

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs  
Ms. V. O' Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture  
Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, Roads and Transportation  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs  
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The O' Leary Family on the death of Colm O' Leary
- The Connolly Family on the death of Joseph Connolly
- The Lordan Family on the death of Timmy Lordan
- The Higgins Family on the death of Bridget Higgins
- The O' Donoghue Family on the death of Tom O' Donoghue

1. (b) **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Blarney G.A.A. Club on winning the County Intermediate Hurling Championship.
- I.S. Section of Cork City Council on winning a recent Innovating Government Award for Access Cork website.
- Bus Eireann on organising late night transport over the Jazz Weekend.
- Cork Jazz Festival Committee on another successful Jazz Festival.

1. (c) **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Reception:

- Blarney G.A.A. Club on winning the County Intermediate Hurling Championship.

1. (d) **BUDGET MEETINGS 2009**

An Chomhairle noted the following schedule of meeting for Budget 2009.

- Budget Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm.
- Meetings of Whole Council in Committee 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm

1. (e) **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL**

On the proposal of Ardmhéara Comhairleoir B. Bermingham and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the issuing of an invitation to Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger to attend St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade 2009 as Governor of the State of California.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss proposed reduction in Local Government funding to Cork City Council in 2009, at the finish of the business of the meeting.

#### 4. **QUESTIONS**

##### 4.1. **ASHLEIGH GARDENS, SKEHARD**

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

When can it be anticipated that the traffic calming measures agreed some time ago for Ashleigh Gardens, Skehard, Blackrock, can be put in place?

Ashleigh Gardens, Skehard, Blackrock was selected to be included in the 2005 traffic calming schemes. However during the public consultation process, a majority of the local residents from Ashleigh gardens signed a petition strongly objecting to any form of traffic calming “structures” on the roadway.

Accordingly, the project did not go ahead. The issue was again discussed at the ward meeting earlier this year and no decision was made on the matter. The issue can be reconsidered at the next ward meeting

##### 4.2 **CURRAGH ROAD/ 7 & 9 MT. SION ROAD**

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

a) What was the result of the recent investigations by City Council into the problems of flooding on the Curragh Road, Turners Cross?

b) Why has it taken so long to fix the leak between 7 & 9 Mt. Sion Road adjacent to Townsend Place?

a) Debris, believed to have entered the sewer system from construction works in the vicinity had built up and partially blocked the sewers, resulting in flooding during a period of heavy rain on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008. These sewers had been cleaned a number of months previous to this incident, however debris including concrete, grit and stones were removed from the sewers by the Drainage Section after the flooding. In addition to the sewer cleaning works carried out, it is the intention of the Roads Dept. to place extra gullies in this area.

b) The leak on Mont Sion Road was reported on a Friday and was not deemed to be an urgent priority requiring a crew to be brought in at the weekend.

Following investigation by a water inspector it was found to be leaking hydrant. It was referred to the yard for repair where the works were scheduled and carried out.

#### 4.3 **COMMUNITY CENTRE – KNOCKNAHEENY & GURRANABRAHER**

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

Can the Manager tell me when does he expect work to be completed on both the Community Centre in both Knocknaheeny and Gurrabraher?

- b) What groups have been allocated space in both centres so far?
- c) Will Cork City Council be appointing a manager to run both centres?
- d) Will both centres have an elected Board of Management?
- e) Will there be provision for local Councillors in the area to be appointed on to the Boards?

Work is completed on the Gurrabraher Community Building apart from minor remedial issues.

Work is expected to be completed on the Knocknaheeny Community Building by end December 2008.

- a) Five groups have been allocated space in the Knocknaheeny Building:

- We The People
- The NICHE project
- The Local Employment Service
- The Citizens Information Service
- The Society of St Vincent de Paul

Three groups have been allocated space in the Gurrabraher building:

- The Gurrabraher / Churchfield Youth Development project
- The Churchfield Community Development project
- The Health Service Executive -a range of services

A large portion of the building will be available for general community use and discussions are ongoing regarding further lettings.

- b) A Manager has been appointed to run the Gurrabraher building on the basis of external funding secured for a three year period. Management arrangements for the Knocknaheeny building are under discussion.
- c) It is intended that both buildings will have representative Boards of Management nominated by users and the Community .the details will be discussed and agreed with the users and the local elected members.

- d) Discussions on representation will take place with local members and provision will be made for approval by Council.

#### 4.4 **CONSULTATION PROCESS – KNOCKNAHEENY MASTERPLAN**

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

To ask the Manager to review and update the consultation process under the Knocknaheeny Masterplan, with a particular emphasis in the residential areas, in the interest of proper Community Health Planning and, put in place –

- a.) A strategic plan whereby consultation with the local residents will be conducted well in advance of further developments.
- b.) A plan and overview in relation to Block EFGH, how it will be constructed, digital images of new developments and a time frame for each block as it is developed.
- c.) A report on the current status of the development of Dunnycove Crescent and Kilmore Road.
- d.) Concrete proposed plans for Dunmore Gardens and Kilmore Road.
- e.) What plans, if any, has Council for Kilmore Road stretching from John F. Connelly Road northwards to Nash’s Boreen, including the Watertower.

