

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 9th JUNE 2008

- PRESENT** An Leas Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir T. Shannon 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 C. O’Leary, 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, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir M. Ahern
- 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. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior 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 Aherne Family on the death of Thomas Aherne.
- The O’Connor Family on the death of Rory O’Connor.
- The O’Connell Family on the death of Matthew O’Connell.
- The McIntosh Family on the death of Mrs. McIntosh.
- Tracy Family on the death of Brendan Tracy.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

- Organisers and participants of the Cork City Marathon on its recent success.
- David Forsyth & his wife on the birth of their son.

- H.S.E. Gardaí, City Council and all those involved in coordinating events in the City
- Organisers of the “Mad Pride” Festival held in Fitzgerald Park.
- Meathal na Mara on its continued success.
- Ballinlough Community Association on celebrating its 40th Anniversary.
- John X Miller & Staff, Cork Vision Centre on the celebration of their 10th anniversary.
- Emergency services who were in attendance at the incident in Shandon St. on 9th June, for the efficient and professional service provided.

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

- Comhairleoir Denis Cregan on a speedy recovery

2. **MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th May, 2008 were considered and approved.
- (b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Whole Council in Committee held on 3rd June 2008 were considered and approved, with the following amendments; that the attendance of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien at Special Meeting of 3rd June 2008, be noted.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **STATUS OF THE FARRANFERRIS LAP**

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

To ask the City Manager to give a comprehensive report to Council on the current status of the Farranferris LAP outlining;

- (a) How many submissions were made on foot of the Public Notice?
- (b) What efforts, if any, have been made to progress this issue and prepare a report for Council?
- (c) When he intends to bring a report before Council for consideration?
- (d) What timeline he envisages for the adoption by Council of the plan?

(a) 32 submissions were received. They are very wide ranging and come from local community groups, local residents, schools, sports clubs, Bishop Buckley, Service Providers to disability groups, City Councillors, and social housing providers.

(b) The submissions have been summarised and work is ongoing on pulling out and addressing the main issues raised. Most but not all of the submissions related to the future use of the Farranferris College and the lands around it. The issues raised included very briefly:

- support for the general concept of reuse of Farranferris College for educational or community purposes such as third level institute, life-long learning, provision of training courses, and training and education for various groups with disabilities
- concern about traffic generation/congestion from any new developments, need for public transport
- identifying the need for sports and recreational facilities to be retained and expanded
- need to protect the unique character of the area: the historic buildings, the landscape, the ridges, the trees, flora and fauna
- view from a number of submissions that any residential development should be private as there is already a lot of social housing in the area. Other submissions referred to scope to provide for some voluntary housing, and sheltered housing in the area.
- Submissions from Bishop Buckley and his agents regarding their overall proposal for redevelopment of Farranferris as an education and training campus, with associated retail and crèche facilities and a residential scheme and a public park.

Further investigation is underway into these issues in particular to examine the traffic and access issues in the area, the recreational and amenity needs in the area and wider issues in the surrounding area.

(c) The intention is that the draft Local Area Plan will go to the Planning and Development SPC on 22nd September and then on to Council.

(d) Once Council agree to issue the draft plan for consultation, the statutory time frame set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 and 2002 commences. It starts with a period of public consultation of 6 weeks, following this a Managers report is submitted to Council within 6 weeks, Council have 6 weeks to consider it. If Council decides to amend the draft plan the amendments go out for consultation for a further 4 weeks. Following this a second Managers report is prepared for Council who then have 6 weeks to make or amend the plan.

3.2 **SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATIONS 2008**

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

In relation to the Social Housing Allocations 2008 from Central Government, under the former Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal Minister Batt O’Keeffe, T.D., can the Manager inform me:

- (a) The amounts allocated to Cork City Council under both Housing Supply and Housing improvements.
- (b) How much is allocated for Regeneration Schemes and where is the funding allocated to and for what purposes.

(a) The report of the Director of Services Housing & Community Services dated 29th May 2008 on Circular Letter N6/08 Social Housing Allocations 2008, to the Housing Functional Committee, sets out the allocation as follows :

Housing Construction - €75,800,000.

Regeneration Works - €15,000,000.

