

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2008**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan 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. Birmingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr Denis O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms Valerie O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.  
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer, Planning & Development.  
Mr. J. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. P. Hourihan, Assistant 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 Morley family on the death of Mrs Morley
- Paula Creedon on the death of Annette Cremin
- The Kavanagh Family on the death of Rena Kavanagh
- The Olden Family on the death of Jack Olden
- John Morris on the death of Maureen Morris
- The McNamee Family on the death of Mr McNamee
- The Slevin Family on the death of Michael Slevin
- The Cummins Family on the death of Sally Cummins

- The O’Flynn Family on the death of Ciara O’Flynn
- The O’Connor Family on the death of Jason O’Connor
- The O’Driscoll Family on the death of Daniel O’Driscoll
- The Nelly Family on the death of Adeola Nelly
- The Fleming Family on the death of Maude Fleming
- The Healy Family on the death of Margaret Healy
- The Brennan Family on the death of P.J. Brennan
- Pat Buckley & Family on the death of Paddy Buckley
- Lorraine Dorgan & Family on the death of Con Dorgan

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

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

- John Lonergan on winning the World Irish Dancing Championship at the Oireachtas, Belfast.
- Team Montenotte Hotel Ladies Basketball Team on winning the Super League.
- Donna Griffin on winning the World Irish Dancing Championship in the U-21 Age Category

2. **MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **KNOCKNAHEENEY/HOLLYHILL REGENERATION**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, which was deferred from meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Regeneration

- a) What progress is made in relation to the plans to upgrade the northern end of Hollyhill Lane from Harbour View Road to Kilmore Road and can he give an indication of the projected time frame for completion.
- b) When will Block D be completed with the inclusion and rehousing of Dunmanus Park, Foyle Avenue and Harbour View Road.
- c) If the Manager is considering further initiatives or developments that could include Retail Trade Units and a Shopping Complex to serve this section of the North West Ward?

- (a) Plans for the upgrade of the Northern end of Hollyhill Lane are currently under consideration and are the subject of ongoing discussion with relevant interests, including the school, church and former family centre. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be in place before the end of May 2008 at which time Ward Members will be briefed.
- (b) December 2008.
- (c) The Draft Joint Retail Strategy will come before Council shortly and this will, to a large extent, determine the level of Retail Provision in the City suburbs including the North West ward.

3.2 **SCHEDULE OF SPORTS GROUNDS ZONED**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, which was deferred from meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the Manager please list the areas currently zoned for sport on a ward by ward basis and can he confirm that these same areas will continue to be zoned for sport in the drafting of the forthcoming Development Plan?

Attached is a schedule of sites currently benefiting from a Sport Grounds zoning objective in the existing development plan. The list will be reviewed and added to, if appropriate, in the draft plan to be issued in June 2008. It is intended that the existing policies to protect sports grounds in the city will be continued in the new draft plan.

**Schedule of Sports Grounds zoned under Cork City Development Plan 2004**

**South West Electoral Ward**

- Highfield Rugby Grounds
- Bishopstown GAA pitches
- Sports grounds to the rear of Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh
- Presentation grounds on Magazine Road
- Pitch to the rear of Bishopstown Community School
- Leisureworld (gym, swimming pools and multi-purpose pitches)
- CIT running track and pitch (Some of the pitches are currently zoned for public open space/Landscape Protection Zone)
- The playing pitches, pitch and putt course and tennis courts at Murphy's Farm are currently zoned for Public Open Space
- St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club, Neenan Park, Togher
- City Council Sports Grounds adjacent to Tramore River

**South Central Electoral Ward**

Sports Grounds at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa  
Sports Grounds/Public Park on Tramore Road  
Musgrave Park  
Turner's Cross Football Ground  
Deerpark School Grounds  
Sports Grounds to the rear of St. Aloysius School

**South East Electoral Ward**

Part of Former Nemo Rangers Sports Grounds (off South Douglas Road)  
Pitch and Putt Course (South Douglas Road)  
Ashton School Playing Grounds (permission has been granted on part of this for the Cabas Project School for Autistic Children)  
Nemo Rangers Playing Grounds and Sports Centre at Trabeg  
Tramore Athletic grounds  
Area to rear of Gaelscoil an Athar  
Douglas Community School grounds  
Ballinlough GAA pitch  
Paire Ui Rinn, Ballinlough  
Cork Constitution Grounds, Temple Hill  
Ballinlough Pitch and Putt Club  
Beaumont Park, Upper Beaumont Drive  
Mahon Golf Club  
Dunlop Social pitch and putt club  
St. Michael's Tennis Courts and Bowling Greens, Blackrock  
New sports pitches at Mahon are currently zoned for Public Open Space  
Blackrock Hurling Club  
Sports Ground to rear of Ursuline Convent Secondary School, Blackrock  
Pitches at Nagle Community College, Mahon  
Paire Ui Chaoimh

**North Central Electoral Ward**

Playing pitches at North Mon.  
Playing pitches at Farranferris  
Sam Allen pitches are zoned Public Open Space  
Glen Rovers playing pitches  
Leeds Park, Meelick Park  
Sports grounds at Collins' Barracks

**North West Electoral Ward**

Playing pitches on Carrigrohane Road (IRFU, Casement Celtic, Lough Rovers)  
Farranlea Park on Farranlea Road  
Mount Mercy multi-purpose pitch and tennis court on Model Farm Road  
Tennis courts at Tennis Village are currently zoned residential  
Mardyke Arena and UCC Sports Grounds  
Cricket Grounds

Presentation College and St. Joseph's National School, Mardyke Sports Grounds  
Pitch and Putt Course, Shanakiel  
Sports Ground to rear of Community School, Knocknaheeny  
St. Vincent's Hurling and Football playing pitches and Central Rovers  
Churchfield Leisure Centre

**North East Electoral Ward**

Mayfield Community School pitches  
Field at Tinker's Cross  
The Tank Field - Brian Dillon's  
Camp Field, Pitch and Putt Course and Tennis Courts

3.3 **DERELICT SITE**

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

What is the present legal position in relation to the derelict site at 1A O'Connell Avenue and (b) why has the City Council failed to clean it up?

