

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

- PRESENT** An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Murphy in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, C. O' Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí M. O'Connell, D. O'Flynn.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. E. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. C. Dorgan, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

1.1. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- The People of Poland, on the death of President Kaczynski, his wife Maria and 96 delegates on board the aircraft that crashed in Western Russia
- The People of Bolzano on the death of 6 people & 25 injured people, that were in a train accident in North Italy
- The Walsh Family on the death of Gerry Walsh
- The Mulvihill Family on the death of Richard Mulvihill
- The Martin Family on the death of Eileen Martin
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Phil McCarthy
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Patricia Kelleher
- The Lehane Family on the death of Rory Lehane

- The Bradley Family on the death of Tom Bradley
- The Hickey Family on the death of Nellie Hickey
- The McGowan Family on the death of John McGowan
- The O’Flynn Family on the death of Rose O’Flynn
- The Burke Family on the death of John Burke
- The O’Leary Family on the death of Paddy O’Leary

1.2 **VOTE OF BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to:-

- The Parents of conjoined twins Hussan and Hussein Benhaffaf, for a speedy recovery from their surgery.
- Enterprise Ireland and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, Mr. Batt O’Keefe, T.D., on the announcement of 300 new jobs at Abtran.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd March 2010, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **REDUCING TRAFFIC NOISE LEVELS TO RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON THE SOUTH LINK ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir L. Kingston which was deferred from the Meeting held on the 22nd March, 2010, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the City Manager to provide Council with an update with regard to the progress made in relation to reducing traffic noise levels to residential areas on the South Link Road between the Kinsale Road Junction and Eglinton Street Junction?

Cork City’s Noise Action Plan, as well as producing noise mapping which shows those areas adjacent to main traffic routes being affected by road traffic noise, also has a priority list of actions, based on noise levels and number of people involved. The priority list included residential areas next the South City Link Road (N27), i.e. estates such as Capwell Road, Capwell Avenue, Mercier Park, Green Lawn and Slieve Mish Park.

Actual noise surveys were carried out at these locations last year in order to validate the noise mapping predictions and to identify appropriate mitigation measures that will reduce the noise nuisance for the residents concerned. General mitigation measures such as sound barriers and possible sound insulation measures for some houses were identified.

However a more detailed engineering report on the measures is required in order to determine exact location and specification of measures, and cost estimates involved. It is intended to engage a consultant to carry out this work and the report will be used as a means of obtaining funding from the NRA. (South City Link Road is a national primary road). The City Council has a relatively small budget to carry out some work here and funding will also be required from the NRA.

It is planned to install some noise reduction measures on the South Link Road, subject to NRA approval and funding, between the Kinsale Road Junction and Eglinton Street Junction in 2010.

3.2 **IMPROVE THE FOOTPATH, PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ROAD STRUCTURE IN FARRANLEA PARK**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, which was deferred from the meeting held on 22nd March, 2010, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the City Manager indicate what plans are in place to improve the footpath, public lighting and road structure in Farranlea Park and with the junction with Wilton Road in advance of the opening of the HSE Continuing Care Bed Centre to ensure that when this facility becomes operational the safety of residents and patients is protected and enhanced.

It would be desirable to have a footpath on one side of the road at least, for the entire length of Farranlea Rd. This would require the construction of a new footpath at:-

1. The junction with Farranlea Park – approx. 50m.
2. At the junction with Victoria Cross Rd. – approx 70m. 40m of footpath could be accommodated by removing parking. For the other 30m the road is only 6.5m wide. Making this section of road one-way would not be desirable. However it may be feasible to reduce the road width to 5.3m over this short distance to accommodate a 1.2m footpath. (1.2m is the minimum recommended). A trial could be carried out by reducing the road width using euro barriers. If this was successful construction of the footpath could go ahead.
3. The public lighting requirements to be undertaken by the developer to comply with planning for the HSE Continuing Care Bed Centre have been specified by the Traffic Division and have been confirmed more recently to the engineering consultant for the development.