Remedial Works - €10,000,000.

Central Heating - € 2,750,000

TOTAL €103,550,000

- (b) €15m has been allocated for Regeneration Schemes. The majority of these monies will be spent on on-going works associated with Knocknaheeny Regeneration. A lesser amount will be spent on The Glen Regeneration.

3.3 **WATER PRESSURE IN SUMMERSTOWN ESTATE**

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

Could the inadequate domestic water pressure in Summerstown Estate, Glasheen Road be checked and rectified as soon as possible? At present house holders are complaining of poor water pressure which affects the proper use of showers, washing machines etc. What is the estimated time scale to have this work completed?

Preliminary investigations indicate that there isn't any apparent problem with the public supply network in the area concerned. More detailed pressure and flow tests will now be carried out together with spot checks at houses in the Summerstown Estate / Glasheen Road area. The results arising will facilitate identification of the source of the problems reported as well as potential solutions.

3.4 **REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO THE STORAGE OF WHEELIE BINS**

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

Could the Manager state if there are City Council Regulations in relation to the storage of wheelie bins and if so, what action is being taken by Council officials to ensure that wheelie bins are not a health and safety hazard to the public.

The regulation of the presentation of household and commercial waste presented by persons for collection and disposal is the subject of bye-laws entitled Cork Corporation (Presentation of Waste in Wheel-Bins) Bye-laws 2000.

Sections 7, 8 and 9 outline the times that wheelbins should be presented for collection and removed after their collection.

7. Every person so presenting predominantly household waste shall present not earlier than 9.00 p.m. on the evening immediately proceeding the day arranged for such collection and shall recover the wheel bin not later than 6.00 p.m. on the day of such collection;
8. Every person so presenting predominantly commercial waste shall present not earlier than 9.00 p.m. on the evening immediately proceeding the day arranged for such collection and shall recover the wheel bin not later than 6.00 p.m. on the day of such collection;
9. Notwithstanding bye-laws 7 and 8 herein, every person so presenting waste within the city centre shall not present earlier than 3.00 a.m. on the day arranged for such collection and shall recover the wheel bin not later than 1.30 p.m. on the day of collection:

Wheel bins should also be placed so as not to 'cause an unavoidable obstruction to or interference with amenity to users of the public road, public footpath or other place or other public place'.

Improperly presented or abandoned wheelbins on the public road or footpath can also be dealt with under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2003, if it is deemed that they are creating litter in a public place.

Any complaints in relation to the above are investigated as soon as possible and appropriate action taken.

3.5 **ARD CAIRN, BALLINTEMPLE**

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

To ask the Manager, further to my motion to City Council last year, would the Manager update City Council on the present position regarding the taking in charge the estate known as Ard Cairn, Ballintemple.

- (a) What discussions have taken place with the developer in this regard.
- (b) What list of outstanding works has been identified.
- (c) What time scale has been agreed between City Council and the developer for outstanding work to be completed.
- (d) Is a bond in place and for what amount, and will City Council encash this bond and complete the outstanding works if the developer will not do so in a timely fashion.

I am awaiting specific data in relation to the cost of finalising any outstanding works and will give a full report at the next meeting.

3.6 **AMOUNT OF PITCHES THAT ARE OWNED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below;

How many playing pitches are owned by Cork City Council and will the Manager detail the number of pitches that are allocated to each sporting organisation?

There are a total of 58 playing pitches on lands owned by Cork City Council, and leased or licensed to various clubs, 39 soccer pitches, 16 GAA pitches, 1 camogie pitch and 2 rugby pitches.

3.7 **SNAG LIST FOR CASEY'S LAND NOT YET COMPLETED**

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

Further to my question of April 14th, to ask the City Manager why all the snags in the affordable housing scheme in Casey's Land haven't been completed? Given that they were to be finalised within four weeks of my original question and eight weeks has now lapsed.

The list of snags has now been substantially completed. A number of residents were not contactable and this inter alia has led to minor delays in the completion of outstanding issues which at this stage are minor in nature. They will be completed forthwith.

3.8 **LEASING OF LAND BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

Can the Manager please advise if Cork City Council is leasing land at trivial rents to parties who are in turn subletting some or all of the land to third parties at substantial rents. If such arrangements are in place have they been approved by Council or the Local Government Auditor?

