

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2008

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, 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, C. O’ Leary, 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. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning and Development &
City Engineer
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Mr. C. Dorgan, Communications Officer, Corporate Affairs
Mr. N. Carroll, Staff 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 Casey Family on the death of Nan Casey
- The Whooley Family on the death of Bart Whooley
- The Murphy Family on the death of Bríd Murphy
- The Bohan Family on the death of Sean Bohan
- The Boland Family on the death of Paddy Boland.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Ronan O’ Gara and his wife Jessica on the birth of twins and publication of Ronan’s autobiography.

- Cork Ladies Football Team on winning Ladies Senior All Ireland Football Final.
- Nemo Rangers GAA Club on winning Senior Football Championship.
- Douglas GAA Club on winning the Senior Camogie County Final.
- St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club on winning the Intermediate Premier Football County Championship, the U21 Football County Championship.

1. (c) **VOTES OF BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn.

2. **MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of Special Meeting of Whole Council held in Committee on 22nd September 2008 were considered and approved.
- b) The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd September 2008 were considered and approved

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **REFURBISHMENT PROJECT – CUSHING ROAD, FARRANREE**

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

- a) Can the Manager tell me what is the overall cost of the refurbishment project in Cushing Road, Farranree?
- b) How much has the Main Contractor lodged with City Council as a bond?
- c) How much have Cork City Council paid the Main Contractor to date?
- d) Has Cork City Council responsibility to ensure that all Sub-Contractors employed by the Main Contractor are paid in full?
- e) In the event of a Sub-Contractor not being paid in full, would they be entitled to seek payment from Cork City Council?

**Deferred from meeting of
22nd September**

- a) The contract sum is €10,634,650.39
- b) The Bond is for 25% of the contract sum.
- c) €5,298,654.24 has been paid to 13/10/2008
- d) The Council has no responsibility to ensure that all sub-contractors employed by the main contractor are paid in full. This is a matter for the main contractor.

- e) Sub-contractors who have not been paid in full are not entitled to seek payment from the City Council. This is a matter that should be taken up with the main contractor.

3.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE – WATERCOURSE MEWS, HODDENS LANE**

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

Can the Manager expedite the taking in charge of Watercourse Mews, Hoddens Lane. Reference planning number TP 19951/95 and finalise inspections and draw down the bond of €129,513.28 if necessary to complete any outstanding work.

As outlined to Council on 8th September, 2008, there are a number of items relating to Water, Roads, Public Lighting, Drainage and Parks that must be addressed by the developer before the estate can be taken in charge.

The developer has been notified of the items needing attention and has advised us that he is addressing these.

Once all works are completed to our satisfaction, we will take the estate in charge without any undue delay.

3.3 **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – CHURCHFIELD GREEN**

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

Due to the increasing instances of anti social behaviour in the area there is an urgent need to proceed with the blocking off of the alleyway on Churchfield Green. Would the Manager please inform me as to when we can expect this work to be completed.

Extinguishment of this right of way has already been approved.

The main elements of work for the closure of this laneway are the construction of a concrete block wall and the erection of a palisade fence on top of the said wall. It is planned to commence the construction of the wall in early November 2008 and the installation of fencing will follow the completion of the wall. It is anticipated that the works will be completed in December 2008.

3.4 **PROCESSING OF RECYCLING BAGS**

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

To ask the City Manager how the City Council processes the recycling that is collected every second week. As there is no waste segregation and the bags are strongly compacted in the dump trucks, can he assure Council that all materials are correctly recycled and that none end up in a landfill or being incinerated.

Cork City Council vehicles collect branded domestic recycling bags and deliver them to O'Donoghue Waste, a licensed facility at Waterfall near Cork. The material is then transported by Re-Gen Waste Ltd, the successful tenderer, to its recycling facility in Newry in the North of Ireland where the material is sorted. Re-Gen Waste Ltd provides Cork City Council with a report outlining where the material has been sent for recycling.