With regard to structure, the road was resurfaced in 2005.

3.3 **TOW AWAY AND CLAMPING IN 2007, 2008, 2009**

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

- A) What was the cost of Tow Away and Clamping in 2007, 2008, 2009?*
- B) What was Council's contribution to the overall budget in the above years?*
- C) How many cars were clamped in 2007, 2008 and 2009?*
- D) What specific transgression qualify a motorist to be clamped - list them please?*
- E) Is clamping in-house or a private operation?*
- F) What was the specific cost of clamping in the above years?*
- G) Is there any reason (legal or otherwise) preventing City Hall car spaces being made available for late night shoppers at weekends in the run up to Christmas?*

- A) The expenditure for tow away & clamping is as follows:

2007	2008	2009
€1,195,190	€1,343,050	€1,174,670

- B) Cork City Council paid the full costs as outlined above (i.e. 100% contribution), as funded from income within the Roads and Transportation directorate.

- C) The total number of cars clamped is as follows:

2007	2008	2009
5,495	5,469	4,622

It should be noted, based on income returns, that an average of 1.7 million on-street parking events take place each year. The number of vehicles clamped therefore represents a fraction of 1% of annual paid parking events.

- D) The tow away and clamping contractors, APCOA Parking Ireland Ltd, operate under the control of the Parking Operations Manager and the day to day deployment direction of the two Traffic Warden Supervisors. In many cases, the deployment is directed in response to daily observations and complaints received from City residents and businesses, together with a substantial volume of calls and correspondence from representative associations and City Councillors.

Frequently, these are quality of life issues to ensure that residents can park in their own locality, shoppers can find spaces for short term visits to the city, and people with disabilities can move freely on the pavements.

The following list shows the offences for which vehicles were clamped in 2009:

Type of Offence	2009 Total
Bus Lane	10
Bus Parking	37
Bus stop	15
Casual trading	6
Disabled bay	89
Disc not clearly visible	64
Double yellow line	314
Expired disc	187
Footpath	671
Goods vehicle loading bay >30M	4
Invalid parking disc	290
Motor cycle bay	2
No parking disc	1558
No parking sign	203
No valid Park by Phone contract	135
Obstruction	64
Parking in a prohibited manner	4
Parking loading bay	785
Pedestrian X	18
Single yellow line	8
Stacking discs	10
Standing taxi not in taxi stand	1
Taxi stand	9
Vehicle entrance	14
Within 5m junction	124
	4622

- E) The tow away and clamping service is provided under contract by APCOA Parking Ireland Ltd.
- F) As the contract in place covers the tow away and clamping service as a totality, it is not possible to divide the cost between the two elements of the service.
- G) The car park in the basement of City Hall does not constitute a public car park and is not insured for this purpose. It is a similar category to the Elysian Car Park across the road from City Hall. The owners of the Elysian have been prevented by the Council from using it as a public car park having regard to planning and traffic policy issues. Similar policy considerations should apply in the case of the Council Car Park. The City Council in the run up to the Christmas period has arranged to increase the services available at Park and Ride facilities to meet increased demand.

3.4 **BLACKROCK VILLAGE REGENERATION**

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

To ask the City Manager for an update on the regeneration of Blackrock Village.

- 1. Has the land ownership issues been finalised? At a meeting of the Council in November 2008 the Manager informed the Council that a number of issues still remain to be resolved but it was hoped that substantial progress will be made in the coming months towards finalising matters. Have these now concluded?*
- 2. Has final consultation with all stakeholders of the Community Centre now taken place and are plans finalised?*
- 3. Is there funding available for the construction of the newly designed Community Centre?*
- 4. When will construction of the Community Centre begin?*
- 5. Are the plans for Blackrock Park available? And if not when will they be available?*

- 1 The land ownership of the public areas only becomes an issue if the Council wishes to dispose of land. It is unlikely that this will arise in the foreseeable future so the Council should concentrate on works which avoid the need to sell land.
- 2 Not yet complete
- 3 No
- 4 It is not possible to say at this stage.
- 5 First phase plans should be available by May.

