

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 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, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. C. Dorgan, Communications & Irish Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

A wreath laying ceremony at the graves of, Terrence McSwiney and Tomás MacCurtain, Former Lord Mayor’s, is being organised for December 7th next, beginning with mass in the SMA Church in Wilton at 9.00 a.m.

1.(b) **ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

An event is being organised for Shandon on the evening of 21st December next as part of the Christmas celebrations. The event will conclude with an Ecumenical Service at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

- the Kenneally Family on the death of Mr. Jack Kenneally.
- the O’Leary Family on the death of Sheila O’Leary.
- the Lynch Family on the death of Emma Lynch.
- the O’Sullivan Family on the death of Donie O’Sullivan.

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

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

- Bob Seward and the Organising Committee of the Successful organising and staging of the World War One Remembrance Concert held on November 2008.
- To the Munster Rugby Team for their tremendous performance against the touring All Blacks Rugby Team.
- To Bus Eireann, An Garda Síochana, and to the Roads & Transportation Directorate and particularly Mr. Pat Casey and Mr. Dan Buggy for the development of the Bus Wednesday Initiative.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10th November 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS IN YEAR ENDED 2007**

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

Could the Manager please tell the Council the total amount paid to external consultants in the year to 31st December, 2007. Could the Manager break down the amounts paid to the areas of expertise covered by the consultants.

a) The total amount paid to external consultants in 2007 was €10,875,158

b) This can be analysed as follows:

Architectural	4,417,556
Engineering	4,279,194
Planning	674,494
Quantity Surveyors	537,024

Economics / Management	424,973
Environmental	417,857
Financial	44,861
Transportation Planning	44,026
Archaeology	29,123
P.R.	6,050

3.2 **ST. LUKES PLAN**

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

When work on the Plan is due to commence.

If there is a delay in the agreed commencement date to state the reason for that delay.

When it is planned for the work to be complete.

If he can confirm the cost of the work and if he can confirm that the funding for the work is ringfenced for the sole purpose of completing the Plan as agreed by the elected representatives after due consultation with traders and residents and all interested parties.

- a) On-site construction activity is scheduled to commence during March 2009.
- b) Construction activities were originally due to commence in November 2008 however following discussions with An Gardaí Siochana's Traffic Division this date was rescheduled. This rescheduling was requested in order to ensure that the traffic sensitive component of project would occur during the summer months.
- c) The work will take six months to complete due to the complexities of maintaining access and through traffic. Therefore all work will be complete for the schools reopening in September.
- d) The Cost is expected to be in the order of € 0.8 Million.

3.3 **INSPECTION ON ST. MARY'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL**

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

Could the Manager please tell me if an inspector employed by City Council's Fire Department carried out an inspection in St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital in the

recent past. Can the Manager please tell me if a negative report was issued as a result of the inspection.

No Fire Prevention Officers from Cork City Council have inspected St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital in the recent past. No report has been issued by the Fire Department.

3.4 **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2006**

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

To ask the City Manager with regard to a recent Parliamentary Question (No.502 of 30th September) which was submitted by Ciarán Lynch TD to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government which showed that Cork City Council held a balance of €18,340,198.00 on account with regard to Development Contributions on 31st December 2006.

I would be grateful if you would inform me as to what sum of money Cork City Council held on balance at 31st December 2007. In addition, I would be grateful if you could indicate to me the amount of Development Contributions held on account by Cork City Council at present and the particular projects either underway or planned that these monies are targeted towards.

Furthermore, I also request that you would indicate and give descriptions of the projects involving Development Contributions which are awaiting Central Government funding to enable commencement or completion of the projects.

The sum of €18,340,198 referred to in the question is the sum included in Note 11 of the City Council's Annual Financial Statement (p.17). This figure consists of:

€15.7m in respect of invoices, which had not been paid at 31/12/06, €1.4m relating to Cork Suburban Rail and €1.2m relating to Specific Contributions which are specific to particular developments. The comparative figures as at 31/12/07 are €14.7m, €1.9m and €1.2m.