The national average percentage for contamination in recycling bins (ie ordinary waste that is deposited in recycling wheelbins) is in the order of 18%. However due to the practice of collecting recyclables in transparent bags the amount of contamination in the Councils kerbside collection is 9.78%. Re-Gen Waste Ltd dispose of this non recyclable material at a licensed landfill site.

3.5 **SUNDAYS WELL TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

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

Sundays Well Traffic Lights -

- (a) How long have the traffic lights at Wellington Bridge, Sundays Well Road been erected and when will they be turned on?
- (b) When will the traffic/pedestrian crossing at the junction of Sunday's Well Road/Shanakiel promised earlier this year, actually start?

The two traffic installations referred to in (a) and (b) above were to be installed as part of the traffic measures associated with the large housing development carried out by the Housing Directorate at Shanakiel. There are some local issues linked to residential parking at Wellington Bridge (Thomas Davis Bridge), and the Gardaí have some concerns in relation to the proposed traffic lights at Sundays Well Road/Shanakiel Hill.

The Traffic Division will begin a formal consultation process with the Gardaí under the Roads Traffic Act 1994 in order to empower it to commission both traffic signals, and it will also identify measures necessary to overcome the problems associated with the residential parking at Wellington Bridge. On completion of these processes, both sets of traffic signals will be turned on.

3.6 **SPATE OF JOB LOSSES**

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

Following my recent correspondence to you in relation to holding a full meeting of Cork City Council in committee regarding the recent spate of job losses, can you confirm whether you have spoken to any of the relevant bodies and whether this meeting will go ahead.

I have spoken to representatives from the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and FAS and they have confirmed their willingness to come to a Committee Meeting of Council to discuss efforts being made to secure additional job opportunities in Cork.

I would recommend that the City Council might formally request such a meeting and suggest a date on which it might be held.

3.7 **BUILDING ENERGY RATING**

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

To ask the Manager to provide a report for Council on what procedures the planning department propose to implement to ensure that applicants comply with the new BER assessments for new properties. Also to inform Council if these new energy rating requirements will have any implications for City Council housing stock.

As part of the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive**, a Building Energy Rating (BER) certificate will be required at the point of sale or rental of a building, or on completion of a new building. The onus to comply with this requirement lies with the developer/owner of the property. The BER will be accompanied by an assessment setting out recommendations for cost-effective improvements to the energy performance of the building. There is currently no legal obligation on vendors or prospective purchasers to carry out the recommended improvements.

Cork City Council, as the Building Control Authority, may demand copies of the Building Energy Rating (BER) Certificate for new private housing in support of demonstrating compliance with the requirements of the European Communities (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations, 2006 (S.I. No. 666 of 2006). Dwellings permitted under planning applications from 1st January 2007 require a BER cert when they are offered for sale or rent. The current City Development Plan states that in relation to Energy Efficient Design, development proposals will be expected to make full use of energy conservation techniques (POLICY BE 31).

The Draft Plan 2009-2015 reinforces this policy by requiring all applications to meet the highest standards of sustainable design and construction and conform in full with our sustainable energy policies.

The Housing Directorate have confirmed that in relation to existing housing stock, the BER requirements will apply to properties being allocated for tenancy after 1st January 2009. Arrangements are being put in place to provide requisite BER certification for properties as they become available for letting.

3.8 **UTILITY COMPANIES – NON EMERGENCY ROADWORKS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Could the Manager ensure that utility companies are not allowed carry out non emergency roadworks between the hours of 2200 and 0700 in residential areas?

In accordance with the “Directions for the Management and Control of Roadworks in Cork City”, all non emergency works can only be undertaken in the time period 08.00 to 23.00. All residents which may be disturbed by noise after 19.30 or at all times during weekends or public holidays, must be informed by the utility company/contractor in writing of the proposed works at least 2 days before the event. Noise related works (e.g. breaking-out, saw cutting, operation of pneumatic drills, running plant etc.) must not commence on a residential road before 09.00 on Saturdays, Sundays or on Public Holidays.