Cork City Council served Notice of Intention to Acquire the Site under Section 15 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Any owner or occupier of the site may, on or before, the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008 submit an objection to the proposed compulsory acquisition of the site. If a valid objection is received within this timeframe, the application is referred to An Bord Pleanála for consent to proceed with the acquisition. If a valid objection is not received within this timeframe, Cork City Council can proceed to vest the property in its ownership.

Should Cork City Council acquire the property, it would then be the City Council's intention to clean up the site, and advertise it for sale on the open market, following which the successful purchaser would be required to redevelop the property within a strict timeframe.

3.4 **HOUSES AT DUN ARD, BOHERBOY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

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

Can the Manager please confirm the year in which housing was constructed at Dun Ard, Boherboy Road, Mayfield, the number of houses constructed and can he further confirm the purchase cost of the estate and the amount spent on refurbishment since the initial purchase?

1. This development was completed in 2001.
2. There are 51 no. units in this development.

3. This development was undertaken by Cork City Council at a cost of €7,862,684.74.
4. There has been no expenditure on refurbishment outside of the usual routine and planned maintenance.

### 3.5 **REPAIR OF ENTRANCE GATE GEANEYS BOREEN**

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

Would the Manager please tell me when the entrance gate to “Radharc An Mhacaire”, Geaney’s Boreen will be repaired as it is a danger to the public laying on the ground. The fallen gate is also forcing residents of the development to park their cars on the public road with a resulting danger due to sight line deficiency for passing motorists?

The gate in question is at the entrance to the car park for the housing at Radharc An Mhacaire and has been continuously vandalised since the houses were occupied. Remedial proposals have now been developed by the Housing Directorate and tenders for these works will be sought within the next week with a view to having works carried out as a matter of urgency.

### 3.6 **CITY BOUNDARY EXTENSION**

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

- a) Could the Manager update the Council on the present status of the Council’s proposal to extend the city boundary.
- b) Has the cases for the extension been prepared and when is it likely to be submitted to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government?

Work is continuing on the preparation of a formal submission which, in the first instance, will be forwarded to Cork County Council. We should be ready in the Autumn to make submission.

### 3.7 **VACANT COUNCIL DWELLINGS**

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

To ask the manager to list all of the Council’s rent dwellings which are now vacant, the date on which they became vacant and the expected date of re-allocation?

It is City Council policy not to make public details of vacant properties across the city as this could result in damage to the property and increased levels of anti-social behaviour. Details of the level of vacant properties in each ward is circulated to members on a monthly basis.

### 3.8 **SPEEDING AT BLARNEY STREET**

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

Speeding at Blarney Street at the entrance to Mt. St. Josephs, Blarney Street

Further to my motion of the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006 can the Manager inform me if the traffic survey was undertaken by Cork City Council and given that the problem of speeding still remains in this area, what measure does Cork City Council intend to undertake to solve this problem?

There is a huge list of requests (over 500) for traffic calming schemes in the City which are undertaken on a priority basis.

However, we will endeavor to have the surveys carried out later on in the year, and a scheme for traffic calming for Blarney Street will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

### 3.9 **COLLEGE ROAD WORKS**

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

With regard to the ongoing regeneration works at College Road which is unfortunately causing huge upset to residents and traffic flows alike, will the Manager outline:

- a) The present position and outline of works.
- b) When will the entire programme be completed?
  
- a) The works on College Road ( approx 1 Km in length) extending from O Donovans Road junction to Magazine Road junction) are approx. 65% complete.

The scope (outline) of works is as follows;

Setting back of UCC boundaries, widening of existing roadway and footpaths, construction of raised speedtables, installation of traffic signals, upgrading the public lighting, lining , ducting, drainage, and other ancilliary works necessary for the completion of the contract

The following gives locations where works are planned for in the in the months ahead:

25<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> April Gaol Walk-sewers/ducting/surfacing

21<sup>st</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> May final surfacing,(with the exception of the pedestrian crossings/ speedtables ) of section between Perrots Avenue and St. Clares Avenue. The pedestrian crossings will be constructed during the UCC summer closedown.

21<sup>st</sup> April to 30 Sept. commencement/completion of all the contract works in the section of College Road between St Clares Avenue and Junction with Magazine Road

b) The completion of the Project is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008

### 3.10 **SECURITY FOR ST PATRICKS DAY**

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

Can the Manager inform Council

- Which security company was awarded the security for the St. Patrick's Day Parade?
- How many man hours did it involve?
- What was the contract price?
- What was the cheapest tender received?
- Was all the relevant employment compliance records furnished by the security company involved?
- How many companies tendered for the job?

Sword Event Guard was awarded the contract following public advert. The company has considerable experience in event management.

The number of hours involved was 612.

