

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2010

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.
Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Environment.
Mr. N. Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- The Hurley family on the death of Agnes Hurley.
- The Browne family on the death of Paddy Browne.

1.2 LORD MAYORS ITEMS

- An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle that the Civic reception for Commodore Frank Lynch is being held this Wednesday 15th December at 6.30 p.m..
- An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Budget meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th December. Budget Book 2011 and notice of meeting issued this afternoon to all members.
- An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Civic Reception for the Cork Senior Football Team is arranged for 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st December in the Concert Hall.
- An tArdmhéara congratulated the City Librarian, Liam Ronayne and Tom McCarthy from the City Library and all those involved in the Burning of Cork Commemoration Event last Saturday 11th December.

- On the proposal of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, An Chomhairle passed a vote of congratulations to St. Finbarrs Hurling & Football Club on winning the Premier Minor County Football Championship, and unanimously agreed that a Civic Reception be held to honour the occasion.

1.3 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

A vote of congratulations was passed to Peg Kelleher, on reaching her 100th Birthday.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 6th December 2010, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **HOUSING PROGRAMMES 2004 - 2009**

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

Could the Manager please list the amount of money that was invested in Housing Programmes in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.

The list to include (i) new buildings (ii) voluntary housing developments (iii) re-generation programmes.

	New Build	Voluntary	Regeneration
2009	54,000,000	9,527,474	15,000,000
2008	81,475,000	9,096,364	15,000,000
2007	64,000,000	2,864,747	4,000,000
2006	66,700,000	2,939,469	5,000,000
2005	45,000,000	13,568,905	1,000,000
2004	27,000,000	12,989,556	900,000

3.2 **ERECTION OF QUAY WALL BARRIERS**

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

Request the Manager to take steps to ensure the safety of the huge student population of Cork City by erecting suitable and effective barriers along the quay walls as at present, the walls are dangerously low facilitating fatal accidents.

We do not consider the quay walls to be dangerously low. It is impractical to erect barriers in any town or city which fully prevent access to rivers.

3.3 **PUBLIC WALKWAYS – CURRAHEEN ROAD TO MODEL FARM ROAD TO CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

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

To ask the City Manager in relation to the public walkways from Curraheen Road to Model Farm Road to the Carrigrohane Road, what measures have been taken to:

- a) Ensure public safety and reduce anti-social behavior?*
 - b) Safeguard against trespass by horses or people in charge of motorised vehicles other than electric wheelchairs?*
 - c) And if he can indicate when fencing will be installed at the section of the walkway opposite numbers 1-12 Rossbrook, Model Farm Road to secure the boundary with private land?*
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- a) Measures have been taken to deal with anti-social behavior on the walkway. The provision of public lighting would discourage anti-social behavior but at a cost and funds would have to be made available. Railings are also being placed along the areas of the walkway which have little or no protection from the river thereby reducing the risk of cyclists in particular falling in, should they inadvertently wander off the path.
 - b) Bollards have been placed at various locations along the walkway to prevent access by motorized vehicles or horse drawn vehicles. However it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to prevent individual horses from being brought onto the walkway. Any measures introduced for this purpose would also prevent access to wheelchairs and deter cyclists.
 - c) The section of fencing adjacent to numbers 1 – 12 Rossbrook will be installed early in the New Year.

3.4 **BATCHELORS QUAY WALL**

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

To ask the City Manager for the schedule of design work for the quay wall at Batchelor's Quay between April and October 2010?

Timeline of events regarding works to quay walls at Grenville Place, Sundays Well Road and other locations (including Bachelors Quay)

19/20 Nov. 2009	Flooding Event
20-21 November	Emergency work to quay walls at Grenville Place and Sundays Well road takes place
November 2009	Emergency Inspections of quay walls and bridges takes place
13 January 2010	Appointment of Arup Consulting Engineers to design and prepare contract documentation for repair of quay walls. Preliminary design underway (Jan-May 2010).
17 February 2010	Invitation to tender for Topographical Survey of quay walls
23 February 2010	Topographical Survey tenders received
March 2010	Topographical Survey of quay walls commences
27 April 2010	Etender advertisement for main contractor and specialist subcontractor prequalification
May 2010	Prequalification of main contractor and specialist subcontractors
18 May 2010	Topographical Surveys completed
May – July 2010	Commencement of detailed design of quay wall reconstruction and remedial work
1 June 2010	Funding Offer from OPW
August 2010	Finalisation of combined budget allocation from OPW and internal resources
August - Oct 2010	Final selection of quay walls in accordance with foregoing final budget. Detailed design and preparation of contract documents carried out
29 October 2010	Tenders invited for Cork City Quay Walls Reconstruction and Remedial Work Contract
22 November 2010	Tenders received for Cork City Quay Walls Reconstruction and Remedial Work Contract and currently being assessed