- (a) The City Council are obliged to advertise and take submissions into account before proceeding with any development.
- (b) As agreed at the Housing Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> October, this will be provided to Members in due course.
- (c) The decanting of Dunnycove Crescent and Kilmore Road Lower is currently on-going. 20 no. residents out of 23 no. have been relocated.
- (d) Noted.
- (e) Once vacant possession of Dunnycove Crescent/Kilmore Road Lower has been obtained, a further report will issue to Members on proposals for the area.

#### 4.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING – FAIRFIELD ROAD, HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE, ASCENSION HEIGHTS**

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

As traffic calming measures for Fairfield Road, Hollymount Estate and Ascension Heights have been included in the city budget, would the Manager please inform me as to when these works will commence?

The three areas mentioned in the question were selected earlier this year to be included in the list of 2008 Traffic Calming Schemes. Appropriate traffic calming

measures are currently being designed and when completed, the proposals will be brought forward to the public consultation stage.

The public consultation stage may result in some design changes and taking into account the time periods involved in the various stages, i.e. design, public consultation, adjustments, tendering of contract, selection of contractor, etc. it will be next year before work will actually start on the ground.

#### 4.6 **ATKINS HALL**

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

- a) What is the update position on Cork City Council acquiring Atkins Hall for social housing?
- b) Have any monies been paid over to the owners/developer of Atkins Hall?

- a) Cork City Council Housing & Community Directorate have contracted to purchase 96 units (76 no Social units & 20 no. RAS units) from Lance Investments at Atkins Hall, Lee Road.

In July 2006 Cork City Council appointed Mott Mc Donald Pettit to snag the relevant apartments and to follow up with the developers on the completion of the units to the satisfaction of Cork City Council, prior to their handover. When the development achieves the necessary standards to the satisfaction of Cork City Council, the acquisition of the units will be completed.

- b) The contract price is €25,365,000 and €2,536,500 was paid by way of deposit on the execution of the agreement.

#### 4.7 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS – UCC AREA**

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

Can the City Manager indicate what traffic management plans are in place for the area adjacent to UCC and what specific plans are in place to minimize non-residential traffic in the area, with specific reference to the area between Glasheen Road, Magazine Road, College Road and Horgan Buildings and if he will make a statement on the issue?

There are several roads linking Glasheen Road, Magazine Road and College Road, i.e. Dorgan's Road, Highfield Avenue, Coolgarten Park, Highfield West, Glasheen Park/ Kilcrea Park, St. Claire's Avenue, School Avenue/Liam Lawn and St. Francis Avenue.

Most of these roads carry local traffic to the residential areas and the local institutions such as UCC and Bons Secours Hospital, while some like Dorgan's Road and Highfield Avenue carry trips with longer journeys. The roads in this location function in a very similar fashion to most roads in the city urban road network. It should be noted that these roads also have pay parking controls in order to deter non residential parking. While traffic calming will reduce any traffic speeding in the area, the elimination of 'through traffic' can only be done by the creation of cul-de-sacs on the roadways.

There is a proposal to construct a cul-de-sac in Horgan's Buildings in order to eliminate the through traffic in what is a very tight residential area, however the cost involved is in excess of €85,000 and to date, no funding has been sourced for this work.

#### 4.8 **PARKING FEE – FREE PARKING FOR EMPLOYEES**

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

Can the Manager please confirm if this Council has the authority to impose a per diem parking fee on those employees currently enjoying free parking and can he also confirm the revenue that the Council would raise for a 5 Euro per day charge?

The City Council has always provided car parking facilities for a percentage of its staff and members of the City Council.

Were the Council to introduce charges for these facilities, it would have to negotiate such arrangements with staff representatives and members of City Council.

In the centre area there are (120 + 140) 260 car parking for use by Councillors and staff.

The Government has recently announced a scheme in relation to car parking facilities for employees in the major cities. I am awaiting details of this scheme.

#### 5. **GUS HEALY POOL - DOUGLAS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008, on the Gus Healy Swimming Pool, Douglas and further agreed that matters arising from the report be brought to the next meeting of Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee for consideration.

6. **CORK OPERA HOUSE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME**

Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, T. Shannon, J. Corr, M. O'Connell, M. Quill, S. Martin declared an interest in this matter.

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 on Cork Opera House Refurbishment Programme, and on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher agreed to adopt the following resolution:

**“RESOLVED THAT**

that Cork City Council provide financial capital of €250,000 to the Board of Cork Opera House to help fund refurbishment works.”

7. **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

**An Chomhairle approved the following three motions.**

7.1 **COMMUTER STATION AT TIVOLI**

‘That Cork City Council calls on Irish Rail to re-open the commuter station at Tivoli to facilitate residents of Mayfield/ Montenotte and surrounding areas and also tourists at local Hotels and Guest Houses. The City Council should assist financially from the accumulated development charges levied on new housing in the area, part of which was specifically levied because of proximity to the railway line and that Council officials would identify that portion of total development charges collected to date when reporting on this motion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/358)

7.2 **REPOSSESSION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES**

‘That Cork City Council call on the Government to include in the (Housing Miscellaneous)(Provisions Bill) 2008, legislation that would enable Local Authorities to fast track the repossession of Local Authority Houses from tenants who have been convicted of dealing in, the manufacturing, production, preparation, importation, sale, supply, possession for the purpose of sale or supply, or distribution of a controlled drug (within the meaning of the misuse of Drugs Act 1977 and 1984), which has resulted in major anti-social behaviour problems in many estates throughout the City where people are now openly dealing drugs from their homes and where recent figures announced by the Garda show a massive increase in the availability of drugs throughout the City and County and in particular the easy availability of heroin.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 08/367)

7.3 **PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS TO PEOPLE ON THE HOUSING LIST**

‘That Cork City Council call on the Government to include in the (Housing Miscellaneous) (Provision Bill) 2008, legislation that would enable Local Authorities to include in their Scheme of Letting Priorities a probationary period of tenancy of twelve months to people on the Housing List after which probationary tenants would be reassessed as to their suitability of being given permanent tenancy of a Local Authority Property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/368)

8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September, 2008.