In the discharge of its functions Cork City Council has entered into thousands of leasing and rental agreements for properties in its ownership. For social and community reasons, our policy for such arrangements allows for the rental / leasing of property at nominal rates or at rates less than market levels, e.g. G.A.A. clubs, social housing, sporting associations, community facilities, etc. The policy has allowed the provision of important social, cultural, recreational and community facilities which in turn has contributed meaningfully and substantially to the city's social and community infrastructure. Cork City Council has, on occasion, allowed sub-letting arrangements. Such arrangements are subject to consent being obtained.

All disposals of property are subject to the procedures and controls provided for in legislation (including the formal approval by Council as a reserved function). The Local Government Auditor does not have an approval function in relation to disposals, but regularly reviews the City Council's property transactions as part of the statutory audit process.

3.9 **PROJECTED LOSS OF CUSTOMERS AVAILING OF CITY COUNCIL'S REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE**

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 what is the projected loss of customers availing of Cork City Councils refuse collection service for the period June 07 to May 08?

- (a) How many waiver forms have been issued during this period?
- (b) What was the total cost to Cork City Council to implement the waiver system?
- (c) Has Cork City Council contacted customers who opted out of the service pre 2007 and offered any incentive to take up the service again?

In June/July 2007 the Council contacted the customers who opted out of the service in previous years. Brochures were issued to **7,595** former customers, outlining details of a special offer for the period to 31st December 2007. This offer was available irrespective of past payment history. It provided for a standing charge of €100 for the remainder of the year with the purchase of tags as necessary. This offer was taken up by **249** former refuse collection account holders

The City Council had 2,195 fewer customers in 2007 compared to 2006. During 2007, the Council approved 11,842 waivers at a cost of €3,377,898. Details of the 2008 customer numbers and waiver approvals will not be available for a number of weeks.

3.10 **UPDATE ON THE REPORT FOR THE NEED FOR ROADWAY FROM ARDROSTIG CROSS TO MELBOURN ROAD**

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

Can the City Manager provide an update on the progress on the report on the need for the roadway from Ardrostig Cross to the Melbourn Road and what is the current funding situation for the completion of a relief road to the west of the CIT?

Work is underway on the report on the need for the roadway from Ardrostig Cross to Melbourn Road. The report will be completed and submitted to the City Council in approx. 8 weeks time.

In relation to funding for the completion of a relief road to the west of CIT, there are no funds available in the 2008 budget for this road.

Cork City Council in partnership with Cork County Council completed a study of the Traffic Situation in Bishopstown. This study recommended that a new By-Pass Route be constructed west of Bishopstown, linking the proposed Ballincollig By-Pass to the Cork Institute of Technology/ Model Farm Road.

A request jointly with Cork County Council for a grant of €5m in 2008 to commence work on both of these schemes was sought but was not approved by the Department.

3.11 **DROP OF APPLICANTS ON THE HOUSING REPORT DATED 29th MAY**

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

Given that the number of applicants on the Housing Report 29th May indicates a drop of approx. 3,000 applicants –

What is the reason for the drop in figures.

What is the profile of the 3,506 applicants e.g. how many –

Couples

Couples with children

Adults + children

Single Adults

A statutory assessment of housing need is carried out every three years by Cork City Council. The 2008 assessment is currently nearing completion and is resulting in a decrease in the number of applicants seeking local authority housing. A full report will issue to Council once the assessment has been completed in full.

4. **DEVELOPMENT IN SHANDON**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 5th June 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the City Manager's Report dated 5th June 2008 on Development in Shandon.

5. **ANNUAL REPORT 2007**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the Annual Report 2007.

6. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered the Schedule of Meetings for July to December 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, An Chomhairle agreed that the Special Meeting of Council (City Development Plan) scheduled to take place on 25th June would be deferred to 30th June at 5.30 p.m.

An Chomhairle also agreed that the meeting of Ordinary Council scheduled to take place on 22nd December be brought before the next meeting of Party Whips to agree an acceptable date.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE– 3rd JUNE 2008**

7.1 **CAP THE NUMBER OF TAXI LICENSES ISSUED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Council calls on the Minister for Transport and the Taxi Regulator to cap the number of taxi licenses in Cork City and other cities nationwide.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 08/214)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the regulation of taxi licence numbers is a matter for national regulation and the Minister of Transport.