3.5 PROCUREMENT POLCY CORK CITY COUNCIL

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

To ask the City Manager to outline to City Council the procurement policy of Cork City Council across the various departments with regard to the purchase of stationery, equipment, capital items, general services etc and in particular how we as a City Council support local business, who tender for the provision of these items and by doing so support local employment.

Cork City Council operates a Corporate Procurement Policy consistent with National and European tendering requirements. The Policy provides for the obtaining of quotations / tenders for goods and services.

The tendering process for stationery purchase is by direct invitation to tender. For the 2010 Stationery Contract a total of 27 firms were invited to tender. This list was compiled of firms previously dealt with, and any new firms who had expressed an interest were also included. Contracts were awarded to the firms who gave the best value in terms of price, product quality and delivery service.

Printing of office stationery is contracted locally. Quotations are sought from 3 or more competitive suppliers based locally and tender is awarded to the lowest tenderer.

For once off items, quotations are sought from 3 or more competitive suppliers based locally and tender is awarded to the lowest tenderer.

4. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the Draft Schedule of Meetings for January to March 2011 with the following amendments:-

- Monday 3rd January to be changed to Tuesday 4th January
- Functional Meetings to be held at 5.30 p.m.

5. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2010**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE- 29th NOVEMBER 2010

5.1 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the Community Development Committee on Policy for Community Development Grants. It was agreed to refer the matter back to the committee for further discussion.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 8th DECEMBER 2010**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 31st October 2010.

7. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 6th DECEMBER 2010**

7.1 **LIFE TIME LAB ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Life Time Lab Annual Report.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th DECEMBER 2010**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

8.2 **BORROWING FROM HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PLC.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 on the borrowing of €22m from the Housing Finance Agency Plc. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED THAT Cork City Council approves the raising of a loan of €22m from the Housing Finance Agency Plc. for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts.”

8.3 **FOCUS IRELAND – PROJECT AT MILLERD HALL, MILLERD STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Ireland’s project at 1, 2, 3 & 4 Millerd Hall, Millerd Street, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €609,000 be granted to Focus Ireland subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.4 **FOCUS IRELAND – PROJECT AT CITY GARDENS, NORTH MAIN STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Ireland’s project at City Gardens, North Main Street, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €329,620 be granted to Focus Ireland subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.5 **GALTAN LIMITED – PROJECT AT CITY SQUARE, WATERCOURSE ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan Limited – Project at City Square, Watercourse Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €1,400,000 be granted to Galtan Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.6 **CORK MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – PROJECT AT 5, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Mental Health Housing Association – Project at 5, South Douglas Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €175,000 be granted to Cork Mental Health Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.7 **CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – PROJECT AT 21, ELDERWOOD ESTATE, BOREENMANNA ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to a loan facility for Cluid Housing Association – Project at 21, Elderwood Estate, Boreenmanna Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €213,595 be granted to Cluid Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.8 **CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – PROJECT AT 23, ELDERWOOD ESTATE, BOREENMANNA ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to a loan facility for Cluid Housing Association – Project at 23, Elderwood Estate, Boreenmanna Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €213,595 be granted to Cluid Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.9 **RENEWAL AND REGENERATION PLAN FOR PARK OWEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council carry out a renewal and regeneration plan for Park Owen the plan to include:-

1. Landscaping of green and open spaces
2. Enhancement of the public realm
3. Road and Path renewal
4. Reconstruction of public light
5. Infill housing on waste ground.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/291)

The report of the Director of Services stated that while the majority of houses in this Estate are in private ownership, the Housing Directorate will investigate the possibility of providing infill housing on the vacant land in the Estate. The possibility of funding an upgrade of public lighting and the public realm will be discussed with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government having regard to funding allocated in 2011.

8.10 **DEVELOPMENT OF “THE TARRY PATCH”, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the area known as “the Tarry Patch” to the rear of Mount Brosna, Avonmore Park and Glenamoy Lawn, Mayfield is considered for infill housing and that Cork City Council would make a special appeal for funds to the Department of the Environment for this purpose.