3.9 **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – ST. FINBARR’S CEMETRY**

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

The level of anti social behaviour has escalated in St. Finbarr’s Cemetery in recent times with Gardai being called – sometimes on two occasions on the one night. Vandals are engaged (mostly at week ends) in drinking, littering, making noise, breaking headstones and at least one beautiful stained glass rose window as well as showing total disrespect for our dead.

What level of security is Cork City Council providing to deal with this problem?

Is there a security firm employed to patrol the cemetery grounds and has the security firm a key in order to open the gates and drive to where these people congregate in the areas furthest from the gates?

There is no evidence of any damage being caused to headstones at St Finbarr’s Cemetery, but a number of youths are gathering at the Cemetery at weekends. The City Councils Park Rangers and a private security firm have been asked to monitor the Cemetery for the next few weeks. The Council will also look to

improve the fencing on the south west perimeter of the cemetery . Liaison will continue with the Gardai to assist in dealing with the issue of anti social behaviour.

3.10 **INSTALLATION – ONE WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM, TRAFFIC CALMING**

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

Why is there continued objections from Cork City Council to the installation of a one way traffic system from Quaker Road to Tower Street onto Friars Street and out through Evergreen Street including relevant traffic calming. The Councillors want it done, the majority of residents want it and the present system has failed to deal with modern traffic flows.

A meeting was held between public representatives, Gardaí and City Hall officials on Friday 10th 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.

3.11 **TRAFFIC VOLUMES – UAM VAR ESTATE**

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

Can the City Manager provide details on the percentage increase in traffic volumes using the Uam Var Estate in the past five years and how much of this is attributable to non-estate resident traffic and can he comment on the suitability and sustainability of the estate roads for this volume of traffic and what specific strategies can Cork City Council implement independently or in conjunction with other stakeholders to reduce the amount of non-estate traffic?

The City Council only carries out annual traffic counts at the City Boundary and at a cordon outside the City Centre. Regular traffic counts are not carried out in

residential estates because of the huge resources that would be required, and are only done at these locations where a specific need arises.

Similar to most large residential estates, Uam Var Drive is probably experiencing increased traffic volumes because of increasing car ownership rates. Uam var Drive has also a high student population (being adjacent to CIT), and car ownership figures for students have increased dramatically over the past five years.

Without doing comprehensive “origin and destination” surveys, (i.e. drivers are stopped and asked where they are coming from and going to), it is not possible to determine the extent of through traffic in the estate. However, in view of the road layout in the area, any amount of through traffic is probably relatively low and mainly related to local traffic accessing CIT, etc.

Any traffic problems in Uam Var Drive are best dealt with by traffic calming schemes, and some of the roads in the estate have had traffic calming devices installed. Further traffic calming schemes for the estate will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme.

4. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

1. Butter Exchange Band on their 130th Anniversary.
2. RNLI on 150th Anniversary of the Lifeboat Foundation in Ballycotton.
3. St. Finbarr’s Hurling & Football Club on winning the Senior and Under 21s Intermediate County Football Finals and the Runners Up St. Vincents & Nemo Rangers.
4. Association of Secondary School Teachers of Ireland (ASTI) on celebrating the centenary of its foundation.
5. Douglas GAA Club on winning the Senior Camogie County Final.
6. Nemo Rangers GAA Club on winning the Senior Football Championship.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’ Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital.

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed to invite the Health Service Executive to a meeting of Cork City Council to outline their plans for St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital.

5. **ST. FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the report of the City Manager dated 9th October 2008, on the Major Refurbishment of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2008

6. **CASUAL VACANCIES**

6.1 **CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir J. O' Callaghan to the Cork City Partnership Board.

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir C. Clancy to the Cork City Partnership Board.

6.2 **MEMBER OF ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved Comhairleoir M. Shields to fill the vacancy on the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy.