3.5 **CITY COUNCIL HOME LOANS**

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

- a) Can the Manager tell me how many City Council Home Loans are there?*
- b) Can the Manager tell me how many accounts are in arrears?*
- c) Can he tell me what is the total value of accounts in arrears?*
- d) Can he tell me is City Council entering into agreements with customers who are finding it difficult making repayments on their house loans?*

- a) 975 Active Home Loans
- b) 213 Home Loans in arrears of 3 months or more
- c) €486,249.60
- d) Cork City Council do enter into agreements with customers who are finding it difficult making repayments on their Home Loans. We advise them to apply to their Community Welfare Officer for any State benefits they might be entitled to and to avail of the services of the Money, Advice & Budgeting Service for their assistance.

3.6 **TRAVELLING COMMUNITY**

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

In relation to Council services for members of the Travelling Community, can the Manager:

- *outline what progress, if any, is being made on the provision of an additional halting site in the city that would help cater for transient members of the Community in (or coming to) Cork and that would help address the overcrowding at existing sites?*
- *Answer whether or not the land at the Carrigrohane Road is contaminated (is it a Seveso-type site) or whether it was contaminated as a result of the major flooding last November?*

Paragraph 4.4.3 of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 which has been approved by Council states;

“Of the 87 no families who required accommodation, 12 no. families indicated a preference for halting site accommodation. This need can be accommodated by the vacancies arising as other tenants leave halting sites.”

While the Council has no immediate plans in place for a transient halting site and the development and operation of same has proven problematic, should an opportunity arise with a suitable site a scheme may be progressed.

Carrigrohane Halting Site is not a Seveso type site.

While pollution is most unlikely to occur as a result of flooding, the site was thoroughly power-washed and disinfected by a professional contractor before re-occupation.

3.7 **PARTITIONING THAT HAS BEEN ERECTED AT WITHERLINGS LANE**

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

Could the Manager please update the Council on the partitioning that has been erected at Witherlings Lane resulting in closing off the right of way to Shandon. Taking into consideration that this laneway is a part of the Shandon Walk and an integral part of the rich heritage of the area and has limited the use of the Shandon footbridge both to tourists and residents.

Could the Manager:

- a) *Update us on when the access will be restored?*
- b) *What is the purpose of this partitioning?*
- c) *Who erected this partitioning?*
- d) *Was permission granted for closing the laneway?*
- e) *Was their consultation with local residents groups or ward councillors?*

This hoarding was erected in the interest of public safety because of a boundary wall which is in danger of collapsing.

- a) It is expected that work will shortly commence on taking down and rebuilding this wall and that it will be completed before the end of April.
- b) The purpose of the hoarding is to safeguard the public from the danger of a possible wall collapse.
- c) The hoarding was erected at short notice by a contractor working on behalf of the owner of the wall on the instructions of the Building Control Section of Cork City Council.
- d) The Roads Maintenance Division and the Building Control Section of Cork City Council gave permission to close the laneway in the interests of public safety.
- e) Local residents and key holders to the gates on Widderlings Lane were contacted immediately but due the urgency of the works it was not possible to contact everyone concerned in advance or to enter into consultations with ward councillors. Notices were also posted on the approaches to the lane advising the public that the lane was closed.

3.8 **CLEARING AND REPAIRING THE COLLAPSED WALL ON SOUTHERN ROAD**

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

Can the Manager outline who has responsibility for clearing and repairing the collapsed wall on Southern Road. The footpath on Southern Road has been impassible for a number of weeks.

Following the collapse of the boundary wall at Southern Road, Roads Maintenance initially made the area secure and reopened the road to two-way traffic. The footpath has been closed since the collapse took place.

Responsibility for repairing the wall lies with the owner of the properties immediately inside the wall. The section that collapsed is to the rear of Nos.109 & 110 High St. However there is a narrow strip of land between these properties and the wall which it appears is not part of Nos.109 or 110.