In relation to the use of Development Contributions, I hereby outline how the money received by Cork City Council was used in the period 2002 – 2007:

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• Main Drainage Scheme	11.1
• Water Rehabilitation	2.5
• Lee Road Refurbishment / Shanakiel	5.5
• Docklands	2.0
• St Patrick's Street	10.0
• Oliver Plunkett Street	2.0

• Shandon Street (Phase 1 & 2)	5.0
• Other Road Renewal Projects	5.4
• College Road	1.0
• Footbridge at Mardyke	1.0
• Pedestrian Bridge – Cornmarket Street	2.3
• Boardwalk	1.0
• Lancaster Quay Bridge	1.0
• Streetscape Renewal at Albert Quay / McSwiney Quay	1.1
• Sarsfield Road	0.9
• Mardyke Walk	1.9
• Paul Street Car Park	0.2
• Paving Works & Sculpture in Penrose Quay	0.2
• Laneway Closure/Traffic Calming/Public Lighting	1.5
• Car Parking – North City Action Plan	0.2
• Parks / Playgrounds	2.7
• Tory Top Library	1.1
• Wilton Library	1.8
• Capital Sports Grants	0.5
• Other Recreation and Amenities	2.1
• Sustainable City Campus	0.6
• Skateboard Park	0.3
• St Lukes Church	0.7
	65.6

We have received contributions in respect of the Cork Suburban Rail Project. This money is earmarked the station in Kilbarry.

Central Government Funding has been sought for the Eastern Gateway Bridge.

3.5 **BRIDEVALLEY VIEW PARK**

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

When will work start on the Bridevalley View Park?

Will the Manager ensure that the burnt out vehicle in the Park is removed immediately as it is a magnet for anti-social behaviour in the area.

Work is expected to start on Bridevalley Park in early Spring.

It is not possible to gain access at present to remove the burnt-out vehicle at Bridevalley Park. This will be addressed immediately on commencement of park works.

3.6 **INSPECTION OF LITTER BINS AT BOYNE CRESCENT**

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

Can the City Manager please request an immediate inspection of litter bins at Boyne Crescent and undertake to ensure that any missing wire baskets which facilitate regular cleaning are replaced without delay.

The type of litter bin at Boyne Crescent is no longer being produced and it is not possible to get replacement baskets. The litter bin is being emptied on a regular basis.

It is proposed to provide a replacement litter bin of a more modern design in Boyne Crescent prior to the end of December 2008.

The second litter bin in Boyne Crescent is being used as a flower box.

3.7 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FROM NO'S 1-5 SUMMERSTOWN ROAD**

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

Would it be possible to replace the double yellow lines from No's 1-5 Summerstown Road which were removed about three months ago when work was being done for the Gas Company? The present situation is causing problems for residents as drivers are now parking indiscriminately and leaving their cars at this location for long periods.

Permanent reinstatement of the area was undertaken by Bord Gais following installation works. The area Roads Inspector will liaise with Bord Gais to ensure that all lining works are also reinstated.

3.8 **UP TO DATE REPORT ON DERELICT SITES**

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

Would the Manager give an up to date report on:

- a) The derelict site at 1A O'Connell Avenue
- b) The derelict site at 40A Congress Road
- c) The derelict sites at 1 and 1A Greenfield Lane

1. Cork City Council has declared a site derelict adjacent to 1 Killingley Terrace, off O'Connell Avenue. The property was placed on Cork City

Council's Derelict Sites Register on the 1st of June 2007. A Notice of Intention to Acquire the site was served on the 13th of March 2008, following which an objection was received, and the matter referred to An Bord Pleanála. By Order dated 17th September 2008, An Bord Pleanála granted its consent to the proposed compulsory acquisition of the property, and Cork City Council is currently preparing Vesting Notices to proceed with the vesting of the property in its ownership.

2. The former shop premises at 40A Congress Road was declared derelict on 10th November 2005. An ownership investigation completed in 2007 and the property was to be placed on the Derelict Sites Register. However, the property was sold in and around October 2007 and the new owner requested a period of time in which to apply for planning permission to demolish the building and redevelop the site. Planning Permission (Ref 08/33134) was applied for and refused in July 2008. A further Planning application (Ref 08/33360) has been submitted and is currently in progress. The owner has agreed to carry out interim works to improve the property pending its redevelopment, and it has been agreed with the owner to review the matter again in approximately one month.
3. A derelict property south of No. 1 Greenfield Lane was declared derelict on the 3rd of October 2008. An ownership investigation is required to be completed prior to its placement on the Derelict Sites Register.