The contract price was € 13162.38

Sword Event Guard was the cheapest tender received.

Written assurances regarding compliance were received

Three no companies tendered.



### 3.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING**

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

Can the Manager inform Council:

- How many requests for traffic calming are currently on file?
  - How much approximately would it cost to carry out these works?
  - How long would it take to clear the current requests based on current spending levels?
- a) There are over 500 requests currently on file for traffic calming measures in the City. While some of these requests relate to the same roadways, the number of roads involved, is far too numerous to list here. It is suffice not to state that traffic calming requests have been received for a very large proportion of the residential roads in the City.
- b) The cost of completing all the traffic calming schemes would be considerable. As schemes are prioritised it is the prioritised schemes that are costed. It is expected that all schemes would be in excess of several million euro.
- c) Again a reply to this query would require time and resources as each scheme requires individual measures appropriate to the roadway. As above it is the prioritised schemes which receive attention. Approximately €1.5 million has been spent on traffic calming schemes over the past five years.

### 3.12 **RETIREMENT HOME**

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

To ask the City Manager what discussions, if any, have taken place between Cork City Council and a Developer(s) in relation to the possible development of either a retirement home or down sizing complex, in an area of The Lough in proximity to Hartland's Avenue and if so:

- a) How far have these discussions progressed?
- b) Is this a privately proposed development and were it to proceed will it be required for the developer to apply under standard planning procedures and for them to make a full planning application?
- c) Has consideration been taken by Cork City Council in relation to using a "Part 8" in regard to any development of this site?
- d) What consideration and/or discussions, and in particular direction, has been given to the developer in relation to accessing this site which is presently landlocked?

- e) Would the necessity to acquire land which is presently used for recreational purposes at the Lough to provide access to this site require a rezoning?

Following an advertisement for developers to bring forward proposals for Social and Affordable Housing discussions have taken place for the construction of a number of units at the above location.

- (a) Drawings have been submitted for consideration.
- (b) No, should the City Council proceed with the Development.
- (c) Any development carried out for or on behalf of the Council is subject to Part 8.
- (d) Proposals are currently being examined.
- (e) Any land zoned for recreational purposes where development is proposed for, would require a variation to the Development Plan.

### 3.13 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & MOBILITY STRATEGIES**

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

Given that UCC, CIT and CUH are implementing independent traffic management and mobility strategies and in the context of the decision of the Cork City Council Planning Department to grant planning permission for the co-located Hospital at CUH, can the Manager comment and inform Members on:

- a) The current traffic management and mobility plan for the greater Bishopstown – Wilton area with specific reference to the Model Farm Road, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown Road, Sarsfield Road and Wilton and what changes or adaptations will be made to this plan on the basis of the new co-located hospital?
  - b) The current number of cars entering and leaving the CUH at peak hours according to City Council figures and what are the City Council projections for future use once the new co-located hospital and cardio-renal unit are fully operational?
  - c) What elements of the infrastructural network necessary to minimize traffic congestion are missing from the area and when will these be delivered?
  - d) What reassurance can the City Manager give the residents of Laburnum, Wilton Gardens, Ridgeway and other estates in the area that they will not be inconvenienced by excessive on-street parking or within estate traffic either during the construction or operation of new facilities at CUH?
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- a) At present there are no individual traffic management or mobility plans for separate areas of the City. The City Development Plan/CASP adequately incorporates transportation strategies for the City and Region. 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.

- b) The City Council does not continuously count traffic at every traffic junction in the City. General cordon counts are however, carried out annually across the City to gauge and monitor traffic trends. The Traffic Impact Assessments (TIA) carried out by the developers for the co-location hospital and cardio-renal units, etc. included current traffic surveys and projections when these developments are in place. The figures for entering the CUH complex for 2007 in the TIA were 807 vehicles in the morning peak and 189 vehicles in the evening peak. The projected flows for the 'opening year' of the co-location hospital are 858 and 200 respectively.
- c) The question of any additional road/traffic infrastructure improvements will be dealt with in the Local Transport Plan. It should be noted that the area has a significant Green Route and the Ballincollig By-Pass did reduce the traffic volumes in several areas of Bishopstown when it was opened in 2004.
- d) The City Council recently approved an extension of the disc parking control zone and all areas with the 'catchment areas' of the CUH and CIT can now have parking controls if the local residents so wish. This will allow areas to be kept free of commuter, and they will be protected from the nuisance associated with parking overspill from the local institutions.

### 3.14 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

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

When will the traffic lights/pedestrian crossings be in place at:

- e) Scoil Iosagán/Scoil Aiséirí Chríost, Knockpogue Avenue, Farranree.
- f) Junction Fairhill/Mount Agnes?

The pedestrian crossings at the two locations listed above are due to be carried out as part of the overall construction programme for the Farranree/Blackpool Green Route. Tenders for such works have recently been received and it is anticipated that the Contract will be awarded in mid-April.

As part of the schedule of works, it has been agreed that the pedestrian crossings near the schools will be installed and operational prior to schools reopening in September.

With regard to the proposed pedestrian crossing at Mount Agnes/Fair Hill junction, it is envisaged that this will be installed prior to the overall completion of the main contract which is due to finish in December 2008.

3.15 **PRESERVATION ORDER – AMENITY WALK**

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

Will the Manager please let me know the following information:

Has the Preservation Order in relation to the Amenity Walk from the Marina to the Rochestown Road which was passed at Council on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2005.

Will you please confirm when this was put in place?