8.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE – “THE STEEPLES”, LOWER MAYFIELD, CORK (8 NO. HOUSES (THE STEEPLES) INCLUDING ACCESS TO PAROCHIAL HOUSE, MAYFIELD CHURCH AND NO. 1 PRESBYTERY HOUSE).**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 regarding development at “The Steeples”, Lower Mayfield, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution.

“NOW COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “The Steeples”, Lower Mayfield, Cork (8 No. Houses {The Steeples} including access to Parochial House, Mayfield Church and No. 1 Presbytery House), be taken in charge.”

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at “The Steeples”, Lower Mayfield, Cork (8 No. Houses {The Steeples} including access to Parochial House, Mayfield Church and No. 1 Presbytery House), to be public roads was published on 2nd July, 2008.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None were received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads have been considered.

I recommend that this report be referred by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee to Council for approval and I also recommend the following resolution to Council for adoption;

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “The Steeples”, Lower Mayfield, Cork (8 No. Houses {The Steeples} including access to Parochial House, Mayfield Church and No. 1 Presbytery House), be taken in charge”.

8.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE – “ARDCAIRN”, CHURCHYARD LANE, BALLINTEMPLE, CORK (14 NO. DWELLINGS (12 NO. SEMI-DETACHED AND 2 NO. BUNGALOWS) AND ONE UNDEVELOPED SITE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 regarding development at “Ardcairn”, Churchyard Lane, Ballintemple, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Counihan, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution:

“NOW COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “Ardcairn”, Churchyard Lane, Ballintemple, Cork (14 No. Dwellings {12 No. semi-detached and 2 No. bungalows} and one undeveloped site), be taken in charge.”

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at “Ardcairn”, Churchyard Lane, Cork (14 No. Dwellings {12 No. semi-detached and 2 No. bungalows} and one undeveloped site), to be public roads was published on 5th July, 2008.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None were received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads have been considered.

I recommend that this report be referred by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee to Council for approval and I also recommend the following resolution to Council for adoption;

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “Ardcairn”, Churchyard Lane, Ballintemple, Cork (14 No. Dwellings {12 No. semidetached and 2 No. bungalows} and one undeveloped site), be taken in charge”.

8.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE – “SANDY LAWN”, CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK, CORK (NO.’S 2 – 7 INCLUSIVE).**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 regarding development at “Sandy Lawn”, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution:

“NOW COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “Sandy Lawn”, Blackrock, Cork (No.’s 2 – 7 inclusive), be taken in charge.”

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at “Sandy Lawn”, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork (No.’s 2 – 7 inclusive), to be public roads was published on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None were received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads have been considered.

I recommend that this report be referred by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee to Council for approval and I also recommend the following resolution to Council for adoption;

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “Sandy Lawn”, Blackrock, Cork (No.’s 2 – 7 inclusive), be taken in charge”.

8.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE – “GATE LODGE”, CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK, CORK (NO.’S 1 – 93 INCLUSIVE AND 72A & 73A).**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 regarding development at “Gate Lodge”, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution:

“NOW COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “Gate Lodge”, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork (No.’s 1 – 93 inclusive and 72A & 73A), be taken in charge.”

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at “Gate Lodge”, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork (No.’s 1 – 93 inclusive and 72A & 73A), to be public roads was published on 12th August, 2008.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None were received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads have been considered.

I recommend that this report be referred by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee to Council for approval and I also recommend the following resolution to Council for adoption;

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “Gate Lodge”, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork (No.’s 1 – 93 inclusive and 72A & 73A), be taken in charge”.

8.6 **REPORT ON PARKING MANAGEMENT BUSINESS PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 regarding the Parking Management Business Plan.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

## ○ **Parking in the Mobility Context**

Efficient transport provision within Cork City is vital to the economic vitality and quality of life of our citizens. Parking policy and parking management play a very important role in urban mobility, both in enhancing accessibility and in combating urban congestion. In modern mobility management, parking demand management is one of the strongest management tools available to Local Authorities. Parking demand management must be viewed within the overall context of traffic management and the accessibility needs of the people and businesses. Within the city, effective control of parking is essential in ensuring accessibility to workplaces, businesses and areas of leisure activity.

Effective parking regimes at the macro level in terms of supporting the economic development of a region are required, and at the micro level in terms of the impacts of car trip generation associated with land use, air and also noise quality.

Cork City Council has to deal with a number of conflicting expectations in managing the parking supply and demand equation, e.g. political and economic considerations, revenue generation and meeting the needs of the common good may sometimes conflict with individual needs along the way. A balanced flexible management approach will respond to changes in the economic, social and cultural conditions in our city.

