

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER 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, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan, 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 and City Engineer.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community
Mr. P. Moynihan, A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. N. O’Donnabháin, Executive Planner, Planning & Development.

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 Lyons Family on the death of Brendan Lyons
- The Hennebry Family on the death of Maureen Hennebry
- The Barrett Family on the death of Michael Barrett.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Cork Senior Ladies Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland
- Liz Meaney, Arts Officer and all persons involved in organising the very successful Culture Night.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to the Cork Senior Ladies Football Team who are playing in next Sundays Football All Ireland Final.

1. (d) **INVITATION**

An Chomhairle agreed to accept an invitation to participate in the bi-centenary celebrations of the North Cathedral.

2. **MINUTES**

(a) The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8th September 2008 were considered and approved.

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER**

Comhairleoir J. O' Callaghan proposed and Comhairleoir M. Barry seconded the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital.

A vote was called where there appeared:

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O' Callaghan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Shields, Ardmhéara, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, F. Dennehy (6)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and it was agreed to discuss this matter at the finish of the business of the meeting.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **GREEN ARROWS – TURNERS CROSS AREA**

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

a) What is the delay in putting a Green Arrow to turn right from Murphy Row into Evergreen Road.

- b) A Green Arrow to go straight up Scabeg, South Douglas Road from Evergreen Road while traffic is coming straight down against you and
- c) That a Green Arrow to turn right from Kinsale Road into Greenlawn while traveling towards Turner's Cross.

All of the junctions in question were assessed by the Green Route consultants in terms of operation and proposed upgrading. The proposed works and any changes to phasing and staging, including Right Turn Arrows, has been completed.

The use of Green Arrows, which has to be set up as an exclusive movement on traffic signal junctions, is dependent on particular site conditions with reference to lane assignments, the percentage of right turners and the potential for turning through gaps in the opposing flow.

- a) There is a single lane on the Murphy Row approach with right turners moving into the junction on a Full Green to wait for a gap. The junction would benefit from the use of a Green Filter which the Traffic Division will now schedule for installation this year.
- b) The Green Arrow to go straight up Scabeg, South Douglas Road from Evergreen Road was removed on works specified for the Green Routes contract. There is only a single lane on the approach which would mean right turners would block vehicles intending to go straight giving rise to frustration. This anomaly was removed once the Green Route works improved capacity on the junction. The use of a Green Arrow to go straight up Scabeg, South Douglas Road from Evergreen Road is not recommended.
- c) The Kinsale Road - Greenlawn junction is configured to cater for the largest right-turning traffic flow into Pearse Road. A Green Arrow is shown at the end of green for vehicles travelling outbound from Turner's Cross. The few vehicles wishing to turn right into Greenlawn have ample opportunity to do so in gaps. The use of a Green Arrow to turn right from Kinsale Road, which would impact adversely on the operation of the junction, is not recommended.

3.2 **TURNING CIRCLE – HAWTHORN MEWS, DUBLIN HILL**

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

Can a turning circle be constructed in the Upper Park of Hawthorn Mews, Dublin Hill Estate to facilitate vehicles because of the poor access for emergency vehicles entering and leaving the Park?

This work is not included in the 2008 Roadworks Programme but can be considered for inclusion in next year's Programme, possibly under the Estates resurfacing programme.

3.3 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEMES – TEMPORARY CONVENIENCE LETTING**

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

The current clawback period on Affordable Housing Schemes is ten years. As the Manager is aware, there are schemes across the city where residents have signed Temporary Letting Agreements in the understanding that it would only be for a matter of weeks, however, due to no fault of the residents, protracted delays have meant that residents have now being paying rent for over two years, with contracts still left unsigned.

Can the City Manager indicate if this period when a “Temporary” Letting Agreement was in place can be off-set against the clawback period?

Under the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2002, Section 9(3)(a) defines the clawback period as being 20 years from the date of sale of the affordable property to the applicant.

The granting of a Temporary Convenience Letting does not constitute a sale, therefore, Cork City Council have no discretion in regard to backdating the clawback period to commencement of the Temporary Convenience Letting.

3.4 **HOUSING ADAPTATION SCHEME**

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

To ask the Manager Has Cork City Council written to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government with regard to securing additional funding in support of their Housing Adaptation Scheme? Will the Manager please inform Council as to how many applicants are currently waiting for this grant?

As outlined previously, Cork City Council has written to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government requesting that consideration be given for a further allocation of monies. The Department are currently reviewing their funding for the scheme and have informed Cork City Council that they will revert in approximately a month’s time.