In the City Development Plan, the Amenity Walk from the Marina to the Rochestown Road is shown as a walkway and this status has not changed.

There is no provision in legislation to have a Preservation Order made in respect of such amenity walks.

3.16 **WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT**

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

To ask the City Manager at what stage is the water conservation project and when does he envisage it will be implemented?

Since 1997 €2.95 million of E.U. funding enabled Cork City Council to install infrastructure, technologies and methodologies for the management of the city’s water distribution system which comprise 650 kilometres of watermain. Phase 1, the establishment of District Metering Areas (DMA’s) has been completed. Phase 2, Active Leakage Control, is ongoing and significant progress has been made in identifying and repairing leaks in the distribution system .

In addition significant lengths of watermain have been renewed or rehabilitated in conjunction with Cork Main Drainage contracts since 1999. A Preliminary Report has been prepared which addresses the rehabilitation needs of the distribution network. The City Council is awaiting approval of this Report from DOEHLG. The cost of these works has been estimated at €110 million and will be carried out in stages over the coming years.

### 3.17 **NOISE POLLUTION**

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

To ask the Manager for an update on measures that have or will be taken to reduce noise pollution on the South Ring and Link Roads.

Under the Noise Regulations, noise actions plans must be prepared by relevant local authorities by 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The action plans will be based on noise mapping exercises carried out last year on roadways which exceeded a threshold of six million vehicles annually. The South Ring Road and the South Ring Road are among the roads above the threshold in Cork City.

Elements of the Action Plan will include:

- Identification of areas where mitigation may be required
- Identification of priority areas to be addressed
- Short term and long term strategies for mitigation measures, e.g.
  - Road surface renewal
  - Traffic re-outing measures
  - Traffic calming measures
  - Noise barriers, etc.

The Council will be kept informed of the progress and completion of the noise action plan.

### 3.18 **THE BUILDING OF A GAELSCOIL**

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

Would the Manager explain to Council what options are available to Cork City Council following the recent decision by An Bord Pleanála to overrule the decision by members of Cork City Council not to rezone lands in Brian Dillon's Hurling & Football Club to facilitate the building of a Gaelscoil. Also that the Law Agent be made available to give a definitive interpretation of the reserve function of Council and the implications on Council as a direct decision of An Bord Pleanála?

Permission was granted by Bord Pleanála on appeal on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the construction of a two-storeyed, 16 classroom Primary School at the Tankfield, Murmont Avenue, Montenotte – reference PL28.224758.

The reserved functions of the City Council are not altered by this decision of An Bord Pleanála. With regard to options available to the Council consequent on the decision it should be noted that the City Council at a meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March

2005 agreed to dispose of the land in question to the Department of Education for a specific price subject to planning permission being secured. As planning permission has now been secured the next move is to transfer ownership of the land to the Department of Education on payment of the agreed purchase price.

I am satisfied that the appropriate process was followed by all parties in the processing of the planning application for the school.

An Bord Pleanála is expressly entitled under Section 37(2) of the 2000 Act to grant permission for development materially contravening the development plan even where the planning authority in question has decided to refuse permission because of such material contravention.

The legal validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála taken in performance of its functions can only be questioned by way of judicial review under Section 50 of the Planning Act.

### 3.19 **LAND PURCHASED – CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

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

In relation to the land purchased by Cork City Council for sporting purposes adjacent to the Carrigrohane Road (approx. 35 acres) would the Manager please advise Council as to:

- (a) the purchase price of same?
- (b) whether the deal came before Council for a vote before any monies were paid over and, if so, when?
- (c) whether a normal legal search was carried out by Cork City Council to ascertain the possibility of any future developments in the area that could possibly affect the lands intended use?
- (d) the legal advice from this search if it took place and if no search took place, the reasons why not?
- (e) details of the year in which the NRA first indicated their intentions to build the North Ring Road and the year in which the NRA published the possible routes for the western corridor?

(a) The lands at Leemount, Carrigrohane, were purchased by Cork City Council in May 2004 at a cost of € 400,000. The purchase price of €11,428 per acre represented excellent value for money.

(b) The purchase did not come before the City Council.

(c) No search was deemed necessary.

(d) See © above.

(e) 2006 / 2007.

The Council will be fully paid for any part of this land which may be required by the N.R.A.

4. **JOINT RETAIL STRATEGY FOR CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

5. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

5.1 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standings Orders to discuss the Tank Field.

Comhairleoir M.O'Connell proposed, Comhairleoir C. O'Leary seconded, the approval of the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council will challenge the legal validity the decision of An Bord Pleanála took in its performance of its functions which can only be questioned by way of judicial review under Section 50 of the Planning Act”

A vote was called where there appeared:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn.- (5)

**AGAINST:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan, Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.- (24)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed, Comhairleoir T. Brosnan seconded the approval of the following motion:

“That Cork City Council urges the Minister for Education to instruct her School Building Division to examine the feasibility of using underused space in Mayfield Community School while arrangements are made to build a new Gaelscoil in the Mayfield area.”

A vote was called where there appeared:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, G. O’ Flynn, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. - (14)

**AGAINST:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan, Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’Brien, J. O’Callaghan, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, L. Kingston, F. Kerins – (15)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the motion defeated.

## 5.2 **LIDL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following motion:

“That this Council write to LIDL asking what timeframe do they envisage for the building of the Bring Site and the Five Neighbourhood Units which were part of the planning application.”

