

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2008

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham in the Chair and subsequently Comhairleoir P. Gosch.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, 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, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace.
- 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. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- The Stanley Family on the death of Joseph Stanley.
- The Cregan Family on the death of Donal Cregan.
- The O' Donoghue Family on the death of Robert O' Donoghue.
- The Shinkwin Family on the death of Peggy Shinkwin.

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

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

- Douglas Gymnastic Club on their 30th Anniversary.
- City Manager and the staff in the R.A.C. Directorate on the Winter Garden at Grand Parade.
- Glen GAA U21 Hurling Team on winning Cork County U21 County Final.
- OSS Cois Tine on their work in relation to domestic violence.
- Fire Service & Gardaí on their response to the fire on North Main Street on 28th November 2008.
- Barry Woods, Chairman and the other members of the Lord Mayors Gala Christmas Concert Committee on the successful staging of the Annual Concert on the 6th December 2008.
- Defence Forces on the Laying of Wreath Ceremony.
- Ms. Aruba Coughlan on the occasion of her donating a collection of books and other publications to the Cork City Library.
- Brian Dillons Camogie Club on winning the Minor County Final.

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

Mr. David O' Connor, - Proprietor of premises at North Main Street, recently destroyed by fire.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24th November 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **FRONT GARDENS CROAGHTAMORE GARDENS**

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

Would the City Council investigate the works which have occurred in the front gardens i.e., 4 and 5 Croaghtamore Gardens. A ditch was opened right across a disabled parking bay and some building materials have also been dumped there.

The area Roads Inspector will visit the location to ascertain the instigator of these works and ensure reinstatement of the disabled parking bays in question.

3.2 **DEVELOPMENT OF DEANROCK FLATS**

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

Can you update me on plans for the development of the Deanrock Flats

The demolition of the Deanrock Flats was completed in 2007 with a view to advancing proposals on a Public Private Partnership Design Build basis.

The need to integrate existing commercial proposals on site and cater for the development of a Local Health Centre are currently being addressed.

The City Architect's Department have prepared a number of design proposals which are at an advanced stage and once agreement with third parties has been achieved a further report will issue to Members in April 2009.

3.3 **BONDING – DEVELOPERS COPPER HILL, BALLINTEMPLE**

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 what bonding did the Council receive from the developer of Copper Hill, Ballintemple and how much, if any, of this bonding is left as this developer has not completed this estate as far as the landscaping of the green area is concerned, and what ever bonding is left should be used to complete this estate.

All works relating to Copper Hill, Ballintemple were completed to the satisfaction of Cork City Council and that estate was taken in charge quite a number of years ago.

Another estate in the vicinity, Ardcairn, was taken in charge a number of months ago.

3.4 **COMPLETION – WORK FOR THE PARK IN BANTRY PARK ROAD**

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

Would the Manager please inform me as to the completion date for works for the park in Bantry Park Road?

What works/improvements are planned for the park?

Did Cork City Council seek input/suggestions for the planned upgrades from the residents of the area?

Works at Bantry Park Road are scheduled to commence in late Spring 2009. Works include provision of perimeter railings, path network, playground and tree planting. It is expected that the park will be completed by year end 2009. Consultation with local residents will take place in relation to the draft plan for the park in the coming weeks.

3.5 **RECENT CYCLE LANE ON LOWER POULADUFF ROAD**

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

What consultation took place before the recent cycle lane was put in place on Lower Pouladuff Road?

The section of cycle lane on Lower Pouladuff Road is part of an overall network of cycle lanes including Vicar's Road, Tramore Road, Old Kinsale Road, etc.

The section on Lower Pouladuff Road is on part of the roadway where parking normally does not occur, and it was anticipated that there would be no impact on the parking arrangements for the local residents. However, if there are issues associated with the installation of the cycle lane for the local residents, the issue can be reviewed and any appropriate adjustments can be made.

The Traffic Division can be contacted on the matter if it is deemed necessary.

3.6 **GREEN AND ROADWAY – GREENHILLS ESTATE,SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

To ask the Manager to outline to City Council what work is being undertaken at present across the green and roadway at Greenhills Estate, South Douglas Road.

Will he assure Council that the road carriageway and green, which is maintained by the local residents will be properly re-instated when the work is completed.

The above works are being undertaken on behalf of the ESB under licence from Cork City Council and will be continuously monitored to ensure compliance with prescribed standards of reinstatement.

3.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – INISHOWEN, MAYFIELD**

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

Can the Manager advise when the agreed traffic calming measures for Inishowen, Mayfield will be installed.

The construction of the traffic calming measures in Inishowen will be incorporated into the 2009 Road Resurfacing Contract. This is necessary to ensure that competitive rates are obtained for the work involved.