The area in question has long been used for indiscriminate dumping and has been subject to anti-social behaviour and while the City Council and its staff are to be congratulated for the recent clean-up of the area and ongoing vigilance by the Litter Wardens, this area of open space will continue to attract such problems until something is done to occupy the space.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/297)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Architect is at present preparing a preliminary Master Plan with a view to making a submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, for the regeneration of the area and seeking their preliminary approval to progress the Project.

8.11 **INFILL HOUSING BETWEEN LAGAN GROVE AND LIFFEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Architect is at present preparing a preliminary Master Plan with a view to making a submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the regeneration of the area and seeking their preliminary approval to progress the Project.

8.12 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the City Manager dated 2nd December, 2010 in relation to the following property disposals:

Property Disposals

- a. Disposal of land approximately 8m² in area situated at Bridevalley Park, Commons Road, Cork to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, by way of lease at a rent of €10.00 per annum and a fee of €1,500 plus costs plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of land approximately 8m² in area situated at Bessboro Cross, Skehard Road, Cork to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, by way of lease at a rent of €10.00 per annum and a fee of €1,500 plus costs plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Clancy, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons the disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal of land approximately 8m² in area situated at Hollyville, Blarney Road, Hollyhill, Cork to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, by way of lease at a rent of €10.00 per annum and a fee of €1,500 plus costs plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Kingston, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin the disposal was approved.
- d. Disposal of freehold interest in the land situated at and known as Site S2, Ascal Colmcille, Mayfield, Cork to Dr. Leonard and Mairead Harty, c/o Murphy & Condon, Solicitors, 69, Shandon Street, North Gate Bridge, Cork for the sum of €5,000 together with costs in the sum of €1,500 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons the disposal was approved.
- e. Disposal of land approximately 160m² in area situated at Sullivan's Quay, Cork to Finbarr O'Shea, c/o George Mills & Co., Solicitors, 27, Washington Street, Cork for the sum of €105,000 plus costs of €1,500 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin the disposal was approved.
- f. Disposal of property known as Kiosk 3, situated at Peace Park, Grand Parade/South Mall, Cork by way of a 20 year lease to Top Cup Limited, c/o Barry G. O'Meara & Co., Solicitors, Pembroke House, Pembroke Street, Cork at an annual rent of €45,000 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal was approved.
- g. Disposal of properties known as Nos. 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 17 Ard na Rí, Banduff Road, Cork to Threshold Limited, c/o O'Sullivan Dowd, Solicitors, 1 Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 by way of Lease for nil consideration. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher the disposal was approved.
- h. Disposal of properties known as Nos. 2, 11, 14 and 16, Hollyhill Heights to Threshold Limited c/o O'Sullivan Dowd, Solicitors, 1 Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 by way of Lease for nil consideration. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill the disposal was approved.
- i. Disposal of properties known as Nos. 7 to 18 inclusive Glentrasna Avenue, Glen Avenue, The Glen, Cork to Threshold Limited, c/o O'Sullivan Dowd, Solicitors, 1 Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 by way of Lease for nil consideration. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields the disposal was approved.
- j. Disposal of 23 No. units known as Nos. 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71 & 73 Coppingers Acre, Bantry Park Road, Cork to Helm Housing Association, c/o William J. Brennan & Co., Solicitors, 33, Upper

Merrion Street, Dublin 2 by way of a five year lease at an annual rent of €10 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien the disposal was approved.

- k. Disposal of 38 No. properties known as 10 & 11 Meadow Heights, 1 - 7 (inclusive) Meadow Rise, 9 – 22 (inclusive) Meadow Green, 27 & 28 Meadow Gardens and 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29 & 30 Meadow Hill, Knocknacullen, Cork to Helm Housing Association, c/o William J. Brennan & Co., Solicitors, 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2 by way of a five year Lease at an annual rent of €10 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal was approved.
- l. Disposal of land approximately 4.945 hectares in area situated at and known as McElhinney's Land, Old Whitechurch Road, Cork to the Housing & Sustainable Communities Ltd, 2nd Floor, Cumberland House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 for the nominal sum of €1.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Kingston, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher the disposal was approved.
- m. Disposal of land approximately 2.6986 hectares in area situated at and known as Nash's Boreen, Upper Fairhill, Cork to the Housing & Sustainable Communities Ltd., 2nd Floor, Cumberland House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 for the nominal sum of €1.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy the disposal was approved.
- n. Disposal of land approximately 11.796 hectares in area situated at and known as O'Mullane's Land, Old Whitechurch Road, Cork to the Housing & Sustainable Communities Ltd., 2nd Floor, Cumberland House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 for the nominal sum of €1.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle the disposal was approved.
- o. Disposal of land approximately 3.2310 hectares in area situated at and known as Geaney's Land, Old Mallow Road, Cork to the Housing & Sustainable Communities Ltd., 2nd Floor, Cumberland House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 for the nominal sum of €1.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher the disposal was approved.
- p. Disposal of land approximately 2.01 hectares in area situated at and known as Na Piarasigh's Land, Old Whitechurch Road, Cork to the Housing & Sustainable Communities Ltd., 2nd Floor, Cumberland House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 for the nominal sum of €1.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal was approved.
- q. Disposal of land approximately 344m² in area situated on property adjacent to the Lough Community Centre by way of Lease to The Trustees of the Lough Community Association, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey, Solicitors, 54, North Main Street, Cork at an annual rent of €10 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal was approved.

