

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2007

- PRESENT** An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair and subsequently An Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir T. Shannon in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí, 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, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.
Mr. J. O' Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. U. Ramsell, 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 Clifford family on the death of Johnny Clifford.
- The Coughlan family on the death of Margaret Coughlan.
- The McAleer family on the death of Philip McAleer.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Brien O'Brien.
- The Condon family on the death of Kevin Condon.
- The Murphy family on the death of Eddie Murphy.
- The Kelly family on the death of Kitty Kelly.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Congratulations to:-

- To the Bishopstown Under 21 who won the County Under 21 Semi Final
- Archbishop Sean Daly on his appointment to the College of Cardinals
- Cllr. Mairin Quill, Liz Meaney and the team who co-ordinated the Seamus Murphy celebrations

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

An Chomhairle and the City Manager extended a vote of best wishes to Paddy McMahon of Cork City Council wishing him every happiness in his retirement.

2. **MINUTES**

- 2.(a) On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8th October, 2007.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, D. Cregan, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.

- (17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, J. Buttimer. – (10)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8th October 2007 approved.

- 2.(b) An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 15th October, 2007.

3. **QUESTION TIME – QUESTIONS SUBMITTED ENCLOSED.**

3.1 **WALK-WAY BETWEEN LAGAN GROVE AND LIFFEY PARK**

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

Now that the decision has been made and the money allocated, will the Manager inform Council when the walk-way between Lagan Grove and Liffey Park, Mayfield, will be closed?

This item is due for discussion at a meeting of Ward Members on Monday the 22nd of October 2007. On the recommendation(s) ensuing from this meeting works can then proceed accordingly.

3.2 **TRAFFIC LANE ON CAMDEN QUAY**

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

To ask the Manager what consultation took place before the redesignation of the traffic lane on Camden Quay to a contra flow bus corridor? And whether individual traders on the Quay were informed directly?

The implementation of the contra flow bus on Camden Quay is part of the Green Route Project for the no. 2 Bus Route from the City Centre to Knocknaheeny. The Green Route Scheme was subject to the full public consultation process under Part 8 of the Planning Regulations. This process included:-

- A public notice published in the press.
- Site notices posted along the route.
- Details of the scheme available to the public for a four week period in Cork City Council offices.
- Submissions and comments from the general public and all other interested bodies.
- A report on the submissions was made to Council and the Part 8 Process was approved in July 2005.

In addition to the above, a public exhibition of the proposals was held in the Shandon Court Hotel in Shandon which was advertised and open to the public. The proposals were also exhibited for a week in the public library in Knocknaheeny.

Traders/residents were not contacted individually; however, the public notice and the advertisement for the public exhibitions were reasonable attempts to inform the general public of the proposals incorporated in the Green Route Scheme.

3.3 **REFURBISHMENT OF ST. FINBARR'S HOUSE**

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

Following a number of questions with answers that the matter will be rectified, when will Cork City Council finally ensure that St. Finbarr's House and its attached property on the Western Road will be upgraded from its unsightly sight as at present?

Following Title investigation in relation to St. Finbarr's House, we have been advised by the Solicitors for the reputed owner that a planning application will be made to develop this property.

In relation to the attached property the owner has advised that it is his intention to refurbish the property and make it available for letting.

Cork City Council will monitor developments to ensure that the undertakings given will be carried out.

3.4 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

Regarding my motion of last year, i.e.

“(In order to provide a safe environment for the hundreds of schoolgirls that have to cross the Model Farm Road on a daily basis to access Mount Mercy School I proposed that Cork City Council would install a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the school gate as a matter of utmost urgency)”

As the new school year has begun, would the Manager please advise us as to when we can expect this vital pedestrian crossing to be installed to ensure the safety of school children using what is one of the busiest / dangerous roads in the city?

The report on the motion referred to in this question, was dealt with and approved by Council in April of this year. The motion stated that the provision of the pedestrian crossing will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

This year’s roads programme includes work on other pedestrian crossings and no funds have been allocated for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Mount Mercy School. It will however, be considered for inclusion in the 2008 roads programme.