3.9 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE WILTON ROAD**

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

Can the City Manager indicate and outline in detail plans by Cork City Council to alleviate the traffic chaos and congestion on the Wilton Road and Model Farm Road given the significant developments at Dennehy's Cross, the Government proposed co-located hospital on the grounds of CUH and the plans by UCC to increase student numbers dramatically over the next five years, and if he can outline what specific measures are being put in place to enable residents of Wilton Gardens, Laburnum and Liam Lynch Park enter and exit safely onto the Wilton Road?

Wilton Road and Model Farm Road, similar to other traffic routes in the City, are suffering from ever increasing levels of traffic congestion. This is related to the increasing use of the car, e.g. 65% of commuters in Cork City now travel by the car, 67% of school children in the City are driven to school -source 2006 National Census. This is exacerbated by increasing car ownership levels (there are 1.9 million cars in Ireland now, this is expected to rise to 3 million by 2020)

Measures to deal with these issues are set out in the CASP strategy and the City Development Plan. While there are no individual traffic management or mobility plans for separate areas of the City, the Bishopstown Local Area Plan deals with the traffic and roads elements for the area and sets out the vision for the future.

The Traffic Division is currently working on a Local Transport Plan for the City which will detail any changes in strategies for dealing with the various traffic/transportation issues in the City. The plan will separately examine the main areas of the City, i.e. City Centre, and the main suburban areas. Current and proposed developments in each area will be taken into account when issues, strategies, etc. are set out. Strategies will include the reduction in the use of the car and increased use of other modes of travel such as public transport, walking and cycling.

Several assessments have been carried out on the current exit arrangements from Lynch Park and Wilton Gardens/Laburnum Lawn and there are no plans to change these arrangements.

3.10 **REVENUE FROM PAY PARKING FOR 2006 TO 2007**

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

What was the total revenue from pay parking for 2006 and 2007 and the projected revenue for 2008?

Below are the pay parking revenue for 2006 & 2007 and projected figures for 2008:

	2006	2007	2008
Disc Parking	€3,310,790	€3,195,820	€3,110,000
Residents Permits	€53,520	€53,310	€60,000
Park by Phone	€48,560	€91,590	€108,000
Pay & Display			<u>€240,000</u>
Total	<u>€3,412,870</u>	<u>€3,340,720</u>	€3,518,000

4. **ALLOTMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 20th November 2008, on Allotments.

5. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- (i) The Donal Ring Ceili Band to celebrate 50 golden years in Irish music.

- (ii) Blarney GAA Club on the occasion of their winning the County Intermediate Hurling Final.

6. **SPORTS COMMITTEE – 10th NOVEMBERS 2008**

6.1 **LATE GRANT APPLICATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered late applications per minutes of Sports Committee Meeting. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Kingston seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy An Chomhairle approved late applications per the minutes of Sports Committee Meeting.

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 10th NOVEMBER, 2008**

7.1 **FARRANFERRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

The Committee considered the Draft Farranferris Local Area Plan in light of the recent site visit. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll An Chomhairle approved the Draft Farranferris Local Area Plan.

8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 10th NOVEMBER 2008**

8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended October, 2008.

8.2 **DRAFT ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2009**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008 regarding Draft Roadworks Programme 2009.

8.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT GOULD STREET/ CROGHTAMORE GARDENS, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, regarding the extinguishment of the public right of way at Gould Street/Croghtamore Gardens, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and also agreed to adopt of the following resolution.