9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th DECEMBER 2010**

9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2nd December, 2010 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended November 2010.

9.2 **NAMING OF AN EXISTING UNNAMED ROAD – WHICH LINKS THE SKEHARD ROAD WITH THE MAHON GOLF COURSE AND MAHON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010, regarding the naming of an existing unnamed road – which links the Skehard Road with the Mahon Golf Course and Mahon Industrial Estate. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT**

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 139 of the Cork Improvement Act 1868 (which applies in circumstances such as this i.e. where Council wants to name any street which is without a name), it is hereby resolved that the road which links the Skehard Road with the Mahon Golf course and Mahon Industrial Estate be hereby named as “Clover Hill Lane.”

9.3 **RESURFACE FRENCH’S VILLAS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the road in French’s Villas be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/309)

The report of the Director of Services stated that French’s Villas was not selected for resurfacing as part of the 2010 Roadworks Programme but it will be considered for the 2011 Programme.

9.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING – MADDEN’S BUILDINGS, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place for Madden’s Buildings, Blackpool, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/310)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Traffic calming measures were installed in Madden’s Building as part of the 2004 traffic calming schemes. The area will again be assessed in order to determine the extent of the problems that still exist in order to identify any possible further mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.5 **CONDITION OF ROADWAY AND FOOTPATH AT HIGHFIELD LAWN,
MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this council examine and report on the state of roadway and footpath at Highfield Lawn, Model Farm Road, Cork and make provision in the 2011 estimate to carry out the work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 10/317)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road and footpaths in Highfield Lawn will be inspected and considered for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme and Footpath Programme.

9.6 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND FOOTPATHS IN DOUGLAS HALL MEWS/
AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council act now on Pedestrian Crossing and Footpaths facilities to be put in place at Douglas Hall Mews/ Avenue on the junction with Skehard Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/351)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Preliminary Design is currently underway to widen the section of Skehard Road in the area adjacent to Douglas Hall Mews/Avenue area which will include the provision of new footpath and pedestrian crossing facilities. It is planned that the required Part 8 procedure and preparation of Contract Documents will be carried out in 2011. Works are subject to provision of funding.

The nature of the bends on the roadway and the lack of space, make the provision now of any new footpaths or pedestrian crossing facilities impossible as well as economically wasteful in view of the proposed road widening scheme being planned.

9.7 **REFURBISHMENT OF CITY QUAY WALLS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this City Council carry out the refurbishment of all the City Quay walls and that they be maintained and retained in their original state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/352)

The report of the Director of Services stated that tenders for the Cork City Quay Walls Reconstruction & Remedial Work Contract have been invited and these were returned on Monday 22nd November. This contract involves the reconstruction of sections of the quay walls at Grenville Place and Sundays Well Road and remedial works to sections of the quay walls at Bachelor's Quay, Pope's Quay, Sullivan's Quay and Father Mathew Quay. Work on this contract is expected to commence in January 2011. Any further remedial works on the quay walls in the City will be dependent on sufficient funding becoming available.

9.8 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a pedestrian crossing at the lower end of Pouladuff Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/355)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the lower end of Pouladuff Road will be examined and if it is deemed appropriate that a pedestrian crossing facility be provided there, it will be added to the list of requests for pedestrian crossings and it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

9.9 **YELLOW JUNCTION BOX AT ENTRANCE TO WILTON COURT ON SARSFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the yellow junction boxes at the traffic light controlled junction at the entrance to Wilton Court and Wilton Shopping centre on the Sarsfield Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/359)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Sarsfield Road with the entrances with Wilton Shopping Centre and Wilton Court will be examined and if deemed necessary, the road marking of the yellow boxes will be inputted into the road painting programme.