The number of files currently awaiting grant approval is 326.

3.5 **TARMAC GRAVEL PATH AT FAIRFIELD**

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

Can the City Manager tell me when the gravel path surrounding the Fairfield will be tarred as promised by the Council early this year?

Work on the footpath will commence next week.

3.6 **LANE CLOSURE – MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE AND DOYLE ROAD**

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

When is it proposed to close the laneway linking Mount Pleasant Avenue and Doyle Road?

The right of way over this laneway has already been extinguished.

The methods (walls/railings/gates etc) of implementing this closure are currently being investigated.

It is envisaged that the laneway will be closed by the end of 2008.

3.7 **BONDS FOR UNFINISHED ESTATES**

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

Can the Manager please confirm that builders/developers have adequate bond finance in place to ensure that unfinished estates can be completed to standard?

When planning permission is granted for estates, it is the practice of the Planning Directorate to attach a condition to the planning permission requiring the developer to put a bond in place to ensure the estate is completed to City Council standards.

This bond remains in place until all work is completed to the satisfaction of Cork City Council.

3.8 **PAINTERS DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

How many Painters are directly employed by Cork City Council?

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3.9 **CIT – DEVELOPMENT OF A REMOTE PARK AND RIDE FACILITY FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS OF C.I.T.**

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

Can the City Manager indicate if there has been any discussion with the CIT re the development of a remote Park and Ride facility for staff and students attending the college, and if he would make a statement on the issue?

There have been no recent discussions with CIT in relation to a remote Park & Ride facility for the students and college.

Some years ago, a study on a joint strategy for Park & Ride facilities for CIT, CUH and UCC was produced. However, the three institutions involved did not act on its recommendations and proceeded to deal with the issue independently, (both UCC and CUH have now their own remote P&R facilities).

The City Council supports these initiatives and will lend their support to any future P&R proposals from any of the three institutions.

3.10 **GREEN AREA – WILTON COURT**

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

When will the unsightly wire “pen” be removed from green open space in Wilton Court (Near NO71) and the grass area re-instated? It was erected to store materials when the walls on Sarsfield Road were being built about five years ago and is not now serving any purpose.

It is intended to have this work completed by end of October

3.11 **CORK CITY COUNCIL - PAYROLL**

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

Can the Manager inform Council as to –

- (a) the number of workers employed by the Council who are on temporary contracts that are due to expire before December 31, 2009
- b) the number of workers employed by the Council who are due to retire between now and December 31, 2009
- c) the number of hours overtime worked by Council employees in any given month this year?

The information sought is being compiled in preparation for a report on the implications of the 3% cut in payroll costs.

3.12 **BANTRY PARK ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

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

a) What development contribution did Cork City Council receive in Bantry Park Housing Development.

b) How many Housing Units have Cork City Council purchased.

c) What was the purchase price for –

4 Bedroom Units

3 Bedroom Units

2 Bedroom Apartments

2 Bedroom Duplex

(a) A sum of €250,736.00 is due in respect of contribution for the scheme and will be deducted from monies owed to the developer in respect of the acquisition of units under the terms of the agreement reached for sale.

(b) The City Council has agreed to acquire these units for Affordable Housing. The agreement states that following 2 no. refusals by nominated affordable housing applicants, the City Council will then acquire the said unit. To date the Council has purchased no units.

(c) Under the term of the agreement an average purchase price of €240,000 has been agreed.

4. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved Civic Reception for Mr. Gerry Ray, who recently cycled from Cork to Dublin return for charity.

5. **NORTH MONASTERY SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager dated 18th September 2008 on the North Monastery School.

6. **DRAFT FARRANFERRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the Draft Farranferris Local Area Plan to the next meeting of the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee.

Comhairleoir M. Barry requested his objection to this matter be noted.

7. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle agreed proposed Schedule of Meetings for October 2008 to December 2008 for a trial period with the exclusion of the Strategic Policy Committees, the meetings of which are to be arranged by respective Chairs.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 13th JUNE 2008**

8.1 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services dated 6th June, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put an end to the excessive fees related to the Affordable Housing Scheme. That this Council abolish the practice of candidates for this scheme being forced to pay up to €100 per week once offered a house even if they cannot move into the property immediately, leaving many in the unacceptable and unfair position of paying for a house which they are not residing in for many months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/263)

The City Manager agreed to have a comprehensive report prepared on the relevant issues for Members before the end of October 2008.