**On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders and continue the meeting beyond 8.00pm.**

## 5.3 **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO 8) OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – TALL BUILDINGS POLICY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Quill, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.



#### 5.4 **AREA PLAN FOR SOUTH PARISH**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That an Area Plan for South Parish be developed by Cork City Council’.

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/016)

The report of the Director of Services stated that as outlined in previous replies to Motions, the undertaking of Local Area Plans has to be prioritized in the context of the resources available, and other work requirements. As the formal process of preparing the next City Development Plan has commenced, less resources will be available in 2008 to devote to Local Plans.

It is suggested that a meeting be arranged with the relevant Ward Members to discuss the issues that are of concern and to establish the best means of addressing those concerns.

#### 5.5 **HORSE DRINKING TROUGHS IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That further to correspondence in July 2000 as a result of presentations regarding the state of repair of Horse Drinking Troughs in Cork City that the Environmental Functional Committee be given a full report on location/state of repair etc of all such drinking troughs as they represent a very valuable link with the Corks heritage and commercial history and as such are worthy of proper care and attention. The report to the committee should include locations, photographs, status report initially. Where Council workers have removed Horse Troughs this should also be noted and the current location of such troughs confirmed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/450)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Recreational, Amenity and Culture Directorate have confirmed that Horse troughs are located at Parnell Place, Douglas Street/Langford Row Junction, Lower Glanmire Road/Ship Street Junction and at St Lukes Cross. They further confirmed that the troughs are in reasonably good condition and are maintained as flower beds by the Councils Parks Department, being cleaned and tended to regularly.

In addition there is an action from the Cork City Heritage Plan 2007-2012 in relation to troughs in the city. Action 1.3 is to “Assess and devise a maintenance strategy for objects and architectural features of Heritage value e.g. troughs, lampposts, kerbing, postboxes etc. This action will build on the existing knowledge of the troughs of the city and assist in their maintenance and long term care. This action is expected to be carried out in year 4 or 5 of the Plan and is dependant on appropriate resources being made available.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed to write to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government expressing concerns with the content of his letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and the City Council’s request that any shortfall on cost recovery would be funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, but not from Local Government fund monies.

6.2 **DEDICATE ONE PAGE OF THE CITY NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIX ELECTORAL WARDS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle

‘That Council reserves one page of its City Newsletter for matters relevant to each of the six electoral wards, the cost of this would be minimal.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/108)

The report stated that “City News” is published bi-annually by the Corporate Affairs Directorate and distributed to households in the city.

One page of the publication can be set aside for matters relating to the six electoral wards.

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

7.1 **TWINNING COMMITTEE**

7.1.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the Twinning Grants 2008.

7.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on Housing Estates from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

7.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

7.4 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

7.5 **RIVERVIEW GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the Taking-In-Charge of Riverview Gardens, Ballyvolane.

7.6 **GENTS TOILET ON MERCHANTS QUAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment on the condition and future proposals for the Gents Toilet on Merchants Quay.

7.7 **THE GROVE, ORCHARD ROAD TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take The Grove Orchard Road in charge immediately’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/058)

The report of the Director of Services stated that at the request of the developer and on the recommendation of the Senior Executive Engineer Planning, we have recently initiated the Taking in Charge process within the Planning & Development Directorate. The formal approval of the Director of Services Planning & Development was forwarded to the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008, to formally initiate the taking in charge process.

7.8 **THAT CORK CITY COUNCIL TAKE SOUTHRIDGE, SILVERSPRINGS IN CHARGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take Southridge, Silversprings in charge without further delay’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/004)

The report of the Director of Services stated that taking in charge - Ashmount, Silversprings, Cork No.’s 1-20, 21-40, 71-80, 81-98, 53-70 and 41-52 under planning references T.P. 01/25316, 99/23842, 99/23405 and 00/24539. There is currently a bond in place in respect of the above development, in the sum of €43,000 with a current expiry date of 31/05/08. The developer had agreed to extend the period of the bond to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008, pending the outcome of the review of the outstanding remedial works by the City Council.

The Drainage, Landscape and Public Lighting reports for this development are deemed satisfactory.

We await early confirmation from the Roads & Transportation Directorate and Environment Directorate on their sign off on the works in respect of Roads/Footpaths and Water respectively. Depending on the outcome of these reports, Cork City Council will proceed to initiate the taking in charge process if the development has been completed to our satisfaction. However, if there are outstanding Roads/Footpaths and Water defects, O’Brien & O’Flynn will be notified and given an early timeframe for the completion of same.

The matter was reviewed on the 28/02/08, and reminders have been issued to the relevant Directorate to investigate and report on the outstanding works as a matter of urgency.

7.9 **HEATHERTON – LANDSCAPING & GREEN AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council compel the developer of Heatherton Park South Douglas Road to:

- (a) Re-instate the Green Areas following the construction of a new pumping station and any ancillary works.

- (b) The reinstatement of the road openings following the laying of a new pipe.
- (c) And other re-instatements and landscaping because of above works.
- (d) The immediate taking in charge of Heatherton and Heatherton Park, by Cork City Council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/504)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there was a cash bond of €28,524.67 in place for this development. A letter was sent to the Developer on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007 making a formal claim on the bond and to date there has been no response.

On the recommendation of the Senior Executive Engineer Planning dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007, the approval of the Director of Services Planning & Development was forwarded to the Director of Services Roads & Transportation on the 22/10/07, to initiate the taking in charge process.