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered the 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 extending from the existing pedestrian walkway between No. 25 and No. 26 Gould Street exiting to Croghtamore Gardens from the rear of the southern footpath at Gould Street in a southerly, westerly and then south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 4 metres to the west of the projection of the rear of the footpath line fronting No. 28 Croghtamore Gardens **not be extinguished.**”

8.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, regarding Traffic Calming Schemes.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Pic de Jer Close will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we have already included in our 2009 estimates a figure of €200,000 for provision of parking bays on green

areas on the Southside of the City. It should be noted that a similar figure was provided for the current year but did not survive the Estimates process this time last year.

8.7 **RESURFACE OF MEADOW PARK AVENUE**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/290)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider Meadow Park Avenue for inclusion in the 2009 Road Resurfacing programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Silversprings Court and Silversprings Lane (North Ring Road) will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed necessary and appropriate, a yellow box will be installed at the location.

8.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

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

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

8.10 **SPEED RAMPS IN HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hollyville Estate is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received.

Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

8.11 **SIGNPOST HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN CITY CENTRE**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a comprehensive pedestrian signage system was installed in the City Centre in recent years. The signs are designed for tourists and visitors to give guidance to places of interest such as Bus/Rail Stations, Tourist Office, English Market, GPO, Crawford Art Gallery,

St. Finbarre's Cathedral, etc. Holy Trinity Church, which has major architectural significance, has its own sign in place. The Shandon area is also signed separately.

The signage system will be reviewed to ensure all relevant locations are taken into account and any 'gaps' or omissions will be rectified. In addition, proposals are being drawn up in conjunction with the Arts Officer, to provide signage for city centre walking trails which will incorporate places of interest to both locals and tourist/visitors. The installation of these walking trails will be subject to funding becoming available.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Many of the issues raised at a recent meeting with traders will be dealt with under ongoing maintenance.

A number of issues have already been addressed. Remedial work has been carried out to the footpaths where required. Missing bollards have been replaced and a number of new bollards added.

Gullies will be cleaned as required. The ESB, who maintain the public lighting have been requested to undertake repairs to the public lighting as required. Foliage has been trimmed back by our Parks Department.

The request to remove the wall at Pearse Rd. is being examined. Traders must consult with our Planning Directorate as regards the erection of a sign listing the names of traders.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

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

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

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the quarry steps, Ballyhooley Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 laneway closure programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Lower Clarkes Rd. will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Considerable work has been carried out here over the last five years. Killeenreendowney Avenue, Connolly Green, McDonagh Rd. and sections of Fr. Dominic Rd., Plunkett Rd. and Sarahville Place have been resurfaced. The remaining roads will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Resurfacing Programme.

Asphaltic overlay has been applied to footpaths in Fr. Dominic Rd., Killeenreendowney Avenue, Plunkett Rd., Connolly Green and McDonagh Rd. There are a number of other footpaths suitable for asphaltic overlay and these will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Programme.

One or two short sections of footpath require full reconstruction and these will be considered for inclusion in our 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

There are a number of large raised surfaced areas where renewal work would be desirable. However this would depend on funding being made available.

There are also green/surfaced areas in a number of places between the footpath and the road which could be converted to parking if required and funding was available. This would be done in consultation with the residents.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried on Skehard Road in the vicinity of the Holy Cross Church out to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants are met, the provision of the crossing will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme. Funding will also be sought through the Rapid Programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Ferney Grove will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/297)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this work will be carried out as part of the 2008 Road Resurfacing programme and is planned to be completed by end of November.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/298)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this work will be carried out as part of the 2008 Road Resurfacing programme and is planned to be completed by end of November.

8.21 **ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED SPEED SIGNS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/336)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Electronically controlled speed signs such as those in operation on Melbourn Road are a form of traffic calming device and can only be installed at appropriate locations. The legal speed limit in most parts of the City is 50 kph. However traffic is not allowed to travel at this speed if it not safe to do so, (by law motorists are required to drive carefully and safety), and the maximum legal speed limit in estates such Parklands and Onslow Gardens may not be an appropriate safe speed to travel at.

The electronic signs are designed for use on distributor or main roads, and other types of traffic calming devices are more appropriate in residential estates. Some traffic calming measures have already been installed in Parklands and Onslow Gardens, and additional traffic calming measures for the estates will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.22 **ASPHALTIC OVERLAY FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Presentation Road and Presentation Close will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Traffic calming measures were due to have been provided in the area as part of a new housing contract, and any identified appropriate additional traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/346)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Douglas Hall Mews will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/347)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Whitethorn Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.