## ○ **Parking Contribution**

The Parking Management Section is one of three business units within the Traffic Division of the Roads and Transportation Directorate in Cork City Council. It reports to the Council through the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee on operational matters and also to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee on matters relating to transport policy and planning issues. Parking regimes that best fit the collective aspirations and ambitions of the key stakeholders will make the best contribution.

The Transportation Division deals with the significant challenge of balancing the requirements of each road user for space. It has an income approaching €11.5m with costs of over €6m, the remaining surplus being used to fund other transportation related projects including road maintenance, public lighting, traffic calming, road lining and signage, etc.

**Through the development of the Local Transport Plan, we have clearly identified that our Strategic Objective is to:**

***“Manage the demand for on/off street parking to achieve optimal balance between long and short term parking to facilitate living, business activity and leisure activity in the city”.***

The will be delivered by:

*a) Adopting time based parking zones to maximise the turnover of short term car parking spaces.*

The required tactical strategies to deliver this are

- Actively manage the occupancy of parking spaces;
- Provide user friendly information at car parking spaces;
- Implement a differentiated pricing policy for different types of car parking spaces;
- Provide multiple payment methods for car parking spaces;
- Raise compliance with parking regulations.

*b) Introducing and encouraging smarter choices to reduce congestion and improve the living environment.*

The required tactical strategies to deliver this are

- Ensure balance between supply and demand for different types of car parking spaces;
- Identify customer needs through market research;
- Develop and promote different types of car parking options, including development of a partnership approach on product differentiation with private car-park owners ;
- Work in close cooperation with external stakeholders to contribute towards delivering a modal shift from the private car.
- Each tactical strategy will be executed by the integrations of activities and developing standard operating procedures.
- Parking Product & Value

The parking product provides facilities for both long and short term parkers, together with facilities for home owners through the Residents' Permit scheme. Through a marketing and sales effort and the introduction of a Customer Parking Charter, we will offer customers:

Superior customer service

A convenient parking choice and

Operational efficiency through enhanced management and operational practices.

**We will ensure that 'the customer gets for what the customer pays'. Our value-proposition will assist in development of our marketing strategy, and will help us to target particular market segments.**

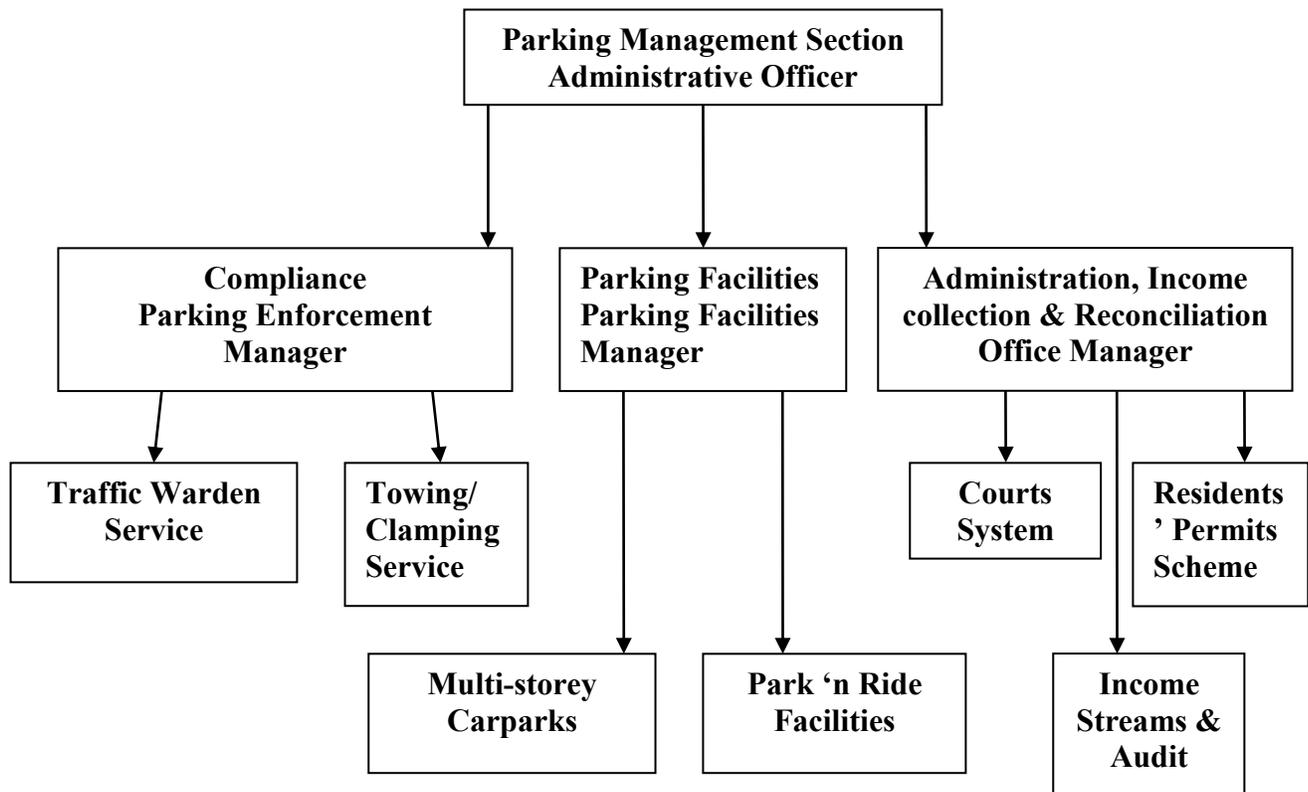
- Information Systems

The on-going development and improvement of comprehensive state of the art Parking Management IT systems will give us the platform to provide much more accurate and timely management information to measure parking performance, develop new applications, customer satisfaction, better processes and thereby reduced operating costs. They will also allow us going forward to develop comprehensive management reports at every level dealing with such issues as the costing of our parking product, services and contribute to informing decision making towards any modifications of our business-wide strategies.

