lawn from No. 23 to No. 49 as the present road surface is in a very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/375)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.15 **5 ASIDE NIGHT SOCCER LEAGUE**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the Gardaí and the FAI roll out 5 aside night soccer league similar to that in Dublin City in areas where anti-social behaviour is prevalent.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/377)

**Joint Policing Committee**

12.16 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately investigate and install a pedestrian crossing on the western side of the Skehard Road, Blackrock. High volumes of traffic and a blind bend make crossing the Skehard Road, practically impossible for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGongile 10/378)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.17 **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO SELLING THE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE**

‘That the Council seek expressions of interest with regard to selling the refuse collection service, in order to ascertain a potential selling price, which would also indicate to City Council the annual potential saving.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/379)

**Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

12.18 **PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE OF CORK LIFE**

‘That Cork City Council will explore the feasibility of establishing a photographic archive depicting the economic, political, social, sporting and cultural life of Cork over the centuries and that it would be located in an appropriate building in or near the City Centre where it could become an additional component of Cork’s urban tourism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 10/380)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.19 **LEGITIMATE HOUSING MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

‘That Cork City Council would put procedures in place that would ensure that all legitimate housing maintenance issues are completed within a period of no longer than six months from the date the complaint is received by the City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/382)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.20 **COMMITTEE TO ORGANISE, EDUCATE AND COMMEMORATE HISTORICAL EVENTS**

‘That Cork City Council would set up a committee to organise, educate and commemorate historical events, people and organisations that occurred in the city’s, county and the country’s past. That this committee would be made up of Councillors, council officials, historians, colleges, schools, historical societies, members of the public and other interested parties. That this committee should be open, inclusive, transparent and

commemorate both major and not so major historical events. That as part of this motion that this committee when formed would start preparations to commemorate the 1916 rising and the Proclamation of the Irish Republic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/383)

#### **Corporate Policy Group**

##### **12.21 AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING IN THE CITY BE PRIORITISED ON THE LIST FOR UNBLOCKING OF DRAINS**

‘That areas prone to flooding in the city (including the Marsh and low-lying areas of the South Parish prone to tidal flooding) are prioritised on the list for the unblocking of drains – and any other planned flood prevention measures – which should be published on the Council’s website.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/384)

#### **Roads & Transportation Committee**

##### **12.22 SPORTS GRANT SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council reintroduces its sports grants scheme, funded by a re-allocation of conference/ seminar expenses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/385)

#### **Corporate Policy Group**

##### **12.23 BOUNDARY BARS IN EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council replace the original boundary bars which are in a dangerous state outside tenants houses, with brick walls in the square in Edward Walsh Road, Togher that incorporates houses numbered 72-104, similar to the works undertaken in Desmond’s Square, Greenmount.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/395)

#### **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

##### **12.24 PUBLIC TRANSPORT HUB FOR CIT**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with the students union of CIT, CIT and Bus Eireann with a view to facilitating and developing a public transport hub in CIT, to the benefit of students, staff and local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/396)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



12.25 **LODGE HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE IDA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a report on planned future use of the Lodge House on the grounds of the IDA Industrial Estate on Model Farm Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/397)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

13. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

13.1 **POSTAL SERVICE IN IRELAND**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to recognise the unique and vital role of the postal service in Ireland as a means of communication, as a vital economic tool and as an intrinsic part of the fabric of the community.

Our postal service has a social value and an economic value; these must be properly protected as the Government drafts legislation to open the postal market to full competition.

Proper regulation to protect against ‘cherry picking’ must be enacted. ‘Cherry picking’ occurs where profitable urban postal routes are taken over by new operators thereby denying An Post much needed revenues to fund the loss making rural post under the Universal Service Obligation.