7. **MOTIONS**

7.1 **AIRCRAFT NOISE**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

'That Cork City Council would call on the Cork Airport Authority (CAA) to explore options for aircraft take off and landing that would avoid the Knocknaheeny/ Hollyhill Ridge as aircraft noise is becoming more of a nuisance with increased aircraft traffic.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/323)

7.2 **DISREGARDED TROLLEYS IN THE CITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council would engage in dialogue with large supermarket traders in Cork to reduce the number of trolleys that are discarded by customers in the city centre and suburban areas, and amongst other strategies, consideration might be given to the use of trolleys with automatic locking mechanisms and store specific identification tags.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/330)

Environment Functional Committee

7.3 **REDUCE VAT ON FOODSTUFFS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would call on the Government to reduce VAT on foodstuffs to help the public in these challenging times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/334)

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2008**

8.1 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR – SEPTEMBER 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the Cork Economic Monitor – September 2008.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’ Callaghan, An Chomhairle agreed to adjourn the meeting for five minutes to allow ward members discuss Item 8.2 (Proposed Variation (No. 9) to Cork City Development Plan 2004 – Farranlea Road.

8.2 **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO 9) TO CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – FARRANLEA ROAD**

Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald declared an interest in this matter and removed himself from the Chamber.

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 16th September, 2008 on submissions received on the Proposed Variation (No. 9) to the Cork City

Development Plan 2004 – Farranlea Road and the recommendation of the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee that the proposed Variation (No 9) to Cork City Development Plan 2004 – Farranlea Road be made by resolution of An Chomhairle, subject to the inclusion of an objective that any proposed development on the subject site would be restricted to a Community Health Facility.

“RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation (No. 9) - Farranlea Road, to Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the amendment proposed by the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting of the 22nd September 2008.”

Comhairleoir F. Dennehy proposed and Comhairleoir M. Ahern seconded an amendment to the recommendation to read as follows:

“That the proposed Variation (No 9) to Cork City Development Plan 2004 – Farranlea Road be made by resolution of An Chomhairle, subject to the inclusion of an objective that any proposed development on the subject site would be restricted **to a stepdown Community Health Facility of 100 beds.**”

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin a vote was called for that a vote be taken on the amendment to the recommendation of the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee from it’s meeting held on 22nd September 2008, where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O’ Connell, J. O’ Callaghan, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, T. Shannon, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, L. Kingston, M. Shields (15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, J. Corr, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer (9)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, a vote was called for on the amendment where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, M. O’ Connell, J. O’ Callaghan, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, D. McCarthy, C. O’ Leary. (3)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried. On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Ahern An Chomhairle approved the Proposed Variation (No 9) to Cork City Development Plan 2004 – Farranlea Road and further adopted the following resolution;

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation (No. 9) - Farranlea Road, to Cork City Development Plan 2004, subject to the inclusion of an objective that any proposed development on the subject site would be restricted to a stepdown Community Health Facility of 100 beds”

Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary requested his objection to this variation be recorded in the Minutes.

9. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2008**

9.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST AUGUST 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31st August 2008.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following conferences:-

11.1 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR FOLK STUDIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy at the Annual Conference of the Society for Folk Life Studies held in the Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 18th – 21st September 2008.

11.2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan & M. Ahern at the Local Government & Sustainable Economic Development Conference held in the Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow on the 23rd – 25th September 2008.

11.3 **GETTING A GRIP 2008 – “ADDICTION PROOFING OUR COMMUNITIES”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the Getting A Grip 2008 – “Addiction Proofing Our Communities” Conference held in the Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 2nd – 3rd October 2008.

11.4 **2008 LA TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn and S. Martin at the 2008 La Touche Legacy Seminar held in the Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, on the 3rd – 5th October 2008.

11.5 **FÉILE FRANK MCGANN SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the Féile Frank McGann Seminar to be held in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon on the 9th – 12th October 2008.

11.6 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the Freedom of Information Seminar to be held in the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 10th – 11th October 2008.

11.7 **LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCING – “A CRISIS IS BREWING; THE CHALLENGE FOR COUNCILLORS”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, P. Gosch, J. O’ Callaghan, J. Kelleher, T. Shannon, S. Martin and L. Kingston at the Local Authority Financing – “A Crisis is Brewing; The Challenge for Councillors” Conference to be held in the Killarney Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, Co. Kerry on the 16th – 18th October 2008.