8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE– 3rd JUNE 2008**

8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th May, 2008 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended May, 2008.

8.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT LANEWAY CONNECTING BAKERS ROAD TO PRESENTATION ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th May 2008, regarding the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at laneway connecting Bakers Road to Presentation Road. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT**

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way at the existing laneway connecting Bakers Road to Presentation Road, is extinguished forthwith”.

8.3 **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORK COUNTY COUNCIL AND CORK CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION OF NEW BRIDGE OVER THE TRAMORE RIVER AT KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th May 2008, regarding Section 85 Agreement between Cork County Council and Cork City Council for the construction of section of new bridge over the Tramore River at Kinsale Road. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT**

That Cork City Council being of the opinion that its function in relation to the development and construction of that section of the new bridge over the Tramore River at Kinsale Road in the City of Cork being in the functional area of Cork City Council should be performed by Cork County Council and Cork County Council being able and willing so to perform that function, it is hereby resolved that Cork City Council shall enter into an agreement with Cork County Council for the performance by Cork County Council of that function on behalf of Cork City Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.”

8.4 **TONYVILLE – 2008 ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Tonyville off High Street be included in the 2008 Estate Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/157)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Tonyville is not included in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme. We will consider this location for inclusion in next year’s programme.

8.5 **ONE WAY TRAFFIC – EVERGREEN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th May 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)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer this report back to Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

8.6 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATH ON FAIRHILL DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that Cork City Council would repair the footpath outside the houses number 79 through 87 Fairhill Drive as they are in a very poor state of repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Mc Carthy 08/127)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this footpath will be repaired as part of the Roads Programme 2008.

8.7 **FOOTPATHS IN SUNDRIVE PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Sundrive Park would be included in the Roads Programme for 2008 as they are in poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. O’Flynn 08/182)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Sundrive Park are not included in the 2008 Roads Programme. We will consider this location for inclusion in next year’s programme.

8.8 **CROSSING ON PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a Green Man Crossing would be placed on Pearse Road between the local shopping centre and Maria Assumpta Convent Primary School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/184)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Pearse Road between the local shopping centre and Maria Assumpta Convent Primary School in order to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility.

If the warrants are met and the provision of the crossing is deemed necessary, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.9 **ROAD SURFACE – BOHERBOY CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a thorough review of the condition of the road surface at Boherboy Close with a view to scheduling it for inclusion on the Estates Resurfacing Programme. Council should bear in mind that there has been considerable wear and tear due to development works at Ashmount and consequent erosion of local road surfaces should be funded from the substantial development charges collected by City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 08/189)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the carriageway at Boherboy Close was not selected for inclusion in the 2008 resurfacing programme. This street will be reconsidered for inclusion in next year’s resurfacing programme.

8.10 **RE-OPEN LOVER’S WALK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council act immediately to reopen Lover’s Walk by taking the necessary measures required and by levying the cost on the party(ies) responsible.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 08/190)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is expected that work to repair the dangerous wall at Lovers Walk will commence shortly. This work is being organised by the landowner involved and is expected to take approximately three months. The road will then be reopened to traffic.

8.11 **ROAD RE-SURFACING TO ROSE HILL SUNDAYS WELL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out remedial resurfacing to Rose Hill, Sunday’s Well, as a matter of urgency as residents cars are being damaged due to the poor condition of the road and that the full resurfacing of the road should take place as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 08/191)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Rose Hill Upper (aka Hyde Park) has not been Taken in Charge, therefore we are not in a position to carry out this work.

8.12 **TRAFFIC SURVEY IN PARKLANDS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a traffic survey in Parklands to determine what traffic calming measures are necessary to slow down traffic going through the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 08/192)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Parklands is already on 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.

8.13 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – BISHOPSTOWN AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the public lighting on Bishopstown Avenue would be investigated and additional lighting be installed if required.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 08/195)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting on Bishopstown Avenue will be examined in order to identify measures necessary to bring the system to modern standards.