It is anticipated that the traffic calming measures in Inishowen will be installed in the latter part of 2009.

4. **CASUAL VACANCIES**

4.1 **SECTION 19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – CASUAL VACANCY IN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle approved the ratification of Kenneth O' Flynn to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn.

4.2 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/ COMMITTEES – COMHAIRLEOIR G. O'FLYNN**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon proposed and Comhairleoir D. Cregan seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir K. O' Flynn to the following Committees, arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. O'Flynn:-

- Housing & Community Development Functional Committee.
- Planning & Development Functional Committee.
- Twinning Committee

Comhairleoir T. Shannon proposed and Comhairleoir D. Cregan seconded the appointment of Chomhairleoir D. Coughlan to the Chair of Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee, arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. O'Flynn.

5. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the proposed Schedule of Meetings for January 2009 to May 2009 with the following amendment:

Party Whips meeting of 5th January 2009 be rescheduled to Monday 12th January 2009 at 2.30pm.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 24th NOVEMBER 2008**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2008**

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

6.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2009**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cregan and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 20th November 2008 recommending approval to the renewal of the existing level of overdraft facilities of E/OM and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

RESOLVED “*That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the first-half year to the 30th June, 2009*”.

6.3 **MAYORAL MEMORABILIA TO BE TRANSFERRED NEAR LORD MAYORS CHAMBERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That as part of the refurbishment of the Lord Mayor’s landing at City Hall, all the Mayoral Memorabilia at present on display at the City Museum be transferred to City Hall and put on display near the Lord Mayors Chambers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/253)

The report of the City Manager stated that the program of refurbishment of the First Floor of City Hall may have potential for the display of some relevant items. This would best be reviewed by the Party Whips in consultation with Corporate Affairs, the Museum Curator, City Archivist and City Librarian. Considerations such as security and insurance will also need to be taken on board.

The re-location of all Mayoral Memorabilia from the Museum would greatly reduce the public prominence of the various items. This may not be consistent with other stated objectives to promote more broadly the cultural, civic and historic importance of the Office of Lord Mayor.

6.4 **NUMBER OF PYLONS IN EACH OF THE WARDS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council liaise with the ESB to confirm the number of pylons in each of the six wards and that it also seek a letter of indemnity from ESB accepting liability in respect of any damage to human health that may emerge in the future as a result of these pylons being in such close proximity to peoples homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/391)

The report of the City Manager stated that there are many types of pylon in the electricity supply network within the city. These pylons support power-lines with a range of capacities from 220 Volts.

The necessary liaison with the Electricity Supply Board can be undertaken when confirmation is received as to the type of pylon to which the motion relates.

It was agreed that the motion would be submitted to the E.S.B. for their attention.

6.5 **STREET TRADING REGULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer the following motion to Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

‘That Cork City Council considers an alteration in its street trading regulations in order to allow for activities that enhance the attractiveness of the City Centre after 6 p.m. when the overwhelming majority of the retail outlets are closed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/393)

7. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 24th NOVEMBER 2008**

7.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

7.2 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

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

7.3 **WASTE ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

An Chomhaire approved the report of the Director of Services on Waste Enforcement Unit.

7.4 **BULKY GOODS COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 19th November 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated in recent years collections have been carried out in Knocknaheeny, Togher, Mayfield, Mahon, Ballyphehane, Bishopstown/Model Farm Road and Hollyhill. The operation of a bulky goods collection service in 2009 is dependent on the provision of funding in the 2009 Budget. The areas included in the motion will be considered if funding is provided.

7.5 **SUPERMARKET TROLLEYS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 19th November 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle and agreed to defer the report to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

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

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

7.6 **LANDFILL**

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/337)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in a verbal report the Director of Services advised the Committee that the three remaining local authority landfills Derryconnell, Kinsale Road and Youghal would reach closure in late 2009 early 2010. It was expected that Kinsale Road would reach closure in mid 2009 at which time arrangements would be made for the transfer of waste initially to Youghal and subsequently to Bottle Hill which was due to open in early 2010.

7.7 **LOCAL AREA LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 19th November 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Community Services section of The Litter Management Plan 2007- 2009 states that “ a Pilot Area Litter Management Plan will be drawn up in one area of the city in partnership with the local community.” This local area litter management plan is being finalised with an area in the North West of the City at present. The area mentioned in the motion can be considered for the preparation of a further local area litter plan having regard to the lessons learnt from the above pilot.