Roads Maintenance initially carried out some enquiries but were unable to establish the owner/owners. The Law Department is to carry out a land search. This is taking longer than might be expected as some of the properties are unregistered and there have been a number of ownership transactions carried out there.

3.9 **RADON GAS LEVELS IN CORK CITY**

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

On previous occasions I have asked the City Manager to obtain city wide data from the Radiological Protection Institute in relation to the areas of the city where it has to date identified that there are high concentrations of radon gas. This is an extremely serious public health issue and as the information is with the RPI it would be in the public interest to make it available to Council and the general public.

The Environment Directorate will again make contact with RPII to ascertain radon gas levels in Cork City. When such information is available a report will issue.

3.10 **DEVELOPMENT OF FLY-OVERS AT THE SARSFIELD ROAD AND BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUTS**

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

To ask the City Manager what communications, if any, he has received from the NRA with respect to the development of fly-overs at the Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road Roundabouts and if he has received any commitment of funding for these projects with details of commencement dates, completion dates and a full schedule of work for same?

We have been requested to expedite the preparation of contract documents in order to be ready to undertake the procurement process when funding for schemes construction is made available.

A construction period of 18 months is envisaged once funding is in place. The indications are that the scheme is well placed in the National Roads Authority's funding priorities.

3.11 **COUNCIL EMPLOYEES' REFUSAL TO CO-OPERATE AND DEAL WITH ELECTED COUNCILLORS'**

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

What is the legal justification, by reference to the terms and conditions of employment, for Council employees' refusal to co-operate and deal with elected councillors' queries on behalf of their constituents?

The current industrial action, while regrettable, is part of a national campaign organized by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) against the recent Public Service pay cuts introduced by the Government. It is not a local issue and the Council as such is not directly involved in the dispute. The issue cannot be resolved locally.

The recently concluded national agreement will hopefully be ratified by all the parties and that will resolve the issue and once that happens we can expect a return to normal working. However this may take some time and we can expect the industrial action to continue in the interim.

Other than encourage all parties to resolve the issues as speedily as possible there is little more that the Council can do in the current circumstances.

3.12 **WOODEN STRUCTURE/RAMPARTS BUILT**

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

Request the Manager to update Council on the wooden structure/ramparts built, I understand by Cork City Council, at Elizabeth Fort.

Does it now conform to Health & Safety standards to facilitate opening of same during the tourist season about to commence.

Responsibility for Elizabeth Fort rests with the Office of Public Works.

3.13 **DISPOSED OF THE SITE TO THE REAR OF ALBERT QUAY HOUSE**

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

In March 2005, Cork City Council disposed of the site to the rear of Albert Quay House and the term of 700 years at 10 euro per annum rent to Howard Holdings – could the Manager give a detailed reply to the following:

- a) With regards to court proceedings by investors against Developer Greg Coughlan of Howard Holdings, is Cork City Council's property protected: the site at Albert Quay House?*
- b) Will any of Cork City Council's assets, properties or concerns be effected and come under the workings of NAMA because of its deals with Howard Holdings?*
- c) What implications will these proceedings have for the Docklands Developments at the Atlantic Quarter Development and the Conference Centre in the Cork Docklands Development.*
- d) Under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 Disposal of Land by Cork City Council "disposal of the site to the rear of Albert Quay House and the 700 years at 10 euro per annum rent" to Howard Holdings, that 10 days notice of such a vote was not given and that this "Sale" is not legitimate and be declared Null and Void.*

In March 2005 the City Council disposed of the site at the rear of Albert Quay House to Howard Holdings by way of lease for 700 years. Howard Holdings paid a premium of €2.5m and the annual rent payable was €10.

- (a) The only financial entitlement which the Council has is to be paid a rent of €10 per annum for 700 years. There will be no change in the Council's interest in the property.
- (b) No
- (c) It is not possible to say what will happen the proposed development at the Atlantic Quarter. The land involved is in private ownership. With regard to the proposed Conference Centre discussions are ongoing and I will be reporting to Council shortly on their outcome.
- (d) The appropriate notice was given in respect of proposed disposal of property at Albert Quay House in addition to ten further disposals on the 3rd March, 2005. All of the sales were in accordance with the appropriate legal requirements.