Any identified measures necessary to improve the public lighting will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.14 **STREET LIGHTS AT CHERRY TREE ROAD, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the standard public street lights at Cherry Tree Road, Togher be replaced with more sturdy and vandalism proof lights.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 08/196)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting at Cherry Tree Road, Togher will be examined in order to identify measures necessary to bring the system to modern and more robust standards.

Any identified measures necessary to improve the public lighting will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.15 **SAFETY BARRIERS ON COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th May 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Council agrees to erect a safety barrier in the middle of the motorway opposite the Statoi Service Station on Commons Road to prevent dangerous drivers exiting and blindly crossing two lanes of oncoming traffic on this very busy highway, which otherwise will result in fatalities.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. O’Callaghan 08/197)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer the report of the Assistant City Manager back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

8.16 **YELLOW BOX - SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a hatched yellow box would be placed at the junction of the Cross Douglas Road and South Douglas Road – to allow residents easier access onto the South Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr L. Mc Gonigle 08/200)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Cross Douglas Road and South Douglas Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be installed at this location.

8.17 **YELLOW BOX - JACOBS ISLAND**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would paint a hatched yellow box on the Mahon Point side of the Mahon interchange a bridge to allow traffic from the tunnel and Jacobs island the opportunity to cross the bridge and get on to the Mahon Link Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr L. Mc Gonigle 08/201)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction at the north of the Mahon Interchange Bridge will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be installed at this location.

8.18 **REPAIR TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND PROVIDE A FOOTPATH - KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair traffic lights and provide a section of footpath at Kinsale road near junction leading into Blackash park n ride ensuring public safety for pedestrians crossing at this dangerous junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/202)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic lights at the junction of Old Kinsale Road and the link road to the Black Ash Park & Ride facility will be checked out and any necessary repairs will be carried out immediately.

The issue of the footpath will be checked out by the Green Route consultants and any required extension of the footpaths in the area will be provided from Green Route funding.

8.19 **REMOVE PART OF THE GREEN AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that Cork City Council would remove part of the green area between numbers 64 and 86 Knockpogue Ave to allow for residents car parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. McCarthy 08/101)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area was not selected for inclusion in the 2007 Green Areas to parking scheme. The area will be reconsidered for inclusion in any future programme.

8.20 **REPAIRS IN FAIRFIELD SQUARE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that Cork City Council would repair the potholed road, and parking area surfaces in Fairfield Square as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 08/152)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that repairs will be carried out in this area in the near future.

8.21 **FOOTPATHS IN BEAUMONT LAWN, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Beaumont Lawn, Blackrock would be replaced as a matter of urgency as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/187)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Beaumont Lawn, Blackrock will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme. In the meantime any remedial repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

8.22 **FOOTPATHS IN LINDEN AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Linden Avenue would be replaced as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/205)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Linden Avenue will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme.

8.23 **PUBLIC LIGHTS IN CAR PARK ADJACENT TO BLACKROCK CASTLE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would turn on the public lights that are already installed in the car park adjacent to Blackrock Castle in an effort to alleviate the ongoing anti-social behaviour that occurs there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle & Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/207)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the lighting in the car park associated with Blackrock Castle/Observatory was provided as part of the overall scheme of refurbishing the castle and the construction of the observatory. This project was managed and controlled by the Corporate Affairs/Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorates and the issue of the turning on of the lights will be referred to them.

8.24 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON LOWER FRIARS WALK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That in the interests of safety double yellow lines be placed on Lower Friars Walk near the junctions of:

- (a) Killeenreendowney Ave
- (b) Reendowney Place and Tory Top Lane

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/208)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junctions of

- (a) Lower Friar’s Walk/Killeenreendowney Ave
- (b) Lower Friar’s Walk/Reendowney Place and Tory Top Lane

will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí, and if it is deemed appropriate, yellow lines or other appropriate parking controls will be installed.

8.25 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can traffic calming measures be introduced on the Old Whitechurch Road, near Garveys Bridge, to show speeding vehicles approaching Garveys Bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/210)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Old Whitechurch Road is already on 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.