o Staff Resources

The restructured Parking Management Section is as outlined below

**Parking Management Section**



8.7 **FRIARS WALK, TORY TOP ROAD – 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Friars Walk, Tory Top Road junction in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/187)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Report stated that, the Friars Walk/Tory Top Road junction is not included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme. This junction will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme. In the meantime, any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

#### 8.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING – FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming be installed in Father Dominic Road, between 8 and 11 on the sweep of the bend and that the footpath outside 2 to 8 be immediately resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/189)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Father Dominic Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Surveys will be carried out in the vicinity of 8 - 11 Fr. Dominic Road in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

The footpath outside 2 to 8 Fr. Dominic Road has been recently resurfaced as part of our 2008 Footpath Overlay Programme.

#### 8.9 **LAKE LAWN, WELL ROAD BE SURVEYED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Lake Lawn, Well Road be surveyed with a view to the Road Carriageway being resurfaced in the two Cul de Sac where road subsidence is a major problem. This work should be included in the 2009 Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/247)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Lake Lawn, Well Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Road Resurfacing Programme.

8.10 **BELMONT PARK, BALLINLOUGH INCLUDED IN 2009 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Belmont Park, Ballinlough be included in the 2009 Road Resurfacing Programme as the road carriageway is in a very poor state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/248)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Belmont Park, Ballinlough will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Road Resurfacing Programme.

8.11 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install double yellow lines outside the entrances to homes adjacent to J.J. O’Driscoll’s shop on the Ballinlough Road, in an effort to reduce the amount of illegal parking in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/279)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is illegal to park outside a vehicular entrance without the consent of the owner of the premises concerned and double yellow lines are not required. The legal spaces for parking adjacent to J.J.O’Driscoll’s shop were marked and boxed out in the recent past, in an attempt to reduce the incidence of driveways of private houses being blocked and these markings will be refreshed.

However, the area will be visited with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, double yellow lines will be provided outside a limited number of driveways close to J.J. O’Driscoll’s shop on Ballinlough Road.

8.12 **PEDESTRIAN BARRIER ON THE BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council replace the pedestrian barrier at the foot of the steps at hillcrest Estate on the Blarney Road in the interest of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/285)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this barrier will be replaced in the coming months.

8.13 **CLOSE THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN VILLE VIEW TERRACE AND STRAWBERRY HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would close off the alleyway between Ville View Terrace, Strawberry Hill and Shanakiel Road following requests from residents. This alleyway is not in use and is causing anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/295)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the 2008 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a meeting in early 2008. The closure of the pedestrian laneway at Ville View Terrace, Strawberry Hill and Shanakiel Road, is not included in the list of prioritised locations. Ville View Terrace will be added to the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

8.14 **2009 ROADS PROGRAMME – KILCOLMAN LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road for inclusion of the 2009 Roads Programme given the poor state of the carriageway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/305)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Road Resurfacing Programme.

8.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT GLENGARIFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place traffic calming measures in Glengariff Road, Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Fitzgerald 08/306)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Glengariff Road, Fairhill will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

8.16 **COBBLESTONE ROAD SURFACE ON BEASLEY STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the old cobblestone road surface on Beasley Street (off Oliver Plunkett St.) be re-instated as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 08/308)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will prepare a street improvement scheme for Beasley Street and if possible incorporate a cobblestone surface subject to availability of the materials and compliant with safety requirements. Implementation of the scheme will be subject to acquiring the necessary funding.

8.17 **FOOTPATHS ON LOWER CONNOLLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths on Lower Connolly Road be included in the 2009 Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/311)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths on Lower Connolly Road be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

8.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT, TIVOLI**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put traffic calming measures in place in Silversprings Court, Tivoli in consultation with the local residents and the Silversprings Court Residents Association in order to ensure safety for children and pedestrians and local drivers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/314)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Silversprings Court, Tivoli is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

8.19 **UPGRADE LIGHTING ON SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would seriously upgrade public lighting on Silverheights Road and Boherboy Road both of which are part of the No. 8 Bus route and have high pedestrian and traffic use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/315)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting on Silversprings Road and Boherboy Road will be examined and assessed for necessary measures to bring the lighting quality in the area to modern acceptable standards. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme or alternatively will be brought to the attention of the local Ward meeting for possible funding from Ward funds. Possible funding from the Green Routes Project will also be considered.

8.20 **CURBSTONES SURROUNDING THE GREEN AREA IN PARKVIEW**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council carry out a costing to replace the curbstones surrounding the green area in Parkview, Parklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 08/319)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the kerbs in this location have been damaged by cars parking on the edge of the green area. This would indicate that there is a shortage of available car parking spaces in this estate. Roads Maintenance will consult with the residents as to whether to reinstate the kerbs in the existing position or to possibly provide additional car parking spaces. A costing of the options will then be undertaken.