8.2 **DEVELOPMENT AT BOHERBOY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th June, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council withdraw its planning application to build circa 148 units at Boherboy Road because the density is far too high, the roof type being proposed is not in keeping with that in use in the general area and no consultation has taken place with either elected representatives or residents in relation to design and density. Furthermore, Cork City Council has left works undone at Lotamore, Ashford Heights and Lios Ard and urgently needs to address serious design faults in relation to Dun Ard and all these issues need to be addressed in conjunction with a suitable housing proposal for the land at Boherboy Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/349)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council had submitted a planning application to Cork County Council for the provision of 148 housing units, a childcare facility and a multi user games area (MUGA). The City Council is satisfied that the scheme as submitted is in accordance with the proper planning for the area, is

a high quality sustainable housing development and will provide much needed social and affordable housing in the area.

The Ward Members and the local community were consulted and circulated with the plans for the development in advance of the planning application being lodged with the County Council.

The City Council will request Cork County Council to take Lotamore Estate in charge and will carry out any necessary repairs in this regard. The Council have appointed Consulting Architects to review the scheme in Dun Ard and a further report will issue to the Members of the Housing Functional Committee in due course.

8.3 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT HOLLYHILL LANE – REFUND TO APPLICANTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services dated 6th June, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Council calls on the Housing Department to pay 100% refund on all rents paid on temporary contract leases by successful affordable housing applicants at Hollyhill Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/339)

The City Manager agreed to have a comprehensive report prepared on the relevant issues for Members before the end of October 2008.

9. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th SEPTEMBER 2008**

9.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31st August 2008.

9.2 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for year to 31st August 2008.

9.3 **COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE GRANT SCHEME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services on the Community Maintenance Grant Scheme 2008.

9.4 **CNOC MHUIRE, FAIR STREET.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11th September 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council remove the rubbish on regular intervals at Cnocmhuirea, Fair Street, Cork as people are dumping there illegally. Can you please send a litter warden up there once in a while also? Please also arrange for the facility to be painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/286)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Waste Operations have removed rubbish in the past that has been dumped on the footpath outside Cnoch Mhuire was also considered. The area will be monitored and rubbish examined with a view to establishing if possible the perpetrators with a view to prosecution under the Litter Act. This is normal practice in relation to indiscriminate dumping.

The other matters in the motion will be referred to the relevant Directorates.

10. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE 15th SEPTEMBER 2008**

10.1 **TWINNING GRANTS**

An Chomhairle approved deferred Twinning grant allocation of €561.06 to Ó Bheal.

10.2 **20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORK/ COLOGNE TWINNING.**

An Chomhairle approved that Cork City Council would participate in the Twinning anniversary celebrations in Cologne on 11th October, 2008 and that Comhairleoirí D. Murphy and M. Quill would travel to Cologne as part of the official delegation. An Chomhairle also approved the payment of €500 to Mr. James Clancy, Cork photographic artist who is hosting a photographic exhibition as part of the celebrations.

10.3 **42ND INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS GAMES, SAN FRANCISCO**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs dated 11th September 2008 on the 42nd International Childrens Games. An Chomhairle also approved that a sum of €8838 be paid to the Cork Women and Schoolgirls League as a contribution towards costs incurred in attending the games.

10.4 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development on Housing Estates dated 11th September, 2008.

10.5 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 10th September, 2008 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred to 31st August, 2008.

10.6 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11th September, 2008 on Planning Enforcement Statistics to 31st August, 2008.

10.7 **GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE POWER OF BORD PLEANÁLA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11th September 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to reduce the power of Bord Pleanála in relation to its ability to overturn Local Authority decisions in relation to decisions made by Local Authorities. Bord Pleanála was given the power to be a faceless and unaccountable quango by Government and Dáil Éireann and where local planning decisions to refuse planning permission for Off Licences and other socially undesirable activities are overturned then Government and TD’s must be responsible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/226)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that An Bord Pleanála was established as an independent appeals body in 1977 under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1976 and is responsible for the determination of appeals and certain other matters under the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2006 etc. Prior to this appeals were determined by the Minister for the Environment.

In determining appeals the Board is restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the area of the planning authority within which the proposed development is situated. The Board is among other things obliged to have regard to the provisions of the Development Plan of the Planning Authority as well as any general policy directives as to planning and development issued by the Minister.

The constitution and powers of the Board are a matter for the Government.

10.8 **ARD CAIRN CHURCHYARD LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11th September 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would make good Ard Cairn Estate, Churchyard Lane as the bond has expired and the statutory time for making a claim has passed and that City Council would take the Estate in Charge as soon as possible’.