8.26 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR ARDFALLEN**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Road is on the recently constructed Bus No. 7 Green Route, and pedestrian requirements and facilities along the roadway were assessed during the design and construction of the project.

The consultants for the project will be asked to review the area in the context of this motion and if appropriate, the provision of a crossing will be installed as part of the Green Route Project. It should be noted however, that there are already pedestrian crossing facilities at adjacent junctions, i.e. junctions with Eglantine Park and with Rosebank, and locating another pedestrian crossing between these two locations may be against design standards and recommendations.

8.27 **ROAD WORKS AT TRAMORE ROAD, FRIAR'S WALK AND KINSALE ROAD JUNCTION**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that A 2.5 metre wide machine-laid permanent reinstatement is due to be undertaken by contractors hired by Parker Plant at Tramore Road, Blackash and Vicars Road in the period 10th to the 15th of November next.

8.28 **JUNCTION OF BLACKROCK ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the width of Church Rd. adjacent to its intersection with Blackrock Rd. is 6.0m. It is not therefore possible to construct a footpath on the western side of this road. With this in mind the new footpath, referred to above, was constructed in such a way as to maximize visibility for pedestrians when crossing Church Rd. at this point.

Unfortunately the hedge in the house at this corner (Church Rd./Blackrock Rd.) is now overhanging the boundary wall by 300-400mm and is obstructing the view for pedestrians down Church Rd. Our Roads Control Division will address this with the householder with a view to cutting the hedge back to the wall. This should give vastly improved visibility.

8.29 **DERELICT LIGHT STANDARDS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting in Upper Lotabeg Road and Silverheights Avenue will be surveyed and assessed for necessary improvements to ensure the levels and quality of public lighting in the area reaches modern standards. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.30 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT MONASTERY HILL**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

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

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

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried on Upper Pouladuff Road in the vicinity of Croaghtamore Gardens, Ard na Rí and Parnell Terrace out to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants are met, the provision of the crossing will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

The road at this location is too narrow to facilitate the construction of a footpath. However a survey will be undertaken to establish the need for a pedestrian crossing, the provision of which would also depend on funding being available.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this refers to the green area opposite Patrick Trahy Rd. There is currently no funding available for the conversion of green areas to parking. However this area will be put on a list for consideration should funding become available.

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

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junctions of Togher Road with Deanrock Estate and the SuperValu car park will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, yellow boxes will be installed at these locations.

8.34 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DUBLIN HILL**

Members approved the amended report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In view of the plans to open a railway station at Kilbarry and, rather than wait for the station to open, that a Traffic Management Plan now be put in place for the Dublin Hill and surrounding areas especially in view of the serious traffic congestion that already exists there arising from a change in traffic flow management in the area in recent times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/029)

8.35 **NEW SIGNAGE IN BLACKPOOL**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6th November, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

- A) That Cork City Council would erect new signage on the Main Cork Mallow Road, to indicate Blackpool Village.
- B) That Cork City Council would clearly identify all streets and laneways in Blackpool with new signage as agreed by Cork City Council when the Road Renewal Schemes were constructed, which would include Finger Post Signs showing, for historical reasons all the lanes of Blackpool, which no longer exist.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/287)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that discussions will be held with the National Roads Authority in relation to signage on the Main Cork Mallow Road indicating Blackpool Village.

The City Council will identify and put together a scheme of signage for the laneways in Blackpool, particularly those that no longer exist.

8.36 **EXTRA PARKING AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE FARRANREE**

Members considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13th October, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a report on the green area between No 61 and No 78 Knockpogue Avenue Farranree to see if extra parking can be provided as part of the green area to parking scheme. This is a very narrow stretch of roadway and is the only on-street parking available to residents. It is causing huge problems for residents because once a couple of cars are parked on the road it is impossible for anyone else to drive through. This would also apply to emergency services who would find it very difficult to access the area in case of emergency. Also that the green area in Fairfield Crescent Farranree be converted to parking. This is a very small area which has the unanimous support of all residents who now find themselves in the situation where they cannot park their cars in the area which they live. They believe that by converting the green area for parking would help elevate the chronic situation which now exists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/277)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there are no funds in 2008 for conversion of green areas to parking. We will seek funding for these schemes in 2009 and examine their feasibility.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 10th NOVEMBER 2008**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of October, 2008.