3.14 **EVACUATION PROCEDURES OR PLANS DISCUSSED, PREPARED OR REHEARSED FOR THE APARTMENT BLOCKS IN MAYFIELD**

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

Will the Manager inform Council if any evacuation procedures or plans have ever been discussed, prepared or rehearsed for the apartment blocks in Mayfield and elsewhere in the city, in the event of a fire?

Apartment blocks within the ownership of the City Council meet the fire requirements of the relevant legislation. A best practice guideline in relation to evacuation procedures will issue in the next few months.

4. **NORTH MONASTERY**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th April 2010, in respect of the North Monastery.

5. **ART HOUSE CINEMA**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th April 2010, on the Art House Cinema.

6. **OVER EXPENDITURE - ROAD GRITTING**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered & unanimously approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th April 2010, on the over expenditure of €210,000 on Road Gritting.

7. **TOURISM PROMOTION – LONELY PLANET**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th April 2010, on Tourism Promotion by capitalising on The Lonely Planet Designation.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th APRIL 2010**

8.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2010**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the International Relations Committee to award Twinning Grants as per schedule.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the Schedule of Twinning Grants 2010.

8.2 **FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR CORK INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the International Relations Committee that financial assistance of €1000 be made to Cork International Dance Festival for city based performances from visiting group Circle Celtique, Rennes.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher seconded by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, An Chomhairle approved the increased financial assistance of €1270 be made to Cork International Dance Festival for city based performances from Circle Celtique, Rennes.

8.3 **REPORT ON RENNES FAIR 2010**

An Chomhairle noted & approved the report of Comhairleoir P. Gosch dated 1st April 2010, on the Rennes Fair 2010.

8.4 **REPORT ON SHANGHAI EXPO 2010**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the Planning & Development Functional Committee and noted the report of Director of Services, Docklands Development, dated 1st April 2010, on World Expo 2010 Shanghai.

Having considered the recommendation, Comhairleoir S. Martin proposed that Comhairleoir P. Gosch, Chairperson of Shanghai Development Project Group, Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, Chairperson of the Twinning Committee and Comhairleoir M. Shields or alternates would travel to Shanghai for World Expo 2010.

The proposal was seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, upon with a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (18)

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

ABSTAINED: Comhairleoir K. McCarthy. (1)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and approved the travel of Comhairleoir P. Gosch, Comhairleoir J. Kelleher and Comhairleoir M. Shields or alternates to travel to Shanghai for World Expo 2010.

8.5 **DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - SAN FRANCISCO**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the recommendation of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding subject to the addition of CIT as a university of choice at article 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

8.6 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on Housing Estates for period 1st January to 28th February, 2010.

8.7 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1st January to 28th February, 2010.

8.8 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January to 28th February, 2010.

8.9 **ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK AT CHRISTCHURCH**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on archaeological work recently undertaken at Christchurch.

8.10 **REGULATIONS REGARDING ERECTION OF SOLAR PANELS & WIND TURBINES**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prepare a report for Council and the general public to outline the current planning/ environmental regulations regarding the erection of solar panels and domestic wind turbines on or in the curtilage of ordinary private residences.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/11)

The report to the Director of Services stated that details of the exemptions which apply in relation to the erection of solar panels and domestic wind turbines, contained in Class 2, Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended by the Planning and Development Regulations, 2007.

Column 1 of the Schedule sets out the type of development which is exempt from planning permission and Column 2 sets out any conditions or limitations to that exemption.