8.21 **HANDRAIL FOR STEPS TO LOWER BARRETTS TERRACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a handrail be located at both sides of the steps to Lower Barretts Terrace from Lower Barretts Buildings in view of the fact that there are a lot of elderly people in that area who find the steps very dangerous and furthermore, that a public light be located at the end of the steps as they are insufficiently lit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/320)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Roads Maintenance will seek quotations for the provision of hand rails at this location and carry out the work in the near future.

The public lighting at the steps to Lower Barrett’s Terrace from Lower Barrett’s Buildings will be examined and assessed for necessary measures to bring the lighting quality in the area to modern acceptable standards. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme or alternatively will be brought to the attention of the local Ward meeting for possible funding from Ward funds.

## 8.22 **FOOTPATH ON GARRANE LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths on Garrane Lane (i.e. from the Bishopstown Road to Woodhaven) and Laurel Grove in Bishopstown would be surveyed so as to replace and repair the surface of the footpath and to raise the height of the footpaths above the road surface level.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/321)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will inspect the footpaths at Garrane Lane and Laurel Grove and they will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme. In the meantime, we will carry out any repairs considered necessary.

## 8.23 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON FARRANLEA ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That additional traffic calming measures be introduced on the section of roadway at Farranlea Road from the junction at Farranlea Grove to Farranlea Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/322)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the section of roadway at Farranlea Road from the junction at Farranlea Grove to Farranlea Park will be examined and assessed for additional traffic calming measures, and any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme.

## 8.24 **REPAIR OF WALL OUTSIDE 29 LIMWOOD GROVE ONSLOW GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Given the unstable and dangerous condition of the wall outside 29 Limewood Grove, Onslow Gardens, I propose that Cork City Council would carry out repairs to same as a matter of urgency’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/270)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that remedial works will take place at this location in the coming weeks.

#### 8.25 **ONE WAY TRAFFIC – EVERGREEN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council look at a one way Traffic Management system to be installed to improve traffic flow on Evergreen St., Tower St. and Friar St.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/158)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that introducing one-way traffic systems and where possible to revert existing one-way systems to two-way. One-way traffic flows do not generally improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians, because of:

- (a) Increased traffic speeds and
- (b) Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.

There are other disadvantages such as:

- Reduction in local accessibility for traders and residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult
- Increased volumes of traffic in the opposite direction in a parallel ‘twined’ road.
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.)  
However, a meeting was held between public representatives, Gardaí and City Hall officials on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to discuss a possible one-way system in the Quaker Road/Tower Street/Evergreen Street area. It was decided to install a traffic management pilot scheme where:
  - Tower Street between junctions with Friar Street and Evergreen Street will be made one-way eastbound and
  - Evergreen Street between junctions with Tower Street and Friar’s Street will be made one-way northbound.

A local ‘traffic gyratory’ will thus be formed, and the trial period will be for six months after which time, the traffic management system will be reviewed and either modified or made permanent.

A public consultation process under the Roads Traffic Act 1994 will now begin to give a legal basis for the traffic changes.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

9.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

9.2 **HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 on the 2008 Housing Needs Assessment.

9.3 **OPEN AND TRANSPARENT HOUSING LIST**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer decision on the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 on the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will introduce an open and transparent Housing List. Housing List is 'live'. Applicants can view their position on the Housing List via the website using their individual reference and PIN number which is issued to the applicant on approval of their application. Alternatively, applicants can contact Allocations Section by phone or call to Customer Care.

Applicants can view their position and also view overall priority which may be given to applicants that satisfy the following criteria. Priority will be granted in the order shown and subject to the availability of suitable accommodation at the time:

(i) Families or persons living in dangerous premises on whom a requisition under Section 3 (9) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 has been served.

(ii) Displacement (resulting from acts of the Local Authority).

(iii) Families or persons rendered homeless through no fault of their own. A person shall be regarded by a housing authority as being homeless for the purposes of this Act if:

(a) there is no accommodation available which, in the opinion of the authority, he/she, together with any other person who normally resides with him/her or who might reasonably be expected to reside with him/her, can reasonably occupy or remain in occupation of, or

(b) he/she is living in a hospital, County home, night shelter, or other such institution and is so living because he/she has no accommodation of the kind referred to in paragraph (a), and he/she, in the opinion of the authority, unable to provide accommodation from his/her own resources.

- (iv) Families or persons evicted through no fault of their own on foot of a Court Order who are not in a financial position to provide their own housing.
- (v) Exceptional medical/compassionate grounds.
- (i) Persons aged 55 or over

Applicants with overall priority will be given priority over other applicants in the letting of available accommodation in the order of priority indicated above.

Where priority for housing accommodation is claimed on grounds consisting of or including medical grounds, regard shall be had to the report of the Council's Medical Advisers. The allocation of emergency accommodation is administered by the Homeless Persons Unit in conjunction with Cork City Council.

Applicants who find themselves in need of this type of accommodation must present to the Homeless Persons Unit who will arrange accommodation. They then must contact Cork City Council where their homeless situation will be assessed.

Cork City Council will compile the current Housing List and notify all applicants in writing of their position.

It is envisaged to produce the Housing List in six month period, that being twice a year and duly notify applicants.

Applicants will be waiting 3 years on average before offer of accommodation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Leary 08/084)

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of September, 2008.

10.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

10.3 **HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the Housing Needs Assessment, 2008.