8.26 **CLEANING OF MAJOR ROAD SIGNS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake to establish a schedule of works to begin cleaning major road signs around the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/211)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a sign cleaning operation will be undertaken in the City over the summer months. Signs on the major national roads, e.g. South Ring Road will be referred to the NRA who are responsible for maintaining and cleaning such signs.

8.27 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF BOHERBOY ROAD AND SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take immediate steps to introduce traffic lights at the junction of Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane as traffic using Boherboy Road has increased following development of Ashmount and City Council itself wants to build further housing at Boherboy Road/ Lotamore.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/212)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there are three sets of traffic lights on Silversprings Lane/North Ring Road between the junctions with Colmcille Avenue and at Tinker’s Cross. As well as carrying major strategic traffic between the N20 (Limerick Road) and the N8 (Dublin Road), this section of roadway is also part of the Mayfield Green Route.

The provision of additional traffic lights at the junctions of Boherboy Road/Silversprings Lane and was considered as part of the Green Route project in the area, and this was rejected on safety grounds because of the existence of traffic signals close-by. The

situation is being monitored and will be reviewed during the general overall review of the operation of the Green Routes in the City.

8.28 **PAINTING OF NAMEPLATE AT IONA PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council arrange for the immediate painting of the nameplate at Iona Place on Iona Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/213)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the painting of the nameplate at Iona Place on Iona Road will be added to the list of Nameplates works to be carried out and will be dealt with as part of the 2008 painting programme.

8.29 **YELLOW JUNCTION BOXES AT EARLWOOD ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install yellow junction boxes at the entrances to Earlwood Estate from Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/217)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Togher Road and Earlwood Estate will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be installed at this location.

8.30 **UPGRADING OF TINKER’S CROSS, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th May 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a plan to upgrade the environs of Tinkers Cross Mayfield, including the shopping centre, the entrance to the industrial estate and the signage thereto and the overall unkempt appearance of the roadways particularly the road leading to Upper Glanmire.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Quill 08/124)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Quill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer the report of the Assistant City Manager back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

8.31 **ALL CYCLE-WAYS TO BE PROTECTED**

In the absence of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That all cycle-ways be “protected” from other road users by the provision of plastic road furniture, poles about one metre high, set at intervals of every two metres along the cycleway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/366)

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd JUNE 2008**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

9.2 **SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATIONS 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th May, 2008 on Circular Letter N6/08 Social Housing Allocations 2008.

9.3 **PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WELLSPRINGS DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 29th May 2008 on Circular Letter N6/08 Social Housing Allocations 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th May, 2008 and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

‘**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a grant of €100,000 to be made to Wellsprings, of Wandesford Quay, Cork to help off-set the expenditure incurred in setting up of a non-residential care centre at Sharman Crawford Street, Cork.’

9.4 **WALL ADJACENT TO PRESENTATION PLACE AND TOWNSEND PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council put a railing on top of the wall adjacent to 1 and 2 Presentation Place and Townsend Place. People are using the wall as a rat run and engaging in anti-social behaviour’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/159)

The report of the Director of Services stated that discussions are on-going with Cope Foundation, who are developing the site adjacent to these properties, with a view to securing the boundary.

9.5 **SHARED OWNERSHIP SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Shared Ownership Scheme would be replaced by a scheme based on the provision of an equity loan that would allow second hand houses be used for affordable housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/209)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Shared Ownership Scheme is a National Scheme provided under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.

At present the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government are in the process of reviewing / revamping current Housing Legislation with a view to drafting a new Housing Bill. These issues will be raised with the Department of the Environment.

9.6 **BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of its tenants to determine the level of uptake of broadband Internet connectivity, to identify possible barriers to such an uptake, and to develop a programme of strategies to encourage and promote broadband connection.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/178)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the uptake of broadband internet connectivity is a matter of choice for each tenant and Cork City Council does not currently envisage undertaking a survey to develop a programme of strategies for broadband connection.

9.7 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposal:

a) **Disposal to Peter & Angela Wolfe**

Disposal of Right of Way situated at rear of “Ilfracombe”, Douglas Road, Cork, to Peter and Angela Wolfe, c/o Guest Lane, Williams & Co., Solicitors, Trinity House, 8, George’s Quay, Cork.

b) **Disposal to Purchasers under Affordable Housing Scheme**

An Chomhairle considered the following disposal under the Affordable Housing Scheme.