As Ireland prepares to liberalise its postal market it is essential that the Government acknowledges this important public service, ensures that the Universal Service Obligation is protected by legislation and does not allow the opening of the market to lead to wide spread job losses, social dumping and an erosion in service levels, as has happened in other countries who have already opened their postal market to competition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher, Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. M. O’Connell, Cllr. D. O’Flynn, Cllr. L. Kingston, Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. G. Gibbons 10/393)

13.2 **WITHDRAWAL OF MERCS AND GARDA DRIVERS FROM ALL RETIRED POLITICIANS AND STATE OFFICIALS**

‘That Cork City Council calls for the immediate and permanent withdrawal of Mercs and Garda drivers from all retired politicians and state officials and that such facilities not be granted forthwith to any such who retire in the future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10//394)

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14. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

14.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the decision of the Corporate Policy Group to write with this request to the Health Service Executive in relation to the following motion which was referred to Group by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

14.3 **€4,700 ALLOCATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the decision of the Corporate Policy Group to note that this motion is covered by National Legislation and that the €4,700 cannot be deemed as a personal allowance. on the following motion which was referred to Group by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion which was referred to Group by An Chomhairle and agreed that such a conference should be held nationally under the aegis of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and that a request be made to the Department:-

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

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

#### 14.5 **CONFERENCE FEES BUDGET FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would allow Councillors spend all or part of their Conference fees budget on road traffic calming measures. This would allow Councillors who do not attend conferences to invest in road safety in their communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/337)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a vote was called for on the approval of the decision of the Corporate Policy Group to note that it is not possible to assign finances as indicated, where there appeared as follows:-

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

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins.(9)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Director of Services approved.

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to complete the Agenda.

#### 15. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE- 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

##### 15.1 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR**

An Chomhairle considered the Cork Economic Monitor – November 2010. During the course of a detailed debate in relation to same, An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. O’Connell temporarily adjourned the meeting due to disruption from the public gallery.

Following restoration of order and the resumption of the meeting, the debate concluded and the Cork Economic Monitor – November 2010 was noted.

##### 15.2 **BEAMISH & CRAWFORD SITE**

An Chomhairle considered the report on submissions received on the Development Brief for the former Beamish & Crawford Site. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the report on submissions received on the Development Brief for the former Beamish & Crawford Site, and agreed that the draft Beamish & Crawford Development be adopted.

15.3 **BLACKPOOL - DERELICT SITES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report on Derelict Sites in Blackpool.

15.4 **CONSERVATION GRANTS SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report on the Conservation Grants Scheme.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operated a pilot Flower Box Grant Scheme as part of the draft Blackpool Village Area Action Plan. The scheme was actively advertised and applications accepted. Council staff planted the boxes during an open day at Cork Foyer in Blackpool. These were made available to the applicants free of charge. A total of 98 boxes were distributed at an approximate cost of €1,000 to the Council. While there was huge interest in the scheme and the area for qualification extended to meet demand, the visual impact had limited success overall.

The City Council will investigate the feasibility of running similar schemes elsewhere in the city subject to the availability of the necessary resources for the successful operation of same.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operated a pilot Flower Box Grant Scheme as part of the draft Blackpool Village Area Action Plan. The scheme was actively advertised and applications accepted. Council staff planted the boxes during an open day at Cork Foyer in Blackpool. These were made available to the applicants free of charge. A total of 98 boxes were distributed at an approximate cost of €1,000 to the Council. While there was huge interest in the scheme and the area for qualification extended to meet demand, the visual impact had limited success overall.

The City Council will investigate the feasibility of running similar schemes elsewhere in the city subject to the availability of the necessary resources for the successful operation of same.

#### 15.7 **HISTORIC STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle. At the request of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy it was agreed to refer this item back to the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee.

‘In light of the partial collapse of one of the city’s historic houses, i.e. George Boole’s on Bachelor’s Quay to ask the City Council’s Conservation Officer to give SWOT analysis on his role in protecting other historic structures from collapse.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/356)

#### 15.8 **CORK PROJECTS IN THE NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that The National Spatial Strategy envisages improvements in accessibility between the gateway cities and in regional accessibility through roads, advanced communications infrastructure and public transport links.