9.2 **BUCKLEY’S MEADOWS**

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

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that this scheme of houses was constructed by Shanbally Housing Association. Cork City Council Housing & Community Directorate will arrange for name plates and numbering to be erected.

9.3 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 6th November, 2008 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a) Disposal of property approximately 553 sq. metres situated at Castle Road/Ferney Road, Mahon, Cork, to St. Lukes Home, Cork (Incorporated) by way of exchange for an adjacent site measuring approximately 44 sq. metres.
- b) Disposal of property at No. 10, Stoneridge, Blarney Road, Cork to Mr. Vincent Barry, c/o Murphy English & Co., Solicitors, 33-34, Cook Street, Cork by way of exchange for property at No.88 Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknaheeny, Cork

Fee Simple Interest

- a) Disposal of freehold interest in premises situate at and known as “Windsor”, 7, Mount Pleasant Road, Turners Cross, Cork, to Kathleen O’Mahony for the sum of €50.80 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- b) Disposal of freehold interest in premises situate at and known as No. 1, Colmcille Avenue, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork, to Irene O’Brien for the sum of €101.16 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

11.1 **TRAINING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS: “INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION – TECHNOLOGIES FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, S. Martin, M. O’Connell and J. Buttimer at the Training Seminar for Councillors: “Information & Communication – Technologies for Councillors”, held in the Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on the 21st – 23rd of November 2008.

11.2 **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern, D. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, J. Buttimer and F. Dennehy at the Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Conference, to be held in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo on the 26th – 27th November 2008.

11.3 **12th NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell and T. Brosnan at the 12th National Tourism Conference held in Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 27th – 29th November 2008.

11.4 **HOMELESSNESS IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the Homelessness in Ireland Conference held in Dublin on the 5th – 6th December 2008.

12. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER 2008**

12.1 **REGIONALISING THE DATES FOR THE SPRING MID TERM BREAK**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Council calls on the Minister for Education to consider regionalising the dates for the Spring Mid Term Break in schools in order to counter the practice of airlines charging rip off prices to families and individuals who wish to travel at this period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/394)

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **WHITE LINE DOWN THE MIDDLE OF DUNBAR STREET**

‘That Cork City Council put a white line down the middle of Dunbar Street at its intersection with Georges Quay. A stop line to be put in place, thus encouraging traffic to form two lanes’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 08/056)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.2 **FOOTPATHS FROM LIBERTAS VILLAS, BLACKROCK ROAD TO ST. MICHAELS CHURCH INCLUDED IN ROADS PROGRAMME 2009**

‘That the footpaths from Libertas Villas, Blackrock Road to St. Michaels Church would be included in the Roads Programme for 2009 as they are in very poor condition and could cause an accident to people using this stretch of pathway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/373)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.3 **REVIEW THE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN COLMCILLE PARK**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the ESB review the public lighting system in Colmcille Park, Gurrana Braher with a view to restoring the lighting in the park for the winter months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/382)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.4 **FILTER LIGHT AT CLASHDUV ROAD**

‘That a filter light be put in place for a right turn for traffic coming from Clashduv Road entering Togher Road to alleviate the current position of motorists having to turn on an orange or red light.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 08/400)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.5 **POTENTIAL OF THE RIVER LEE**

‘That a study be commissioned to examine the potential of the River Lee as an amenity resource.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/408)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.6 **REGENERATION PROGRAMME – ARDMORE HEIGHTS, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the residents in Ardmore Heights, Knocknaheeny under the Regeneration Programme:

- a. Move the Kilmore Park wall back 20 to 15 feet to allow for car parking facilities such as driveways for the residents and widen the road to allow the emergency services clear access to the estate.
- b. Build a new wall with new railings.
- c. Put in place CCTV with security lighting on Kilmore Park.
- d. Put in speed ramps with a view to safety for the children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/415)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN GLENFIELDS PARKS, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Glenfields Parks, Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/416)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING IN FATHER ROGER PARK**

‘That Cork City Council put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Father Roger Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/417)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.9 **MENLOE PARK IN ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2009**

‘That Cork City Council would include Menloe Park in the Road Resurfacing Programme 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/418)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.10 **NEW TAXI PLATES BEING ISSUED**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That the City Council directs the Manager to work with the Minister for Transport, the Minister for the Environment, the Garda Commissioner and the Taxi Regulator to immediately introduce a moratorium on the issuing of new taxi plates as the current very obvious over supply of plates is:

1. Making it almost impossible for full-time taxi drivers to earn a living.
2. Wasting fuel as taxi drivers travel around the city looking for somewhere to park because taxi ranks are constantly full.
3. Generally causing traffic violations and unnecessary conflict with the Gardaí.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 08/419)

13.11 **SOUTH LODGE GROVE, BALLINLOUGH IN ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2009**

‘That South Lodge Grove, Ballinlough would be put on the Roads Programme 2009 as the roads in this estate are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/420)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.12 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT LORETTO PARK**

‘That double yellow lines be placed at the junction of Loretto Park and Lower Friars Walk in the interest of safety as motorists are parking at this junction in order to avoid the nearby Disc Parking Zone.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/421)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.13 **OVER SUPPLY OF TAXI PLATES IN CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council believes that there is a current over supply of taxi plates and that this has resulted in:-

1. The inability of full time taxi drivers to earn a decent living
2. The wastage of fuel because numbers of taxis greatly outnumber the spaces available in taxi ranks.
3. Increased traffic congestion in our city.

And Cork City Council calls on the Government to introduce a moratorium on the issuing of new taxi plates to stop these problems getting even worse.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. D. O’Flynn, Cllr. L. Kingston, Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/423)

13.14 **PLAY FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AT BALLINDERRY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out an immediate review of play facilities for children at Ballinderry Park with a view to locating a playground there at an allocation to be agreed with residents. Such a facility would have the advantage of parents being able to keep an eye on their children and also reduce the area currently open to anti social behaviour and littering.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/424)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.15 **AUDIT OF CHILD SAFETY MEASURES**

‘That Cork City Council as part of its Housing Policy would carry out an audit of child safety measures in each of it’s estates and that it would initiate a pilot project in Ballinderry Park and Corrib Lawn and look particularly at traffic calming and dangerous structures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/425)

Housing & community Functional Committee

13.16 **BROWNINGSTOWN EAST IN THE ROADS PROGRAMME 2009**

‘That Cork City Council would include Browningstown East on the Roads Programme 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/426)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.17 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME 2009**

‘Given the high levels of footfall and its proximity to the City Centre that Cork City Council include

1. Evergreen Street from Barrack Street to Industry Street
2. Industry Street
3. Kevin Street
4. Nessian Street
5. Brigid Street
6. St. Finbarrs Street
7. Rees Square and Kevin Square

in the 2009 Footpath Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 08/428)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.18 **RELOCATE THE ‘AN POST’ SORTING OFFICE**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council request the board of An Post to discontinue its proposal to re-locate the postal sorting office at Churchyard Lane to Togher, Cork as this retrograde step is a grave inconvenience to members of the Public in the South East Area of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 08/431)

13.19 **REPAIR ROAD AT JUNCTION OF CHURCH ST. & SHANDON ST.**

‘That the urgent repair of the road at the junction of Church Street and Shandon Street is carried out as it is in a dangerous condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/433)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.20 **CARS PARKING OUTSIDE DEANS HALL**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place measures to prevent the parking of cars outside Deans Hall on the Curraheen Road, Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/436)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.21 **ONE WAY SYSTEM AND SPEED CONTROL MEASURES**

‘That Cork City Council Roads and Transportation Directorate would produce a report commenting on the effectiveness of the one-way system and speed controls measures on Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown and its impact on traffic flow and traffic management in adjoining residential areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/437)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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