Disposal of 28 No. dwelling houses at Hollyhill Heights, Hollyhill, Cork to various purchasers under the Affordable Housing Scheme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, a vote was called for on the disposal of 28 no. dwelling houses at Hollyhill Heights, Hollyhill, Cork to various purchasers under the Affordable Housing Scheme where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, J. O'Callaghan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer. - (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O' Leary, F. Kerins.- (5)

An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the disposal approved.

c) **Disposal to Douglas Hurling & Football Club**

Disposal of land approximately 5.11 acres in area situated at Galways Lane Douglas Cork to the Trustees of Douglas Hurling and Football Club, c/o Colm S. O' Riain & Company, Solicitors, 4, Washington Street West, Cork., for the sum of €10 plus costs.

An Chomhairle considered the disposal of land to Douglas Hurling & Football Club.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Barry, a vote was called for on the holding of this disposal in Committee for further consideration where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O' Leary, F. Kerins.- (5)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, J. O'Callaghan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.- (19)

An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the disposal of land to Douglas Hurling & Football Club not to be held in Committee.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Barry, a vote was called for on the disposal of land to Douglas Hurling & Football Club, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, J. O'Callaghan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.- (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O' Leary.- (3)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the disposal of land to Douglas Hurling & Football Club approved.

The objections of Comhairleoirí M. Barry & C. O'Leary to the disposal of land to Douglas Hurling & Football Club at their request, was noted.

d) **Disposal to Shandon Boat Club**

An Chomhairle approved the disposal of property at The Marina, Cork part by way of a 99 year Sporting Lease and part by way of Licence to the Trustees of Shandon Boat Club c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn, Solicitors, 12, South Mall, Cork, at an annual rent of €10.00 per annum.

Shared Ownership

a) An Chomhairle approved the disposal of the Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 9 Bakers Road, Gurrabraher, to David O' Donoghue and Norma Weldon for the sum of €143,534.41

Fee Simple

a) An Chomhairle approved the disposal of the freehold interest in the dwellinghouse and premises situate at and known as "Traboh", St. Joseph's Drive, Montenotte, Cork to Flan and Ann Wiley for the sum of €50.80 together with costs in the sum of €450.00.

10. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders and continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.30 p.m

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle considered correspondence..

12. **CONFERENCES**

12.1 **IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF RAPID**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Implementation of Phase 2 of RAPID held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 30th April, 2008.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and C. Clancy 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.

12.3 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the Local Government Housing Service held in the Bellingham Castle Hotel, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth on the 6th – 8th June 2008.

12.4 **95TH ANNUAL AMAI CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Kingston and M. O’Connell at the 95th Annual AMAI Conference to be held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on the 10th – 13th September 2008.

12.5 **CARLOW TOURISM MCONFERENCE – SUCCESS ON YOUR DOORSTEP – MANAGING YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FOR TOURISM GROWTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell and P. Gosch at the Carlow Tourism Conference – Success on your Doorstep – Managing your Local Environment for Tourism Growth to be held in the Ramada Hotel & Suite, Killybet Golf Resort, Killerig, Co. Carlow on the 18th – 20th June 2008

12.6 **BYRNE/PERRY SUMMER SCHOOL-“FROM ‘MURDER MACHINE’ TO MODERN EDUCATION?”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, J. O’Callaghan, M. O’Connell and P. Gosch at the Byrne/Perry Summer School-“From ‘Murder Machine’ to Modern Education? Conference to be held in the Byrne Perry Summer School, Gorey, Co. Wexford on the 27 – 29 June 2008.

12.7 **28th MACGILL SUMMER & ARTS WEEK**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri J. Corr, J. O’Callaghan and P. Gosch at the 28th MacGill Summer & Arts Week to be held in Glenties, Co. Donegal on the 12th – 19th July 2008.

13. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant committees.