The estate was formally taken in charge by Cork City Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

The outstanding works will be carried out from the proceeds of the en-cashed bond.

7.10 **PROVIDE COUNCILLORS WITH AN UP TO DATE PLANNING LEGISLATION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council provides each Councillor with a complete collection of the most up to date Planning Legislation and Regulations as an initial step in the preparation of the next Development Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/046)

The Committee also requested, and An Chomhairle approved, that a set of relevant planning enactments be placed in each of the Members Rooms in City Hall.

The report of the Director of Services stated that with regard to current Planning legislation, the main provisions are contained in:

Planning & Development Act, 2000 (Number 30 of 2000)  
Planning & Development (Amendment) Act, 2002 (Number 32 of 2002)  
Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (S.I. No.600 of 2001)

Planning & Development Regulations, 2006 (S.I. No.685 of 2006).  
Development Plans – Guidelines for Planning Authorities – June 2007

Provisions regarding the making of a Development Plan are contained in Part II Chapter 1 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000. The relevant Chapter is attached to this report.

Further information is available on the following websites:

- [www.environ.ie/planning development/](http://www.environ.ie/planning%20development/)
- [www.bailli.org](http://www.bailli.org)

## 8. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

### 8.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### 8.2 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for the year to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### 8.3 **BRING BANK AT DEANROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would develop and implement plans for the upgrading of the civic amenity site at the Deanrock in Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/099)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the recycling centre at Clashduv Road adjoining the Permanent TSB Bank comprises of 6 steel bottle bank containers and 2 can bank containers.

There were problems at this site after Christmas where bottles, cans and rubbish were dumped around the site was also considered. This rubbish was cleared up shortly there after.

The facility is serviced at least once per week on an ongoing basis and any cleanup required is undertaken as soon as possible.

The inspection regime will be reviewed and the installation of CCTV cameras will be considered if necessary.

The bottle banks here contribute approximately 250 tonnes of glass per annum making the facility No.1 in the City.

#### 8.4 **EARTH HOUR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Bearing in mind the success of “Earth Hour” in Sydney, Australia, last year, when thousands of Citizens, Business Owners and Government Departments decided to turn off their lights for one hour (causing the demand for electricity to fall by over 10%), and the fact that more cities are now planning to made this an annual event, Council now resolves to:-

- a) Organise the same thing here from 8.00pm to 9.00pm on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- b) Ask the public, and all local business commercial and other organisations to participate;
- c) Raise awareness of the importance of conserving energy, reducing pollution and improving the environment.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/048)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in order to properly organise the proposed event it would be necessary to embark on a public awareness campaign involving advertisements, promotions, radio appeals etc. was also considered. The organisation of such an event would also require a high level of co-ordination with ESB and other energy suppliers to assess the impact of such an event.

It is not logistically feasible to organise such an event adequately at this late date. However such a proposal will be considered for 2009 by Cork City Energy Agency.

#### 8.5 **GREEN WASTE FACILITIES:**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Council expands the number of green waste facilities in the City and makes them available to non commercial users’

(Proposer: Cllr T. O’Driscoll 08/107).

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operates a green waste facility at the Kinsale Road Civic Amenity Site.

The facility converts green waste to compost and timber waste facility to a product to be used as an insert for pavers.

Both these projects are carried out by contract and require a considerable amount of physical space.

It is not feasible to replicate these facilities on a large scale basis throughout the city.

However facilities could be considered in the design of any future civic amenity site for the acceptance of domestic (only) green materials

9. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

9.1 **CIRCUS ANIMALS**

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

‘Cork City Council calls for the immediate introduction of bye-laws or other measures to prohibit Circuses which use wild animals from performing on any land within its jurisdiction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/383)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council cannot introduce Bye-Laws in relation to matters that were regulated by other legislation was also considered. Under the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Circus was an event which required to be licenced by the City Council, it being open to the Council to attach conditions to such a licence. It was also noted that there was a difficulty in defining the term ‘wild animal’

A vote was called for on the Decision of the Committee to reject the motion where there appeared:-

**FOR:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Coughlan, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, T. Shannon, J. Corr, F. Dennehy, M. Shields.- (9)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer. – (11)



An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost, the report of the Director of Services rejected and the motion approved.

9.2 **SPORTS FUNDING FOR MALE AND FEMALE ORGANISATIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture to reject the following motion:-

‘That Cork City council as a matter of Policy should ensure that all Sports Funding it allocates should be equally balanced between female and male sporting activities and organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/094)

The report of the Director of Services stated that most of the City Councils funding was to sports clubs with male and female participants, and each application was judged on its merits.

9.3 **LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE HOUSE BOUND**

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

‘That this council congratulates the library service on the operation of its service for the “House Bound”. That in order to guarantee its operation at all times, a full time Library assistant, dedicated to this service, be employed’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/478)

The report of the Director of Services stated the Housebound service was introduced by the Council in the spring of 2007. Since then it has operated on a pilot basis, to assess take-up by older and infirm members of the public, and to assess the resource implications, in terms of both staff and stock. As of February 2008, there are ca 60 regular users, in all areas of the city. The take-up and implications are still being assessed, and a fuller picture will be apparent later in the year

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

11.1 **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Association of County & City Councils Annual conference held in the Roganstown Country Club, Swords, Fingal, Dublin on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008

11.2 **THE ANNUAL ENERGY SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. O’Driscoll and D. Murphy at The Annual Energy Seminar held in the Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel, Co Tipperary on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

11.3 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, L. Mc Gonigle and S. Martin at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co Kerry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

11.4 **THEORIES AND CONCEPTS OF SOCIAL POLICY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O’Flynn at the Theories and Concepts of Social Policy held in the Respond Campus, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008

11.5 **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF RAPID**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O’Flynn at the Implementation of Phase 2 of RAPID held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HORGANS BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council devise a traffic management plan for Horgan’s Buildings to protect the residential amenity of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/112)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.2 **INCLUDE FATHER DOMINIC ROAD IN 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Father Dominic Road in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/113)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.3 **GRAFFITI REMOVED AT GLENCURRIG SOUTH DOUGLAS**

‘That the graffiti on the walls at Glencurrig South Douglas Road be removed, as it is unsightly and lets down the general area which is otherwise well maintained.’