7.8 **BULKY GOODS COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 19th November on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that in recent years collections have been carried out in Knocknaheeny, Togher, Mayfield, Mahon, Ballyphehane, Bishopstown/Model Farm Road and Hollyhill. The operation of a bulky goods collection service in 2009 is dependent on the provision of funding in the 2009

Budget. The areas included in the motion will be considered if funding is provided.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE 24th NOVEMBER 2008**

8.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

8.1.1 **RENNES FAIR 2009**

An Chomhairle considered participation in the Rennes Fair 2009, March 21st – 29th and the nomination of members to travel to the fair as part of the official delegation.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O' Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O' Brien, a vote was called for to amend decision of Committee that the Lord Mayor and 3 members of the International Relations Committee would travel to the fair as part of the official delegation where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O' Brien, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer (6)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, K. O' Flynn, P. Gosch, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields (12)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the recommendation of Committee approved.

8.1.2 **SHANGHAI – CORK SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 19th November 2008, on Shanghai-Cork Sister City Relationship and the recommendations contained therein.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr a vote was called for to recommend the report of the Director of Services dated 19th November 2008, on Shanghai-Cork Sister City Relationship and the recommendations contained therein where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, K. O' Flynn, P. Gosch, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O' Brien, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, F. Kerins. (5)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 19th November 2008 approved.

8.1.3 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November, 2008 on Housing Estates to October 2008.

8.1.4 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November, 2008 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January, 2008 to 31st October, 2008.

8.1.5 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November, 2008 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January to 31st October, 2008.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November 2008, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the development of South Ridge and Ashmount is currently being inspected and assessed by the appropriate divisions within Cork City Council.

To date four of the five divisions have completed their inspections and confirmed that their respective areas are in order. One inspection report is awaited.

A bond is being maintained in respect of the development at the level requested by Cork City Council.

8.3 **TAKE IN CHARGE OF SOUTHRIDGE/ASHMOUNT, SILVERSPRINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November 2008, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘The Cork City Council take-in-charge Southridge/Ashmount, Silversprings, No’s 1-20, 21-40, 71-80, 81-98, 53-70 and 41-52 as soon as possible. Can the Planners confirm the relevant Directorates have all signed off including Roads and Environment in respect of Footpaths/Roads and Water.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/406)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the development of South Ridge and Ashmount is currently being inspected and assessed by the appropriate divisions within Cork City Council.

To date four of the five divisions have completed their inspections and confirmed that their respective areas are in order. One inspection report is awaited.

A bond is being maintained in respect of the development at the level requested by Cork City Council.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November 2008, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that planning permission (TP 06/30722) has been granted to construct a dwelling house on this site. However, no works have commenced to date.

The site was inspected on 30th September 2008 and found to be totally overgrown and in a derelict condition.

On 13th October 2008 Manager’s Order no. 6210/08, recommending that this site be placed on the Derelict Sites Register, was forwarded to the Property Department.

8.5 **ARD PATRICK, ASSUMPTION ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November 2008, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take in charge Ard Patrick, Assumption Road’.
(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/343)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the estate known as Ard Patrick, Assumption Road has not yet being certified in order to take in charge.

The developer was notified earlier in the year of items that needed to be addressed.

On 15th October 2008, the Developer has advised us that he considers the outstanding items to be remedied. We are awaiting the submission of CCTV footage of the Drainage System.

On receipt of the CCTV footage and satisfactory re-inspections by a number of Directorates, we will be in a position to begin the taking in charge process.

8.6 **TAKING ROCKFIELD ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK IN CHARGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November 2008, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would begin the process of taking Rockfield Estate, Church Road, Blackrock in charge as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 08/362)

The report of the Director of Services stated that before beginning the taking in charge process, all Directorates of Cork City Council must be satisfied that the estate is in order.

There is an outstanding issue in Rockfield Estate which is currently being pursued by our Drainage Division.

Once this issue is resolved, we can begin the taking in charge process.

8.7 **DERELICT SITE AT WYCHERLEY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 19th November 2008, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out an investigation of a site at Wycherley Mews off College Road, containing an ugly shed, in order that the site be cleaned up and placed on the register of derelict buildings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 08/384)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the site was inspected on 28th March, 2008 and found to be totally overgrown and derelict.

Manager’s Order No: 2945/08 and dated 9th May, 2008 was forwarded to the Property Department on 13th May, 2008 recommending that the property be placed on the Derelict Sites Register.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider correspondence, if any.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **SEMINAR ON CRIME**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, at the Seminar on Crime, held in the Greenhills Hotel, Limerick, on the 24th & 25th January 2008.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O’Callaghan and T. Fitzgerald, at the Training Seminar: “Information & Communication – Technologies for Councillors”, held in the Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on the 21st – 23rd of November 2008.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, at the Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Conference, held in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, on the 26th – 27th November 2008.

10.4 **12TH NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – “CO-OPERATION & INTEGRATION: THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL TOURISM”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, S. Martin, L. McGonigle, C. Clancy, P. Gosch and J. O’Callaghan, at the 12th National Tourism Conference – “Co-operation & Integration: The Key to Successful Tourism”, held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 27th – 29th of November 2008.