The NSS proposed a number of major transport infrastructural projects for Cork. Some of these have been completed and others are in various stages of implementation. The main responsibility for delivering these projects lies with National bodies such as the NRA, and Iarnrod Eireann and Bus Eireann, as well as Cork City and County Councils. Cork City Council co-operates with the National bodies and the relevant Government Departments in the delivery of these projects and discussions and actions are undertaken as appropriate by the relevant officials in Cork City Council. The projects include the following:

The M8 Motorway (completed May 2009);

The eastern section of the North Ring Rd, as part of the Atlantic Corridor;

The N25 Sarsfield Rd / Bandon Rd interchange; the tender process is ongoing.

The redevelopment of Kent Station;

The hourly intercity rail service to Dublin is operational;

The reconstruction of the Cork - Middleton commuter rail line, (completed July 2009);

The city and suburban bus network has been improved and expanded, including a new bus fleet and real time passenger information displays, and seven of the ten 'green routes' have been implemented.

The Kilbarry Rail Station & Park & Ride redevelopment has been granted planning permission and is awaiting funding.

The Carrigrohane Park & Ride - the public consultation has been undertaken for the Part VIII scheme and it is hoped to implement it in 2011.

High quality public transport for the docklands development area and the Eastern Gateway Bridge – Planning process complete

Regarding the Gateway Innovation Fund and the Eastern Gateway Bridge:

€2 million (estimate) is required to complete the detailed design & construction tender process, (18 months - 2 years). The construction cost estimate is less than €60 million, 2 year build period. Funding for the project was applied for under the Gateway Innovation Fund and should the fund reopen as envisaged this will be further pursued.

#### 15.9 **DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FOR IPHONES TO PROVIDE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TOURS AROUND THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/276)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that A heritage project is underway in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland to provide a series of i-walks for Cork City. These are self guided themed heritage trails which can be downloaded from the internet onto an iPod. The projects have been funded by Cork City Council and Fáilte Ireland.

Two i-walks are already in operation and these were launched in August 2010 as part of the actions under the Cork City Heritage Plan 2007-2012. These are self guided walks with route directions given throughout the commentary taking in some of Cork’s most iconic cultural and heritage attractions.

Route 1 is titled “The Flavours of Cork” and takes approx. 75 minutes to complete. The Flavours of Cork iWalk is designed to give the visitor a general introduction to the identity of this diverse city, focusing on living and contemporary culture. Route 2 is titled “Creative Cork” and is designed to be an introduction to the city’s architecture, public sculpture, festivals and thriving theatre and arts scene. The websites for downloading these apps are as follows:

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/Southwest/Features/Cork-iWalks.aspx>

The project will be expanded as resources permit.

15.10 **RELOCATE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM TO THE BEAMISH & CRAWFORD SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council explores the possibility of relocating the municipal museum to the Beamish & Crawford site, incorporating a new sports and heritage museum.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/302)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the Cork Public Museum is located in Fitzgerald’s Park, which is an important element in the public realm of the city, and a place with major historical links in itself. The Museum has been located there since its establishment, more than half a century ago. The Council has recently completed a major extension and refurbishment of the Museum, providing purpose-designed state-of-the-art display facilities for the Museum’s unique collections. This was a significant investment on the part of the Council, and has proved very popular with visitors to the Museum, both residents of the Cork region and tourists. The relocation of the museum is therefore not considered feasible or desirable.

The Development Brief prepared for the Beamish and Crawford site makes provision for a mix of uses on the site. It provides for the retention and reuse of the Counting House and other historic buildings behind it. It particularly encourages cultural and tourism uses including those interpreting the site’s brewing history. The redevelopment of the site could therefore incorporate an interpretive centre relating to the heritage of the site and of brewing.

16. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE- 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

16.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the International Relations Committee. On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by An Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, a vote was called for on the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern.(8)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, D. O’Flynn, C. O’Leary, L. Kingston, M. Finn, F. Kerins.(8)

As the vote was tied, An tArd-Mhéara cast the deciding vote in favour of the report of the Director of Services and declared the report approved in principle.

## 16.2 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the Community Development Committee on Policy for Community Development Grants and agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

## 16.3 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 on Housing Estates for period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.

## 16.4 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.

## 16.5 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.

## 16.6 **FORMER OFFICERS QUARTERS – CAMP FIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that in order to respond the Planning Department will require to inspect the buildings and arising from same a report will follow.

## 16.7 **NAMES OF NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council agrees to ensure the names of new residential and mixed-use developments reflect local history, folklore and/or place names and that they are stated in Irish’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/338)



The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the Planning Department concurs with the thrust of the motion and where appropriate will seek to implement same.

17. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE- 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

17.1 **WATER, SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for the Year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

17.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

17.3 **DOG FOULING BINS ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Specific bins for the disposal of dog faeces have been provided by the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate in a number of public parks and walkways. The relevant locations were selected with due regards to the availability of staff from the Directorate to empty and maintain the bins. The bins on the Old Railway Line Amenity Walk will either be repaired or replaced shortly by the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate.

The City Council has erected signs in various areas of the City outlining the fines for failure to remove dog faeces. In addition bags for the disposal of dog faeces have been provided to all dog licence holders. In recent months Staff from the Environment and Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorates and the Dog Warden have undertaken a regular dog awareness initiative each week in public parks and on walkways There are no plans to expand the provision of specific bins for the disposal of dog faeces to roadways in view of the costs associated with the provision and maintenance of these bins.

17.4 **MAINTAIN AREAS ALONG SOUTH PARISH WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the director of Services dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will endeavour to ensure the areas along the newly launched South Parish Walk (as well as the Shandon Walk) are maintained to the highest possible order, and will work with property owners and local groups to eliminate certain litter

blackspots, so that users of the route do not have to contend with the unsightliness of rubbish, graffiti and dereliction as they enjoy this new amenity.’

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths and roadways in the areas of the Shandon and South Parish Walks are swept on a regular basis by staff from the Waste Operations Section. Any incidents of graffiti should be reported to the Waste Operations Section and appropriate action will be taken against the owners of the property involved under the 1997 to 2003 Litter Pollution Acts.

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Monaghan Town Council dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
- Letter from North Tipperary County Council dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

19. **NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF EVERYMAN THEATRE**

An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan to the Board of Directors of Everyman Theatre arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

20. **MOTIONS**

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

20.1 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2011**

‘That Cork City Council include Father Dominic Road in the 2011 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/294)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.2 **INCENTIVE TO ENCOURAGE SHOPPERS INTO CITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council put in place an incentive to encourage back shoppers to the City Centre on Saturday mornings by allowing for two hours free parking between 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in North Main Street and Paul Street car parks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/331)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.3 **MARKET STREET**

‘That Margret Street be included in the 2011 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/340)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.4 **SET DOWN AREA OUTSIDE LATE NIGHT PHARMACY**

‘That Cork City Council construct a set down area for cars outside the late night Pharmacy at the City Square, Watercourse Road, Blackpool. To facilitate people who are collecting medical prescriptions at the Pharmacy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/369)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.5 **ZEBRA CROSSING ON THE SKEHARD ROAD AT BRIKFIELDS/ DOUGLAS HALL MEWS JUNCTION**

‘In light of the fact that the Skehard Road will be part of future safety works principally the straightening of the Skehard Road joining the Well Road. Would Council as a matter of urgency install a zebra crossing at the Skehard Road near Brickfields/ Douglas Hall Mews, as in its present state possesses a grave danger to pedestrians trying to cross the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/381)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.6 **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING NEAR TORY TOP PARK**

‘That Cork City Council will install additional Public Lighting near Tory Top Park along the vicinity of the laneway and Friar’s Walk junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/398)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

This concluded the business of the meeting

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