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 08/233)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that following discussions with the developer of Ardcairn, I confirm that the Planning and Development Directorate issued a request to the Roads and Transportation Directorate to initiate the Taking-In-Charge procedure.

I can confirm that Roads advertised this taking in charge on 12th August 2008.

10.9 **PARKING SPACES WITH CITY CENTRE APARTMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11th September 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That in order to ensure that residents in city centre apartments have adequate parking space, Council will amend its planning policy to ensure that parking spaces provided with a development as part of its planning conditions cannot be sold or leased at a later date.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/254)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that residential Parking Standards are set out in the Cork City Development Plan and parking is an integral element of overall landuse and transportation policy within the city.

It is the practice when making decisions on planning applications that the Planning Authority includes a condition restricting car parking spaces to owners/occupiers where appropriate.

11. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**
15th SEPTEMBER 2008

11.1 **BYE-LAWS TO OUTLINE HEIGHT REGULATIONS OF HEADSTONES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council agree to introduce a Byelaw to outline height regulations etc. regarding the erection of headstone memorials in our graveyards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/316)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consent of the City Council must be sought in writing from the Council prior to erection of headstones and that a maximum height of 7 ft. was now in place was also considered by the Committee.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

13. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

13.1 **THE ANNUAL ENERGY SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Annual Energy Seminar held in the Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on the 7th – 9th March 2008.

13.2 **LAMA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the LAMA Annual Spring Conference held in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 27th – 28th March 2008

13.3 **KERRY ENVIORNMENTAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O’Callaghan and T. Shannon at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry on the 2nd – 6th April 2008.

13.4 **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF RAPID**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Implementation of Phase 2 of Rapid Conference held in Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 30th April 2008.

13.5 **THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN COMMUNITY & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Role of Local Government in Community & Rural Development Conference held in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry on the 8th – 9th May 2008

13.6 **9TH ANNUAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the 9th Annual Regional Assembly Conference held in the Marriott Druids Glen Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow on the 16th May 2008.

13.7 **14TH BYRNE / PERRY SUMMER SCHOOL 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy at the 14th Byrne / Perry Summer School 2008 “From ‘Murder Machine’ to Modern Education” Conference held in the Christian Brothers School, Wexford Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford on the 27th – 29th June 2008.

13.8 **95TH AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the 95th AMAI Annual Conference 2008 held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on the 10th – 13th September 2008.

13.9 **12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE “ON-TAP – TRAINING, AFFORDABILITY, PLANNING”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the 12th Annual Conference “On-Tap – Training, Affordability, Planning” held in White’s Hotel, Wexford on the 11th September 2008.

13.10 **THE SOCIETY FOR FOLK LIFE STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Society For Folk Life Studies Annual Conference to be held in The Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry from the 18th – 21st September 2008.

13.11 **COUNCILLORS TRAINING SEMINAR – ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Councillors Training Seminar – Energy Efficiency Conference to be held in Mannin Bay Hotel, Ballyconnelly, Clifden, Co. Galway from the 19th – 21st September 2008.

13.12 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the Local Government & Sustainable Economic Development Conference to be held in The Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow from the 23rd to the 25th September 2008.

13.13 **CITIZEN FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CITIZEN FIRST – USING TECHNOLOGY TO INCLUDE ALL CITIZENS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. O’ Callaghan at the Citizen First International Conference to be held in Clare County Council Offices & The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare from the 25th – 26th September 2008.

13.14 **GETTING A GRIP 2008 “ADDICTION PROOFING OUR COMMUNITIES”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Getting a Grip 2008 “Addiction Proofing Out Communities” Conference to be held in The Malton, Killarney, Co. Kerry from the 2nd – 3rd October 2008.

13.15 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Freedom of Information Seminar for Councillors Conference to be held in Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick from the 10th – 11th October 2008.

13.16 **LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCING – A CRISIS BREWING, THE CHALLENGE FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan and J. Buttimer at the Local Authority Financing – A Crisis Brewing, The Challenge for Councillors Conference to be held in the Killarney Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, Co. Kerry from the 16th – 18th October 2008.

13.17 **DR. DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE – LOST IN TRANSLATION – AMÚ IN AISTRÍÚCHÁN**

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

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Anti Social Behaviour & Associated Health & Safety Issues to be held in The Carrig Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary from the 31st October – 1st November 2008.