(Proposer: T. Shannon 08/051)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.4 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SURVEY ON SPRING ROAD RIVERWAY SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That a traffic management survey be carried out at Spring Road, Riverway South Douglas Road with a view to traffic calming measures being implemented here.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/052)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.5 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – FAIRFIELD ROAD & KNOCKPOGUE AVE**

‘I propose that a pedestrian crossing be provided at the junction of Fairfield Road and Knockpogue Ave’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/100)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.6 **PLAQUE TO REMEMBER AER LINGUS FLIGHT 712**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would erect a plaque in an appropriate city location to commemorate Aer Lingus flight 712 from Cork to London that was lost off the Tuskar Rock on March 24<sup>th</sup> 1968 killing 61 passengers and crew.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/136)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.7 **URGRADING OF TINKERS CROSS MAYFIELD**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.8 **REPAINTING OF NAME PLATE AT IONA PARK**

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate repainting of the name plate at Iona Park, Mayfield’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/125)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.9 **PARKING REGULATIONS AT THE COURTHOUSE**

‘That Cork City Council take a proactive role in enforcing the parking regulations in the vicinity of the Couthouse on Washington Street as there is constant abuse of the law by members of the legal profession, such abuse includes parking on footpaths and failing to pay for parking by writing to the Courts Services on the matter’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/126)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.10 **BROWN BIN COLLECTION**

‘That Cork City Council Environment Department include a brown bin collection as part of their refuse collection service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/128)

**Environment Functional Committee**

12.11 **THE HEALTH SERVICES**

‘Bearing in mind all the recent revelations, the fear and lack of confidence among the public, and the apparent mis-management and mistakes at the highest levels, Council now urges the Minister for Health to dissolve the H.S.E., and to establish a new, more efficient and more accountable system for administering the Health Services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/129)

**Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

12.12 **RAMPS GLENCURRIG SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That ramps would be put in place adjacent to the green area at Glencurrig South Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/130)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.13 **PELICAN CROSSING KILCOLMAN LAWN**

‘That a pelican crossing would be put in place as a matter of urgency near Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road so the residents of this area can cross in safety to the local post office and shop as this is a very busy stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/131)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.14 **SUNDAY’S WELL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council conduct a pedestrian traffic survey at two junctions in Sunday’s Well area, that are of concern to residents, with a view to placing pedestrian lights 1. At the exit of Ashboro Shanakiel Road and 2. At the junction of Shanakiel Road and Sunday’s Well Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/132)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.15 **REPAIR & MAINTENANCE TO ALL COUNCIL TENANTS DWELLINGS**

‘That Cork City Council will implement and improve timescale for all necessary maintenance and repairs to Cork City Council tenants dwellings by providing to Council on monthly basis, a report on each unit, up date on where each unit stands with regards to a completion time. Giving accurate timescales, stating when repairs were reported, expected timescale and final date for completion. A planned maintenance programme be provided on a Ward by Ward basis outlining time scales for waiting and completion of repairs ie painting, window repairs or replacements, doors repair or replacement, gutters, roof, electrical works, structural problems etc. Other problems relate to the older dwellings, which may require complete rewiring, the installation of central heating, the provision of proper kitchen and bathroom facilities, damp proofing and insulation.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/133)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.16 **REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME OF ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER TANKS**

‘That Cork City Council begin a replacement programme of asbestos cement water tanks which were installed in Local Authority houses built in Cork City, during 1940’s, 1950’s, 1960’s and the early 1970’s.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/134)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.17 **HOUSING SITUATION IN CORK CITY**

That this Council acknowledges the seriousness of the housing situation in Cork City, with over 6,000 people on the housing list and approximately another 1,000 joining it every year, and agrees to put in place an integrated set of measures to tackle it including:

- Provision of an extra 3,000 housing units in the coming three years, over and above those currently planned;
- Ensuring that at least half these are 1 or 2-bedroom units, to reflect the decreasing household size within the City and serve the needs of the many people on the Housing List the Council’s existing stock of 3- and 4- bedroom houses does not match;
- Introduction of a transparent points system for Social Housing, comparable to that already in place for applicants for Affordable Housing, with applicants awarded points on the basis of criteria such as financial status, number of

dependents, current accommodation, and medical condition. Applicants would be informed of the number of points awarded them and the reason for the award. They would be able to view their exact place on the housing list and estimate the length of time they will be waiting for a house;

- Creation of a transparent appeals process for people who feel they should be placed higher on the social housing list;
- Lobbying the Government for proper regulation of the property management industry, with adequate protection for consumers regarding the level of service charges and how they are spent;
- Ensuring that future planning matches population growth with the development of public transport, childcare, retail outlets and spaces for recreation;
- An audit of the social and recreational needs of communities in the City, with a set of time-framed initiatives to meet these incorporated in the new City Development Plan;
- Calling on the Minister for the Environment to exercise his powers to extend the city boundaries, with or without the consent of the County Council, to ensure better services and better representation for communities that straddle the current city boundary and provide adequate land for the housing needs of the City.