Model Farm Road is a “sub route” of the Ballincollig Green Route and an examination will also be done on whether the cost of the crossing, if it is warranted, could be funded by the Green Routes Schemes.

3.5 **CREATION OF REHEARSAL SPACE/ UNITS IN THE CORK DOCKLANDS DEVELOPMENT**

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

Has any organisation or agency been identified that is willing to act as the lead agent in relation to putting in operation the creation of rehearsal space/units as is outlined in the Cork Docklands development?

Some submissions received in relation to the Draft South Docks Local Area Plan identified the need for rehearsal space and noted that some space currently provided in the Showgrounds could be lost.

The Draft Amendments made to the Draft South Docks Local Area Plan include provision for a variety of cultural/community facilities that will provide for some rehearsal space.

It is desirable that the need for rehearsal space and meeting that need be addressed on a citywide basis as Cork Docklands is not the only location where these facilities are required and it may not be the best location in all cases.

The Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate in Cork City Council, working with the Docklands Directorate, would be the lead agent in delivering these facilities.

3.6 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE OUTSTANDING REQUESTS**

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

On September 1st 2007 Housing Maintenance had 2494 outstanding requests. Can the Manager indicate as to how many of these outstanding requests were (a) emergency (b) urgent (c) routine? How many of the emergency and urgent requests had been in line for (a) more than a week (b) more than two weeks (c) more than a month (d) more than 3 months? How many people do we employ in the Housing Maintenance section and how does this compare with the numbers employed on the same dates in 2005 and 2006?

Outstanding Repair Requests at 1st Sept 2007 :

- a) 0
- b) 48
- c) 2426

Time for outstanding urgent repair requests :

- a) 45
- b) 37
- c) 16
- d) 0

Housing Maintenance Staff :

01/09/2007 : 162
01/09/2006 : 168
01/09/2005 : 177

3.7 **DERELICT SITES**

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

What is the current status and intent of the apparently derelict sites at:

- Carmelite Place (6 House Terrace)
- The Crows Nest, Victoria Cross
- The former Car Showrooms at the Corner of Orchard Road and Victoria Cross Road.

1. **1-6 Carmelite Place :**

- o The Director of Services, Planning & Development has on the 13th November 2006, by Manager's Order 7533/06, declared these properties derelict, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The file was referred to the City Council's Property Section on the 4th December 2006, to enter the properties on the Derelict Sites Register.
- o These properties are also the subject of a current planning permission (TP 07/31711), which was granted for the demolition of the 6 terrace houses /shop & for the construction of an apartment development. Permission was granted on the 25th May 2007 & the permission will expire on the 14th May 2012.

2. **The Crows Nest, Victoria Cross :**

- o The site is subject of a current Planning Permission (TP 05/30071) which was granted by An Bord Pleanála on the 6th July 2007, for the demolition of the existing buildings & the construction of a mixed use development. Permission will expire on the 5th July 2012.
- o Under the circumstances I would therefore consider it premature to place these properties on the Derelict Sites Register, at this time. However the Planning Authority will monitor the site for commencement of development over the coming months & will consider placing the site on the Derelict Sites Register, if we consider the condition of the site detracts to a material degree from the local amenities

3. **The former Car Showrooms at the Corner of Orchard Road and Victoria Cross Road :**

- o The site is subject of a current Planning application (TP 07/32295) which was submitted on the 7th August 2007. The application is the subject of a recent request for Further Information dated the 1st. October 2007.
- o Under the circumstances and as the property was being utilised up to recently as a Motor Sales Operation, I would therefore consider it premature to place these properties on the Derelict Sites Register., at

this time. However the Planning Authority will monitor the situation over the coming months & will consider placing the site on the Derelict Sites Register, if we consider the condition of the site detracts to a material degree from the local amenities.