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations
CLASS 2	
(a) The provision as part of a heating system of a house, of a chimney or flue, boiler house or fuel storage tank or structure.	The capacity of an oil storage tank shall not exceed 3,500 litres.
(b) The construction, erection or placing within the curtilage of a house of a wind turbine.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The turbine shall not be erected on or attached to the house or any building or other structure within its curtilage.2. The total height of the turbine shall not exceed 13 metres.3. The rotor diameter shall not exceed 6 metres.4. The minimum clearance between the lower tip of the rotor and ground level shall not be less than 3 metres.5. The supporting tower shall be a distance of not less than the total structure height (including the blade of the turbine at the highest point of its arc) plus one metre from any party boundary.6. Noise levels must not exceed 43db(A) during normal operation, or in excess of 5db(A) above the background noise, whichever is greater, as measured from the nearest neighbouring inhabited dwelling.

7. No more than one turbine shall be erected within the curtilage of a house.

8. No such structure shall be constructed, erected or placed forward of the front wall of a house.

9. All turbine components shall have a matt, non-reflective finish and the blade shall be made of material that does not deflect telecommunication signals.

10. No sign, advertisement or object, not required for the functioning or safety of the turbine shall be attached to or exhibited on the wind turbine.

(c) The installation or erection of a solar panel on, or within the curtilage of a house, or any buildings within the curtilage of a house.

1. The total aperture area of any such panel, taken together with any other such panel previously placed on or within the said curtilage, shall not exceed 12 square metres or 50% of the total roof area, whichever is the lesser.

2. The distance between the plane of the wall or a pitched roof and the panel shall not exceed 15 centimetres.

3. The distance between the plane of a flat roof and the panel shall not exceed 50 centimetres.

4. The solar panel shall be a minimum of 50cm from any edge of the wall or roof on which it is mounted.

5. The height of a free-standing solar array shall not exceed 2 metres, at its highest point, above ground level.

6. A free-standing solar array shall not be placed on or forward of the front wall of a house.

7. The erection of any free standing solar array shall not reduce the area of private open space, reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house, to the rear or to the side of the house to less than 25 square metres.

(d) The installation on or within the curtilage of a house of a ground heat pump system (horizontal and vertical) or an air source heat pump.

1. The level of the ground shall not be altered by more than 1 metre above or below the level of the adjoining ground.

2. The total area of such a heat pump, taken together with any other such pump previously erected, shall not exceed 2.5 square metres.

3. The heat pump shall be a minimum of 50cm from any edge of the wall or roof on which it is mounted.

4. No such structure shall be erected on, or forward of, the front wall or roof of the house.

5. Noise levels must not exceed 43db(A) during normal operation, or in excess of 5db(A) above the background noise, whichever is greater, as measured from the nearest neighbouring inhabited dwelling.

8.11 **NO CONFIDENCE IN AN BORD PLEANÁLA**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Given the recent inexplicable decision by the Planning Appeals Board (An Bord Pleanála), to refuse permission for development of a hospital on the Western Road that would have provided much needed jobs for Cork, we are calling for a vote of no confidence in An Bord Pleanála, and call for the resignation of the board members forthwith.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan, & Cllr. D. McCarthy 10/05)

The report to the Director of Services stated that An Bord Pleanála was established in 1977 under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976 and is responsible for the determination of appeals and certain other matters under the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2006, and with appeals under the Building Control Act, 1990, the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 and 1990 and the Air Pollution Act, 1987.

Appeals under section 37 of the 2000 Planning Act (and, before 11th March 2002, section 26 of the 1963 Planning Act) usually referred to as ***normal planning appeals***, constitute the principal task of the Board and account for most of the decisions made by it. These appeals arise from decisions by planning authorities on applications for permission for the development of land.

8.12 **“THE ANGELUS”, ASSUMPTION ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 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 “The Angelus”, Assumption Road 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 10/74)

The report to the Director of Services stated that the site will be inspected shortly and contact made with the owners. If appropriate, action will be taken under the Derelict Sites Act which can include declaring the site Derelict and putting it on the Derelict Sites Register.

8.13 **PLANNING RESTRICTIONS ON HEAD SHOPS**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That planning restrictions and conditions be imposed on Head Shops similar to Gaming Arcades. This would ensure that head shops are not allowed open in the suburbs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/100)

The report to the Director of Services stated that under current legislation planning permission is not required to change the use of an existing authorised shop to a “Head Shop”. It is understood that the DOEHLG are currently reviewing legislative changes in relation to the operation of ‘Head Shops’.