11.8 **DR. DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE – 17TH – 19TH OCTOBER 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Shields and D. Counihan at the Dr. Douglas Hyde Conference to be held in Abbeyfield Hotel, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon on the 17th – 19th October 2008.

11.9 **L.A.M.A. ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan at the L.A.M.A. Annual Winter Conference to be held in the TF Royal Hotel, Old Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo on the 26th – 27th November 2008.

12. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committees:-

12.1 **LOWER CLARKE ROAD TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a survey of the footpath in Lower Clarke Road and include it in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/235)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 **PLAN TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC REALM MCDONAGH ROAD - FATHER DOMINIC ROAD AREA**

‘That Cork City Council create a plan for the improvement of the public realm in McDonagh Road, Plunkett Road, Sarahville Place, Killeenreendowney, Father Dominic Road and Connolly Green. Improvements to include footpath renewal and the creation of additional car parking spaces where circumstances permit, for instance, use of existing wide footpaths and the creative use of some green and tarmacadam areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/332)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.3 **PUSH BUTTON PELICAN CROSSING AT SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That a push button Pelican Crossing be installed on the Skehard Road near Holy Cross Church to enable pedestrians cross safely at this very busy location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/251)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.4 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL CARRIED OUT AT FERNEY GROVE, MAHON**

‘That a total Footpath Renewal Programme be carried out at Ferney Grove, Mahon, as they are in a very bad state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/252)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **FOOTPATH UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGE TO BE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

‘That the footpath under railway bridge at Lower Dublin Hill will be widened to allow wheelchairs and children’s buggies pass in safety and also that a safety railing be erected.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/297)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE ENTRANCE TO GLENTHORN ESTATE**

‘That double yellow lines are extended at the entrance to Glenthorn Estate to allow clear vision from the estate onto Dublin Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/298)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED SPEED SIGNS**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place electronically controlled speed signs in Parklands and Onslow Gardens in Fairhill. These areas have a lot of traffic coming through at speed, going to and from the Commons Road and it is important that the legal speed limit that applies at the moment in housing estates be displayed and be as visible as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/336)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **NEW DEVELOPMENT ON THE LANDFILL SITE AT BOTTLEHILL**

‘That Cork City Council will bring forward an up to date report on the new development of the Landfill Site at Bottlehill and also the remaining life span of the Landfill Site on the Kinsale Road and the report should include a projected opening and closing timescale for both Landfill Sites.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/337)

Environment Functional Committee

12.9 **ASPHALTIC OVERLAY FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department prepare a report for Council on the cost and effectiveness of the Asphaltic Overlay Footpath Renewal Programme for years 2005/ 2006/ 2007/ 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/342)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.10 **ARD PATRICK, ASSUMPTION ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take in charge Ard Patrick, Assumption Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/343)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

12.11 **PRESENTATION ROAD & PRESENATION CLOSE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD PROGRAMME 2009**

‘That Cork City Council include Presentation Road and Presentation Close, Gurranabraher for speed ramps under the Roads Programme 2008/2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/345)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.12 **DOUGLAS HALL MEWS, WELL ROAD BE INCLUDED IN THE 2009 ESTIMATES**

‘That the footpaths in Douglas Hall Mews, Well Road would be included in the Estimates for 2009 to be replaced as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/346)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 **FOOTPATHS IN WHITETHORN ESTATE, DOUGLAS ROAD TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2009 ESTIMATES**

‘That the footpaths in Whitethorn Estate Douglas Road would be included in the Estimates for 2009 to be replaced as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/347)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.14 **OPPOSITION TO INTRODUCTION OF WATER CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC SECTOR**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘That this City Council reiterates its opposition to the introduction of water charges for the domestic sector.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 08/348)