13.1 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS – WILTON GARDENS & WILTON ROAD**

‘That traffic lights be installed at the junction of Wilton Gardens and Wilton Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/182)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.2 **INNER CIRCLE, WILTON GARDENS INCLUDED 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the inner circle of Wilton Gardens be included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/184)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.3 **PARKING BAYS AT KILNAP GREEN**

‘To facilitate residents of the area, I propose that Cork City Council incorporate parking bays for residents on the green area in Kilnap Green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 08/188)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.4 **FREE ROAD LICENCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

‘I propose that any senior citizens in receipt of the state pension that wish to acquire a road licence should have the licence issued to them free of charge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Dave. Mc Carthy 08/224)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.5 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT RICHMOND/ CLANRICKARDE, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Traffic Department in consultation with local residents carry out a traffic survey at Richmond/ Clanrickarde, Blackrock which is being used as a rat run by motorists, with a view to implementing a No Right Hand Turn into Clanrickard from the Boreenmanna Road and a No Right Hand Turn into Richmond from the Blackrock Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/243)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 **FOOTPATH AT MAHON TERRACE, BLACKROCK**

‘That a total footpath renewal programme be carried out at Mahon Terrace, Blackrock as they are in a very poor state of repair.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/244)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.7 **PARKING SPACES WITH CITY CENTRE APARTMENTS**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 **AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION – TO ALLOW TAXIS PARK AT BUS STOPS**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That Council calls for legislation to be amended to allow taxis to park at bus stops outside of bus operational hours.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/255)

13.9 **UPGRADE – ENHANCE AREA AT NASH’S BOREEN, FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with Cork County Council combine efforts to upgrade and enhance the public realm of Nash's Boreen, Fairhill to include:

- a. The complete resurfacing the road where necessary where responsibility rests with each Council.

- b. Provide a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Nash's Boreen on Upper Fairhill.
- c. That all boundary walls where responsibility rests with Cork City Council be repaired and reinstated.
- d. That both Councils combine and implement a litter and environment strategy in maintaining the Boreen in the interest of public health for all the residents.
- e. Upgrade the public lighting
- f. The clarification and completion of the housing developments on the Boreen.
- g. Erect Slow signs and exit notices on the road.
- h. That both authorities publish any future plans for this historic part of the city.

(Proposer Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/256)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.10 **RESURFACE CARRIAGEWAY – BERNADETTE WAY, BALLINLOUGH**

‘That Cork City Council would resurface the carriageway of Bernadette Way, Ballinlough, given the very poor condition of the surface.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/257)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.11 **REPORT ON HIGH RATE OF HOUSING OFFERS**

‘That Cork City Council as part of its scheme of letting priorities would compile a report on the high rate of housing offers that are being refused by applicants, which are averaging over thirty per cent each month and that the report should outline the reasons why applicants are consistently refusing offers of housing with some applicants refusing as many as three or four offers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/258)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.12 **RELOCATING THE LIBRARY IN KNOCKNAHEENY, HOLLYHILL TO A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION**

‘That Cork City Council would urgently look at relocating the Library in Knocknaheeny Hollyhill to a more suitably identified premises in the area in view of the ongoing problems associated with the current premises in the Hollyhill Shopping Centre, which has forced the Library to close to the public particularly over the last couple of weeks and that Cork City Council should engage with the owner of the property so that the problems which have forced the Library to close can be addressed as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/259)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.13 **SPEED CAMERAS ON THE OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the Gardaí arrange for locating fixed speed cameras on the Old Youghal Road as boy racers are a cause of serious danger to pedestrians and motorists particularly near the exit/ entrance to Murray’s Centra and at the nearby traffic lights.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/260)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.14 **REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF BORD PLEANALA**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council calls for a complete review of the operation of Bord Pleanala which in effect functions as a faceless, unaccountable, quango.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/261)

13.15 **BYE-LAW TO REGULATE THE PURCHASE OF SPRAY PAINT CANISTERS**

‘That Cork City Council would introduce a bye-law that would regulate the purchase of spray paint canisters (similar to those used in graffiti crimes) and that such canisters could be confiscated when there is no obvious use for the products, in a bid to reduce the amount of graffiti crimes being perpetrated all over the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/262)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

13.16 **KENELY ROAD BE INCLUDED IN ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2009**

‘That Kenely Road would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/263)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.17 **HALLDENE GROVE BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2009**

‘That Halldene Grove (Lower) would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2009’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/264)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting

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