(Proposor's: Cllr J. O'Brien & Cllr F. Kerins 08/135)

### **Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee**

#### **12.18 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BE INSTALLED – MERVUE LAWN**

‘That traffic calming measures be installed opposite No. 38, Mervue Lawn where there is a dangerous situation regarding volume and speed of traffic and that a survey be done in the area in order to deal with this serious issue’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/137)

### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### **12.19 PUBLIC LIGHTING - BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council would provide public lighting from Ringmahon Road to Gate Lodge, Blackrock.

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 08/138)

### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.20 **NOISE POLLUTION**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake surveys to identify and reduce sources of excessive noise pollution in the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/140)

**Environment Functional Committee**

12.21 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN – MERCY HOSPITAL**

‘That Cork City Council develops a traffic management plan for the streets surrounding the Mercy Hospital’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/141)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.22 **HOME ADAPTATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

‘That Cork City Council recognising the importance of home adaptations for people with special needs and the elderly, would on a regular basis conduct such surveys and inspections to as to ensure that

- Approved work or equipment is carried out and/or installed within agreed time periods set down following consultation with the applicant, contractor and City Council at approval stage
- That such work or equipment meets national and international best standards (where such standards do not exist, that Cork City Council would set such standards)
- That a public process of name and shame would be instituted where work is of a consistent substandard quality or where there was unnecessary and unjustifiable delay in delivering and installing equipment
- Where a company or organisation has been found to have a number of instances of poor work or failure to deliver and or install equipment within agreed time periods that such companies would be removed from the recommended list of approved companies or contractors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/142)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**



12.23 **REPORT ON TURF ACCOUNTANTS**

‘That a report on the number of off-licenses and betting shops (turf accountants) for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 on a Ward by Ward basis be compiled.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/143)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

12.24 **PLAQUE IN REMEMBRANCE FO THE TUSKAR ROCK AIR DISASTER**

‘That in view of the fact that the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tuskar Rock Air Disaster occurs at this time that a suitable memorial be erected by Cork City Council in remembrance of the Cork people who died in this disaster’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 08/144)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.25 **ROADS PROGRAMME – OWENABUE CLOSE**

‘That Cork City Council conduct immediate repair work and include Owenabue Close in the next roads programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/145)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.26 **ROAD RESURFACE AT SHOURNAUGH LAWN TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council carry our repairs to the road surface at Shournaugh Lawn, Togher’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/146)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.27 **CORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

‘That this Council supports the Cork Institute of Technology applications to be a University’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/147)

**Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

**12.28 REDEVELOPMENT OF ‘THE CROWS NEST’**

‘That this Council will ensure that the building know as ‘The Crow’s Nest’ Victoria Cross will be developed/redeveloped to rid it of its derelict appearance’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/148)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

**12.29 AGENCY WORKERS**

‘Noting the increase in agency employment, this Council is aware that many workers from home and abroad are offered agency employment when they are seeking direct and permanent employment. We understand that many of these workers are retained on minimum conditions and in some instances do not receive all their entitlements. Agency employment should not be used as an unnecessary substitute for direct employment or a mechanism for avoidance of or undermining of fair pay and conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 08/149)

**Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

**12.30 ST CATHERINES CEMETERY KILLCULLY**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place security measures at St’ Catherine’s Cemetery Killcully following recent incidents where relatives visiting the Cemetery have had their cars vandalized and property stolen on a regular basis. This is causing great stress to the families of the bereaved. Therefore I am proposing that Cork City Council would put C.C. T.V. cameras in the car park and also have security personnel on duty in the cemetery, particularly at Easter Time and Bank Holiday Weekends.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/150)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

**12.31 ERECT FENCING ON MOUNT ST JOSEPHS AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would erect fencing at the rear of No 20 & 21 Mount St Joseph’s Avenue to secure the houses from the nearby steps which are used as a public walkway and where people have easy access to the back gardens of the above houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/151)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.32 **LIAM BURKE PARK – FARRANREE**

‘In view of the life time service to Cork and its Citizens by the late Liam Burke (City Councillor and Dail Deputy) and especially the esteem in which he was held in the Northside, Cork City Council hereby agrees that Pophams Park, Farranree will henceforth be known as Liam Burke Park, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan & D. Mc Carthy 08/153)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.33 **TRAFFIC CALMING – MOUNT ST JOSEPHS AVENUE & DRIVE**

‘Council agrees to provide suitable traffic calming measures in both the Drive and Avenue to alleviate the ongoing danger from speeding cars to children and adults alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/154)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.34 **TRAFFIC CALMING BEAUMONT DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council would evaluate Beaumont Drive, with a view to installing appropriate traffic calming measures’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/155)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the crisis in Tibet.

Comhairleoir C.O’Leary proposed, Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn seconded the approval of the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council suspend its twinning arrangement with Shanghai.”

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O'Brien, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, L. Kingston, F. Kerins. – (8)

**AGAINST:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, J. Corr, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, J. Buttimer. – (8)

As the vote was tied, An tArd-Mhéara using his casting vote, declared the motion defeated.

This concluded the business of the meeting

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**