8.14 **PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND MATERIAL CONTRAVENTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 31st March 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will supply full colour photographs and drawings with outlined proposed details of Planning Permissions and Material Contraventions been sought to all members of Council as required before recommendations are made to full Council meetings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/106)

The report to the Director of Services stated that the contents of the motion are noted. The details referred to will be made available to the members.

9. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th APRIL 2010**

9.1 **WATER, SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes.

9.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 30th March 2010, on Environmental Matters.

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

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/10)

9.4 **RECYCLING PODS IN BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

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

9.5 **REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL POSTERING**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

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

9.6 **DOG FOULING**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

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

9.7 **CLEANING ARRANGEMENT**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

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

9.8 **BLOCKED SEWERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

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

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

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the recommendation of the Environment Functional Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated the 1st April on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010.

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

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

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

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Waterford City Council, dated 23rd March regarding notice of motion
- Letter from Clonmel Borough Council, dated 23rd March regarding notice of motions
- Letter from Balbriggan Town Council, dated 2nd March regarding notice of motion
- Letter from Galway County Council, dated 30th March regarding notice of a resolution
- Letter from the Office on the Taoiseach, dated 30th March, regarding receipt of a letter from Noreen Mulcahy
- Letter from Mary Coughlan T.D. Tánaiste and Minister for Education and Science regarding receipt of letter from Noreen Mulcahy in relation to Third Level Grants and Scholarships.

11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr. Denis O’Flynn – *Climate Change: Impacts and Strategies; Going Forward* Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
- Cllr. John Kelleher – *Local Government Housing Services* – 18/20 March, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- Cllr. John Kelleher - *Exploring Arts & Culture through Town Twinning* - 25/27 March, Listowel, Co. Kerry
- Cllr. Mary Shields – *Conference for Councillors–Better Communications Means Better Results* -19-21 March 2010, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

12. **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS (ITEMS 12 & 13)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir Kieran McCarthy, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors listed at Items 12 & 13 at the various seminars and conferences listed, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (17)

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

ABSTAINED: Comhairleoir M. Barry. (1)

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

SEMINARS

12.1 CLIMATE CHANGE, IMPACTS AND STRATEGIES; GOING FORWARD

The attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn and P. Gosch at the “Climate Change, Impacts and Strategies; Going Forward” training seminar, held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on the 26th – 28th March 2010.

12.2 BANKING, INSURANCE & NAMA – THE EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the “Banking, Insurance & NAMA – The Effect on Local Government” training seminar, being held in the Carlton Hotel, Dan Spring Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

12.3 DEFAMATION SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS

The attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the “Defamation Seminar for Councillors” held in Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 28th – 29th May, 2010.

12.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the “Local Government and the Environment” Training Seminar held in the Falls Hotel Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 30th April – 2nd May, 2010.

13. CONFERENCES

13.1 BETTER COMMUNICATIONS MEANS BETTER RESULTS

The attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Conference for Councillors “Better Communications Means Better Results” held in the Killarney Court Hotel, Tralee Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry, on the 19th – 21st March 2010.

13.2 KEY STRATEGIES FOR GREATER SUCCESS IN A CHALLENGING ECONOMIC CLIMATE

The attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, J. Buttimer, P. Gosch, T. Shannon, S. Martin & L. Kingston at the Conference for Councillors “Key Strategies for Greater Success in a Challenging Economic Climate” held in Connemara Coast Hotel, Furbo, Galway on the 23 – 25th April, 2010.

13.3 TREVOR/BOWEN SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

The attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy & L. Kingston at the Conference “Trevor/Bowen Summer School 2010” held in Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork on the 30th April – 2nd May, 2010.

13.4 **MAXIMISING THE TOURISM POTENTIAL OF HERITAGE TOWNS**

The attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Conference “Maximising the Tourism Potential of Heritage Towns” held in the Mall Arts Centre, Youghal, Co. Cork on the 13th – 14th May, 2010.

14. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 22nd MARCH 2010**

An Chomhairle agreed to further defer to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 26th April, 2010 the following motions which were deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd March 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/105)

14.3 **24 HOUR EMERGENCY HELICOPTER COVER FOR SOUTH**

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

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

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **CLEAN UP THE RIVER KILN**

‘That Cork City Council would clean out the River Kiln at the rear of houses in Watercourse Road, Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/278)

Environment Functional Committee

15.2 **ODOURS FROM RIVER AT REAR OF 40 & 41 WATERCOURSE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council discover the source of the odours emanating from the river at the rear of 40 & 41 Watercourse Road, which are a public health nuisance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/279)

Environment Functional Committee

15.3 **ROAD RESURFACING – MARIE VILLE**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING FROM ARD NA RÍ AVENUE TO GOULD STREET**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **30 KM/H SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ESTATES**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **DISPLAY ‘TOW-AWAY’ CONTRACTOR NUMBER ON DISABLED DRIVER SPACE SIGNAGE**

‘That the telephone number for ‘tow-away’ contractor be visible on poles/ disabled driver space signage. This will enable people who are entitled to park in disabled space contact ‘tow-away’ contractor if an unauthorised vehicle is occupying the space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/102)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

15.8 **MICK BARRY ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **“NAME & SHAME POLICY” – LITTER OFFENCES**

‘That Cork City Council would implement a “name and shame policy” in relation to persons convicted of litter offences including dog fouling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/114)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

15.12 **ENCLOSING OF ESB SUBSTATION IN CARDINAL COURT**

‘That the ESB substation in Cardinal Court would be enclosed to ensure greater protection for young children who play on the public green adjacent to it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/117)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

15.13 **WALKWAY BETWEEN BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO SARSFIELD ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

‘That the walkway from the Bandon Road Roundabout to the Sarsfield Road Roundabout would be monitored on a regular basis for anti-social behaviour and littering and that any actions necessary would be undertaken to reduce and minimise the impact of these activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/118)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.15 **WINDOW PROBLEM AT 23 ELDERWOOD DRIVE, BOREENMANNA ROAD**

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.16 **LEISUREWORLD WEBSITE**

‘That the publicity given by Leisureworld to Bishopstown and Churchfield Swimming Pools respectively be also extended to Douglas Pool (e.g. be included on its website and poster promotions)’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/121)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.17 **DEMOLISH PUBLIC TOILETS IN BLACKROCK VILLAGE & PATRICK’S QUAY**

‘That the public toilets in Blackrock Village and Patrick’s Quay be demolished.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/122)

Environment Functional Committee

15.18 **NEW LEASING INITIATIVES**

‘That Cork City Council reject:-

a) the new leasing initiatives as it does not meet the needs of the majority of applicants on our housing list who aspire to acquire a permanent home.

b) The new leasing initiatives as it is a major shift in housing policy moving Cork City Council Housing Department from been a provider of Social Housing to primarily a letting agency for developers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/123)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

15.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON GOULD STREET**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.20 **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE – HEAD SHOPS**

‘That Cork City Council would initiate a special forum of the Joint Policing Committee specifically to deal with the issue of Head Shops and the problem of legal drug dealing in Cork city.

The forum should include elected representatives, council officials, the Gardaí, members of the business community and any other relevant stake holders who can examine what steps can be taken at a local level to combat this problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/128)

Joint Policing Committee

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

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16 . **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motions:-

16.1 **ENQUIRY INTO EVENTS SURROUNDING FLOODING**

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

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

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

‘That Cork City Council instructs the City Manager to immediately break off negotiations with the HSE on the use of lands at St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurranabraher, for town centre facilities. Council believes that HSE lands should be used for public health service facilities only and that health service facilities should be expanded at St. Mary’s’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 10/119)

16.3 **BAIL OUT OF ANGLO IRISH BANK**

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

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

This concluded the business of the meeting

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