#### 10.4 **DEVELOPMENT AT SPRIGG'S ROAD & ST. MARY'S AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 under Section 179 (3) of Planning and Development Act 2000 and the proposed development at Sprigg's Road and St.Mary's Avenue, Gurranabraher.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposed development will be located on a site measuring 0.16 acres (0.06 ha) situated between 58 Spriggs Road and 39 St Marys Avenue Gurranabraher, which is in the ownership of the City Council.

##### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

The proposed development consists of a total of 3 no. dwellings.

Access to the proposed development will be through Templeacre Avenue or alternatively Sunvalley Drive via Spriggs Road.

Details of the house types and development proposed are given as follows:

3 No 3 Bedroom two storey houses.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on the 18th September 2008.

One submission/observation indicating support for the proposed development was received within the specified period.

The site which is in the ownership of Cork City Council was overgrown and the location for illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour. The proposed Development will be carried out in conjunction with the proposed Spriggs Road Remedial Project.

There is substantial demand for social housing across the entire city. At August 28th, 2008 there were 3,668 eligible applicants seeking local authority housing with a further 1,275 applicants awaiting assessment. The proposed scheme will provide much needed accommodation and will help to meet housing demand on the Northside of the city.

The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan. The proposal has been considered by the Planning and Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate

and all have indicated that they consider the proposed development to be acceptable.

10.5 **PURCHASE OF 56 NO. DWELLINGS AT COPPINGER'S ACRE, BANTRY PARK ROAD**

Comhairleoir D. Wallace declared an interest in this matter and removed himself from the meeting for the duration of this item.

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 9<sup>th</sup> October on the proposed loan facility for the purchase of 56 no. dwellings at Coppinger's Acre, Bantry Park Road, Cork and the adoption of the following resolution:-

**“RESOLVED** in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €13,579,142 to cover all costs associated with the purchase of 56 no. dwelling houses at Coppinger's Acre, Bantry Park Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Clancy a vote was called where there appeared:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, A. Spillane, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch, J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O' Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham (23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy (2)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and report approved. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

**“RESOLVED** in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €13,579,142 to cover all costs associated with the purchase of 56 no. dwelling houses at Coppinger's Acre, Bantry Park Road, Cork.

10.6 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following disposal:-

- (a) Disposal of Freehold interest in property known as “Ravenscourt House” Skehard Road, Cork to Sean and Bernadette Keohane C/o William Fry Solicitors for the sum of €2,000 plus costs of €1,500.

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

11.1 **HOMELESSNESS – AN INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR CORK 2008 - 2011**

An Chomhairle approved the draft document “Homelessness – An Integrated Strategy for Cork 2008 - 2011” implementing previous amendments to the original document.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence

13. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

13.1 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR FOLKLIFE STUDIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn and M. Ahern at the Annual Conference of the Society for Folk Life Studies held in the Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

13.2 **“LE TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the attendance of the “Le Touche Legacy Seminar” conference held in Charlesland Golf & Country Club Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

13.3 **NORTH SOUTH CONFEDERATION OF COUNCILLORS SEMINAR – “THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT – 10 YEARS ON”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer and P. Gosch at the North South Confederation of Councillors Seminar – “The Good Friday Agreement – 10 Years On” held in the Clifden Station House Hotel, Clifden, Galway, on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

13.4 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2009/TRAINING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’ Flynn at the Local Government Budget 2009/Training Seminar for Councillors conference to be held in The Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008.

13.5 **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & ASSOCIATED HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Anti Social Behaviour & Associated Health and Safety Issues conference to be held in The Carrig Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary on the 31<sup>st</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008.

13.6 **AOIFE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell at the Aoife Annual Conference to be held in Carlton Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

13.7 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOCIAL INCLUSION SHOWCASE ANTI POVERTY LEARNING NETWORK MEETING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell at the Local Government Social Inclusion Showcase Anti Poverty Learning Network Meeting to be held in Tower Hotel, Waterford on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

13.8 **LAMA WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Lama Winter Conference to be held in TF Royal Hotel, Old Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo on the 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

14. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committees.

14.1 **2008 ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That (1) Upper Derrynane Road  
(2) O’Connell Crescent  
(3) Tonyville  
(4) Reendowney Place  
(5) Reeds Square  
(6) Evergreen Buildings 25 to 42 be included in the 2008 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/362)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.2 **GREEN AREA IN TONYVILLE OFF HIGH STREET**

‘That Cork City Council secure that green area in Tonyville off High Street. This would dispense with illegal parking on the green area, and we could then enhance the public realm by planting some flowers and trees.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 08/024)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

14.3 **NAME PLATES BE ERECTED TO ALL ESTATES IN DUBLIN HILL**

‘That Granite name plates be erected at the entrance to all housing estates in Dublin Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/299)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.4 **REPLACE THE FENCE ALONG MARIAN PARK**

‘That a new chain link fence to replace the old fence be created along Marian Park in the interests of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/300)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.5 **FUNDING FOR PROVIDING RESIDENTS PARKING**

‘That €500,000 funding be provided from development charges for the purpose of providing residents parking on some green areas in residential parks on the southside of the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/326)

**Planning and Development Functional Committee**

14.6 **BROWNINGSTON PARK WEST BE INCLUDED IN 2009 ESTIMATES**

‘That the footpaths in Browningstown Park West be put in the estimates for 2009 to be replaced as they are in poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/351)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.7 **BROWNINGSTON PARK EAST BE INCLUDED IN 2009 ESTIMATES**