10.5 **2ND ANNUAL DAVE ELLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy and D. Cregan, at the 2nd Annual Dave Ellis Memorial Lecture, held in the Morrison Hotel, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1, on the 1st December 2008.

10.6 **HOMELESSNESS IN IRELAND TRAINING SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy and D. Cregan, at the Homelessness in Ireland Training Seminar, to be held in the City West Hotel, Dublin, on the 5th – 6th December 2008.

10.7 **TRAINING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS – EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Training Seminar for Councillors – Effective Communications for Councillors Conference held in Sligo Park Hotel, Pierce Road, Sligo, on the 12th – 14th December 2008.

11. **MOTIONS**

The following motions were referred to the relevant committees:-

11.1 **THE PURCHASE OF LAND – CREATING AN EXTRA LANE**

‘That Cork City Council purchase a section of the side garden of 258 Connolly Road thus creating an extra lane exiting from Pearse Road on to Togher Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 08/057)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **NUNS WALK**

‘That Cork City Council include Nuns Walk from Pouladuff Road to its intersection with Rundowney and Clareville Estate’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 08/059)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **FLOODING AT POULADUFF ROAD & PEARSE ROAD JUNCTION**

‘That measures be taken to alleviate the flooding at the junction of Pouladuff Road and Pearse Road which occurs frequently since the resurfacing work that was carried out there in the recent past.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/422)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 **GLENCOO GARDENS IN THE ROADS PROGRAMME 2009**

‘That Cork City Council would include Glencoo Gardens in the Roads Programme 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/427)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.5 **PELICAN CROSSING ON BLACKROCK ROAD NEAR THE VENUE BAR**

‘That a pelican crossing would be put in place as a matter of urgency on Blackrock Road near the Venue Bar, Ballintemple so residents can cross in safety on this busy stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/432)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT TEMPLE HILL LAWN, BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place in Temple Hill Lawn, Ballintemple as to stop speeding traffic going through this estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/434)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 **PROMOTING THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AT ELECTION TIMES**

‘That Cork City Council recognises the positive role that posters play in promoting the democratic process at election times and is opposed to any decision that may be taken by Central Government that would result in abolition of their use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/438)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

11.8 **REMOVE PART OF GREEN AREA AT MOUNT BROSNA, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘That part of the green area at Mount Brosna, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, which lies across the road from the Swimming Pool and Sports Complex, be removed in order to create extra car-parking spaces for all the patrons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/439)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.9 **INTRODUCE SPECIAL GRANTS AND INCENTIVE SCHEME**

‘Bearing in mind the falling population of the city, and the need to rejuvenate the older areas, Council urges the Government to introduce a special Grants and Incentive Scheme, in order to encourage people to buy and restore the older houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/440)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

11.10 **PLAQUE BE PLACED IN ST. JOSEPH’S CEMETERY**

‘That a plaque be placed in St. Joseph’s cemetery to commemorate the thousands of victims of the Great Famine who are buried there in accordance with the expressed wishes of the members of this Council’s since 1995.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/441)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.11 **AMEND CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would amend the City Development Plan to ensure that companies wishing to open Betting Offices in the City would have to apply for planning permission to do so and that any permission granted would have to take into account local area plans and also any concerns residents might have regarding the application.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/443)

Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee

11.12 **ACTIVATE LIGHTS AT WELLINGTON BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Councils Traffic Dept. would activate the traffic lights at Wellington Bridge and also that the proposed lights at the bottom of Shanakiel Road/ Junction with Sunday’s Well Road be installed as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/444)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.13 **COMPLETE RESURFACING OF BELLEVUE PARK**

‘That Cork City Council complete the remaining resurfacing of Bellevue Park, Military Hill as a matter of priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/445)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.14 **COMPLETE THE ACQUISITION OF THE DERELICT SITE AT LOWER MAYFIELD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council complete the acquisition of the derelict site at Lower Mayfield Road with a view to eliminating anti social behaviour and enhancing the Byfield Court / Lower Mayfield Road living environment for the local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/446)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

11.15 **REMOVE FENCE AT ENTRANCE TO BOSTON SCIENTIFIC**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately seek to have the temporary fence at the entrance to Boston Scientific on the Model Farm Road removed and replaced with a permanent entrance appropriate to the setting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/447)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

11.16 **CAR PARKING FACILITIES AT MOTOR TAX OFFICE**

‘That Cork City Council demands that Cork County Council provide appropriate and adequate car parking facilities for staff and customers at the new Motor Tax Office on Model Farm Road so as to prevent and minimise the occurrence of cars being parked on Rossa Avenue/ Melbourn Road and Melbourn Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/448)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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