12.15 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR ARDFALLEN**

‘That Cork City Council would look into the feasibility of providing a pedestrian crossing near Ardfallen to facilitate the many people, including the elderly living in Ardfallen who use this stretch of road to access the bus service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/349)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.16 **ROAD WORKS AT TRAMORE ROAD, FRIAR’S WALK AND KINSALE ROAD JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency seek to complete an outstanding Road Works Programme that has been left unfinished at the Tramore Road between Friar’s Walk and Kinsale Road Junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/350)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **DISC PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF CONNOLLY PARK AND LOWER POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will take immediate steps to introduce Disc Parking to the roads in the vicinity of Connolly Park and Lower Pouladuff Road, as these residential estates are now being used as a park and ride facility for UCC and residents are being greatly inconvenienced by indiscriminate parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/354)

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

12.18 **JUNCTION OF BLACKROCK ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the junction of Blackrock Road and Church Road from a pedestrian viewpoint. Some three years ago a new footpath was laid from Menloe Stores to Church Road. However the path comes to an end at the Church Road junction and is designed in such a way that it is impossible to cross Church Road safely when you are heading towards St. Michaels National School or Blackrock village. There is zero visibility of traffic coming from Church Road towards Blackrock Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/356)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.19 **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)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

12.20 **DERELICT LIGHT STANDARDS**

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of urgency replace the derelict light standards on the green between Upper Lotabeg Road and Silverheights Avenue as they are not only derelict but also dangerous and that the remaining public lighting in this area be replaced early in 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/359)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.21 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT MONASTERY HILL**

‘That Cork City Council agrees to carry out a survey to introduce traffic calming measures at Monastery Hill, off Blarney St.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/360)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.22 **NAME PLATE FOR BUCKLEY’S MEADOWS, MAHON**

‘That Buckley’s Meadows, Mahon be name plated and numbered; the numbering to indicate one area as numbers one to thirty two and the remainder of the houses thirty three to forty three. The absence of these signs is causing great difficulties for medical visitation, postal services, taxis etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 08/363)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

12.23 **GREEN MAN CROSSING ON UPPER POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That a green man crossing be installed at a suitable location on Upper Pouladuff Road in order to facilitate residents of Croaghtamore Gardens, Ard na Rí and Parnell Terrace. The lack of a footpath on one side of the above road is a serious safety issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/365)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.24 **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)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

12.25 **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)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

12.26 **PARKING SITUATION AT UPPER EDWARD WALSH ROAD, TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council’s Road Department will look at and review the current parking situation at the green area of Upper Edward Walsh Road, Togher. As the parking and access for pedestrians to their homes is not appropriate for the residents needs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/369)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.27 **LOCAL LITER PLAN FOR WILTON AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a local litter plan for the Wilton area which would include areas of Donnscourt, Cardinal Court, Wilton and Summerstown and which would also include the Wilton and Sarsfield Road roundabouts and walkways.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/370)

Environment Functional Committee

12.28 **BULKY GOODS COLLECTION**

‘That the Bulky Goods Collection as operated in 2007 and 2008 would be extended to include areas of Bishopstown not previously included specifically those areas south of the Curraheen and Bishopstown Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/371)

Environment Functional Committee

12.29 **JUNCTION BOXES FROM DEANROCK ESTATE ON THE TOGHER ROAD TO SUPERVALU**

‘That to call for installation of junction boxes at the entrance from Deanrock Estate onto the Togher Road and from Supervalu Car Park onto the Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 08/372)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.30 **IMPROVED TRAFFIC CONTROLS AT WILTON GARDENS/WILTON ROAD JUNCTION.**

‘The bus lane on Wilton Road is now totally ignored by motorists and traffic chaos is a continuous occurrence with a huge increase in traffic on that route practically all day, particularly since the academic year began. Serious problems are being experienced by motorists assessing and egressing Wilton Gardens, Laburnum and adjoining areas. The residents of the above areas and the general public deserve to be accommodated and in that context I am once again suggesting that the above junction be controlled by traffic lights. In view of the proposals to install new arrangements at the main junction of CUH and Wilton Shopping Centre and the proposal to provide a new signalised pedestrian facility to facilitate the proposed Beacon Hospital, I am calling on Cork City Council to install traffic lights at the junction of Wilton Gardens/Wilton Road to facilitate residents who have lived in these areas and contributed to their community for a lifetime.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 08/374)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting

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