‘That the road in Browningstown Park East would be put in the estimates for 2009 to be resurfaced as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/352)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.8 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT KILBRACK LAWN, SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install double yellow lines at both corners at the entrance to Kilbrack Lawn, Skehard Road as cars parking here make exiting the park safely almost impossible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/357)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.9 **CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS ON REENDOWNEY PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council would provide Children at Play signs on Reendowney Place approaching the green as the area is quite dangerous for young children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/361)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.10 **TIMING DEVICES AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

‘That Council install timing devices at all major pedestrian crossings as a means of improving road safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/366)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.11 **PARALLEL PARKING ON COURTOWN DRIVE, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council in the interest of safety for the children attending school at St. Mary’s on the Hill, Knocknaheeny, design and implement parallel parking on Courtown Drive, Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/375)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.12 **PARKING AT CHURCHFIELD AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council provide adequate parking outside 5 Churchfield Avenue, with a view to supporting the services at the Education and Rights Resource Centre, 5 Churchfield Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/379)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.13 **BYE LAWS FOR THE USE OF AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT ON CITY STREETS**

‘That Cork City Council would introduce the appropriate bye laws to control the use of generators and amplification equipment which are used by persons who are singing or playing instruments on the street within the city centre area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. C. O’Leary, Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/383)

**Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

14.14 **DERELICT SITE AT WYCHERLEY**

‘That Cork City Council carry out an investigation of a site at Wycherley Mews off College Road, containing an ugly shed, in order that the site be cleaned up and placed on the register of derelict buildings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 08/384)

**Planning and Development Functional Committee**

14.15 **SURVEY ON ROADS IN THE UAM VAR ESTATE**

‘That a survey, on the condition and traffic volumes, of all roads in the Uam Var Estate be undertaken and that a programme of resurfacing be prepared to take account of the findings of this survey.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 08/385)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.16 **RAILING ON WALL AT COURTOWN DRIVE**

‘That a railing be erected on top of the wall to the rear of Courtown Drive (between house numbers 44 – 60).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/387)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING IN HOLLYHILL LANE**

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place in Hollyhill Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/388)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.18 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ST. JOSEPH’S**

‘That Cork City Council would install public lighting from house numbers 8 – 16 in St. Joseph’s, Derrynane Road, Turner’s Cross. The lack of public lighting is impacting negatively on the quality of living for the people residing there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/390)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

14.19 **NUMBER OF PYLONS IN EACH OF THE WARDS**

‘That Cork City Council liaise with the ESB to confirm the number of pylons in each of the six wards and that it also seek a letter of indemnity from ESB accepting liability in respect of any damage to human health that may emerge in the future as a result of these pylons being in such close proximity to peoples homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/391)

**Corporate Policy Group**

14.20 **IRISH INSCRIPTIONS ON THE MAIN BRIDGES**

‘That Cork City Council, as previously agreed, restore the Irish inscriptions on the main bridges in the City particularly, St. Patrick’s Bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/392)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 14.21 **STREET TRADING REGULATIONS**

‘That Cork City Council considers an alteration in its street trading regulations in order to allow for activities that enhance the attractiveness of the City Centre after 6p.m. when the overwhelming majority of the retail outlets are closed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/393)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee  
Environment Functional Committee**

#### 14.22 **CLASS SIZES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Education to immediately roll back its proposals which were announced in the Budget that will see class sizes increased which ultimately affect the most vulnerable children in our society and which will also see the funding for school books in schools in disadvantaged areas seriously cut back school services in local libraries also effected and you will also see cut backs in English teachers in our schools. This is the only Government in the history of the state which as a matter of policy has increased class sizes. This will mean donations from parents and others will be needed to keep the school lights on.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/395)

A vote was called for to approve the motion where there appeared:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’ Callaghan, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin (5)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

#### 14.23 **MEDICAL CARDS FOR THE OVER SEVENTIES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to immediately rescind its decision to take Medical Cards off people over seventy and that they apologise to those people for the anxiety and stress which was caused by the decision to take away their Medical Cards which they announced in the recent Budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/396)

A vote was called for to approve the motion where there appeared:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O' Brien, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O' Callaghan, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham (16)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, F. Dennehy, M. Shields (6)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

14.24 **WASTE GROUND BETWEEN HALLDENE AND THE BALLINCOLLIG BYPASS**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with Cork County Council would seek to have the gate to the enclosed waste ground between Halldene and the Ballincollig By-Pass Locked at all times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/397)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

14.25 **RESURFACE THE PARKING SQUARES IN DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would resurface the parking squares in the Deanrock Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/398)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

15. **CASUAL VACANCIES**

15.1 **LEISUREWORLD COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle agreed to nominate Comhairleoir J. Buttimer to fill the vacancy on the Leisureworld Committee arising from the resignation of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir B. Bermingham.

Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien and M. Barry requested that their opposition to this matter be noted.

15.2 **RAPID – TOGHER/ MAHON COMMITTEE**

An Comhairle agreed to nominate Comhairleoir J. Buttimer to fill the vacancy on the Rapid – Togher/ Mahon Committee arising from the resignation of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir B. Bermingham.

16. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle discussed the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr to appeal to the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government to reconsider the reduction in Local Government funding to Cork City Council in 2009. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government requesting him to reconsider the Local Government Allocation to Cork City Council in 2009.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

***ARDMHÉARA***  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**