13.19 **LAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – CUMANN CHOMHALTAÍ NA NÚDARAS ÁITIÚIL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, D. Counihan and M. Shields at the LAMA Annual Winter Conference – Cumann Chomhaltaí na nÚdarás Conference to be held in the TF Royal Hotel, Old Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo from the 26th – 27th November 2008.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **ST. JOSEPH ROAD – ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include St. Joseph Road in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/234)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME AT PIC DE JER CLOSE**

‘That a Footpath Renewal Programme be carried out at Pic de Jer Close, Ballinlough as it is in a very poor state of disrepair. This work should be included in the 2009 Roads Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/249)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **PROVISION OF PARKING BAYS FROM ROADS PROGRAMME BUDGET 2009**

‘That €250,000 be set aside in the Roads Programme Budget 2009 for the provision of parking bays on green areas, that are surplus to requirements, on the Southside of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/250)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **RESURFACE OF MEADOW PARK AVENUE**

‘That the roads in Meadow Park Avenue be resurfaced as part of our Roads Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/290)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **YELLOW BOX TO BE PLACED AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That a yellow box be placed at the entrance from Silversprings Court, Silversprings Road, to assist traffic exiting from Halcon Drive, Silversprings Court, Ashmount Estate as it is extremely difficult to exit due to heavy traffic on Silversprings Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/296)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS**

‘That Cork City Council puts in place a coordinated plan involving interested stakeholders such as Cork City Sport Committee, UCC, CIT, Tourism Interests, Hoteliers etc. with a view to Cork City hosting competition countries participating in the London 2012 Olympic Games and to commence discussions with London 2012 Olympic Games as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/309)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

14.7 **RESIDENTS PERMIT SCHEMES – PÁIRC UÍ CAOIMH**

‘That Cork City Council would introduce a Residents Permit Scheme in and around the residential estates near Páirc Uí Caoimh, given that these roads are often closed off when matches are being played and residents have difficulty gaining access to and from their homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/312)

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

14.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would evaluate the narrow strip of road between the start of the Ballinlough Road and Bellair, with a view to installing appropriate traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/313)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **SPEED RAMPS IN HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency put speed ramps in Hollyville Estate, with a view to reducing speed in the interest of safety, for the large number of children living there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/318)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **AIRCRAFT NOISE**

‘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 Knowcknaheeny/Hollyhill Ridge as aircraft noise is becoming more of a nuisance with increased aircraft traffic.’

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

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

14.11 **SIGNPOST HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN CITY CENTRE**

‘That churches and other historic buildings be clearly signposted in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/324)

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14.12 **REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME AT PEARSE SQUARE IN 2009 ESTIMATES**

‘That funding for a refurbishment programme for Neighbourhood Shopping Centre at Pearse Square in Ballyphehane be provided in the 2009 Estimates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/325)

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14.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE CROSS DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place on the Cross Douglas Road to slow down traffic going through this very busy stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/327)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.14 **DEVELOPER OF SOUTH RIDGE & ASHMOUNT TO COMPLETE OUTSTANDING WORKS**

‘That Cork City Council insist that the Developer of South Ridge and Ashmount complete outstanding works immediately so that both estates can be taken in charge and can officials confirm that the bond in place is being maintained at level sufficient to fund outstanding works should the developer fail to do so.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/328)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

14.15 **MAINTAINING THE QUARRY STEPS, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a review of the usefulness, if any, of maintaining the quarry steps, Ballyhooley Road as the are appears to function as no more than a centre for anti social behaviour which should be closed off.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/329)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.16 **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)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

14.17 **EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE TOGHER ROAD/
TRAMORE ROAD JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of the effectiveness of the traffic lights at the junction of Togher Road and Tramore Road and that A yellow junction would be placed on Togher Road to facilitate residents entering and leaving the estates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/331)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.18 **UTILISATION OF CONFERENCE EXPENSES**

‘That this Council would allow Councillors who do not utilise their full allocation of conference expenses to redirect the surplus towards the provision of outstanding traffic-calming measures in their ward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 08/332)

Corporate Policy Group

14.19 **GREEN FIELD LANE, COVE STREET – CLEAN UP OF SITE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out an investigation of a site at Green Field Lane, Cove Street, in order that the site be cleaned up and placed on the register of derelict buildings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/333)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

14.20 **REDUCE VAT ON FOODSTUFFS**

‘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)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

14.21 **RESURFACE CARRIAGEWAY – BERNADETTE WAY BALLINLOUGH**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a Bulky Goods Collection in 2009, in order to facilitate residents of Turners Cross and Greenmount, who need to dispose of Fridge Freezers, Washing Machines, Cookers, and other such domestic goods.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 08/335)

Environment Functional Committee

An tArdmhéara declared the meeting at an end with all remaining items deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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