9.10 **REMEDIAL WORKS ON SKEHARD ROAD, BETWEEN CHURCH YARD LANE AND PARK HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That further to my continued efforts to have remedial work carried out on the Skehard Road, between Church Yard Lane and Park Hill (including the large green area of Skehard Road entrance to Silverdale) which would result in the straightening out of this section of the road carriageway and the construction of a footpath on the southside of the road which would join the footpath at Park Hill and the top of the Well Road.

Cork City Council would provide such finance as is required in its budget for 2011, in order that this much needed road works could be completed and thus this public safety issue resolved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 10/362)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Preliminary Design is underway with a view to the Part 8 procedure and preparation of Contract Documents being carried out in 2011. Works are subject to provision of funding.

9.11 **CURRENT TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION – PALACEANNE LAWN & SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 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 and Transportation Committee:-

- a) On the current traffic configurations at the junction of Palaceanne Lawn and the South Douglas Road. In particular the report should refer to the lack of sight for motorists exiting Palaceanne Lawn from the right hand side.
- b) That a pelican crossing be installed at this location to enable local residents to cross to local shops and post office.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 10/65)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Palaceanne Lawn and the South Douglas Road will be examined by the Roads Design Section to determine sight distances and visibility at the junction. A further report will be made to Council when the surveys are carried out and assessed. This work will be undertaken within the next two weeks and a report will be issued to Council in November.

The provision of a pelican pedestrian crossing facility at the location will also be examined and if deemed appropriate the location will be added to the list of requests where requests have been received for pedestrian facilities, and the provision of the crossing facility will then be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

9.12 **OWNERSHIP OF BEAUMONT AVENUE BE PURSUED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That ownership of Beaumont Avenue be pursued by City Council. This would enable the City Council to implement a safer pedestrian access for the area of Ballintemple.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/274)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Beaumont Avenue is maintained by Cork City Council as a public road. Ownership is therefore not an issue.

9.13 **SECURE AREA ADJACENT TO SOUTH LINK ROAD NEAR WILLOW PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd December, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council ensures that the area adjacent to the South Link Road, near Willow Park on the South Douglas Road is secured, to prevent groups loitering, as it is proving a nuisance to local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/272)

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

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence from the meeting.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **EVERGREEN STREET IN 2011 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Evergreen Street be included in the 2011 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/341)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

‘That Cork City Council open up the southside of Princes Street and Marlborough Street to parking for the months of November and December. We need to create additional parking for the Christmas period. Having empty streets, be it car parking or pedestrian, does not create the proper shopping environment, we need to bring life back into the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/342)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **BLACKPOOL VILLAGE**

‘That Cork City Council make the Blackpool Village area into a reduced commercial rate free zone to encourage the redevelopment of the traditional village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/399)

Finance Functional Committee

11.4 **DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

‘That Cork City Council get the balcony of Douglas Swimming Pool painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/400)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.5 **GRAFFITI AT DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

‘That Cork City Council get the graffiti on the upper levels of Douglas Swimming Pool and the graffiti on its windows removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/401)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.6 **LOLLIPOP SCHOOL WARDEN**

‘That Cork City Council retain the invaluable services of the Lollipop School Wardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/402)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 **INCLUDE OWENABUE CLOSE, TOGHER IN RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2011**

‘That the Council include Owenabue Close, Togher in the resurfacing programme 2011.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/403)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 **UNOFFICIAL CIT - CHRISTMAS DAY**

‘That Cork City Council, mindful of the efforts of CIT Management, CIT Students Union, the Bishopstown Community Association and the local Gardaí to prevent and manage the “Unofficial Christmas Day Celebrations”, would ask the Joint Policing Committee to review the “Unofficial CIT - Christmas Day” celebrations in Bishopstown so as to determine what legal avenues can be pursued, including if necessary objections to the renewal of public licences or off-licence sales, to prevent this event from being staged and having a negative impact on the safety and quality of life of local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/404)

Joint Policing Committee

11.9 **MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

‘That Cork City Council would review the management of traffic flow at the Bandon Road Roundabout at peak hours and install junction boxes to allow traffic from the Bishopstown Road access the roundabout.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/405)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting

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