3.8 **STUDENT BEHAVIOUR IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

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

Will the City Manager –

- i. Indicate what meetings have taken place between City Council and representatives of CIT, UCC, FAS and CUH with respect to expectations re student behaviour in local residential areas, and comment on the outcomes or action plans arising from any such meetings?
 - ii. Have there been any meetings with the relevant student bodies from these facilities and comment on the outcome of these meetings?
 - iii. How many landlords have registered property for the South West Ward?
 - iv. How many inspections of these properties have been undertaken and can the City Manager comment on the conclusions of these inspections?
 - v. How many inspections have occurred after traditional working hours i.e. after 5.00 p.m. and can the City Manager comment on future plans with respect to inspections of properties?
 - vi. What discussions have taken place between City Council and local resident associations with respect to student behaviour in residential areas and can the City Manager comment on the outcome of these discussions?
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- (a) None to my knowledge. Perhaps this is more a matter for the Gardai.
 - (b) No to my knowledge.
 - (c) We do not possess information in regard to the total number of rented properties in the South West Ward. This is a matter for the Private Rented Tenancy Board (PRTB).
There are however approximately 9,000 registered properties in the city.
 - (d) There are no specific figures available for the South West Ward.
However, 715 inspections were carried out in 2006, in the city and 321 Improvement Notices were issued. The majority of the Improvement Notices issued were for minor breaches of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 1993.
 - (e) No inspections were carried out after 5.00pm. Our future plan is to maintain the level of inspections and to ensure compliance with the 1993 Regulations.

- (f) No specific discussions, to my knowledge have taken place in regard to student behaviour. This is a matter for the College authorities and the Gardai.

It would be reasonable to assume that the numerical breakdown of inspections and improvement notices, for the South West Ward, would proportionately mirror those for the city as a whole.

3.9 **CITY HALL AVAILABLE FOR CIVIC NUPTIALS**

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

Given that from November 2007 Irish couples are no longer restricted to Church or Registry Offices as locations for a wedding ceremony and following on a Motion I had before Council in July 2005 on making City Hall available for Civic Nuptials –

Ask the Manager

Has an area within City Hall been identified for Civic Nuptials to take place?

From November 2007, the marriage provisions of the Civil Registration Act, 2004 will be commenced and will replace the current marriage legislation in Ireland.

From the 5th November it will be possible for civil marriages to be held at venues other than Registry Offices, provided the venue has been inspected and approved by the HSE in advance of the marriage ceremony and subject to a Registrar being available to solemnise a marriage at that venue on the date in question.

Under the provisions of the Act, the onus is on the couples who wish to have a civil ceremony at a venue other than the Registry Office to acquire the prior approval of the owners of that venue.

This venue will then be identified in the Notification of Intention to marry which must be given to the Registrar. Following this the registrar will contact the owner to arrange for an inspection.

If and when a request is received from a couple wishing to have a ceremony in City Hall then the matter will be considered at that stage.

3.10 **KINSALE ROAD PARK & RIDE FACILITY**

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

- (a) What was the Capital Cost of the Kinsale Road Park & Ride facility?
(b) How many parking spaces are provided there?

- (c) What is the Capital Cost per space provided?
 - (d) What was the average income per space provided in the year to end of 2006?
 - (e) What was the average expenditure (excluding capital but including the cost of direct wages and salaries and transport to and from town) per space provided in the year 2006?
- a) The capital expenditure was €7 million excluding the value of the land which was in Cork City Council ownership. The capital works included a large amount of costly “remedial works” for the former landfill site.
 - b) There are 910 spaces are provided at the Park & Ride facility
 - c) The capital cost per space provided was €7,700 per space excluding land value.
 - d) The average income is €810 per space
 - e) The average expenditure is €749 per space

3.11 **DEANROCK REGENERATION**

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

To ask the Manager if there are any further developments / plans in relation to the Deanrock Regeneration.

Work on the demolition of the Deanrock Flats was completed earlier this year with a view to advancing re-development proposals on a Public Private Partnership Design-Build basis. No detailed plans are in place as yet - a development brief for the site is being worked up in order to publicly advertise for proposals.

The need to integrate proposals with the existing commercial concerns on-site (the bank and credit union) will require to be addressed in the development proposals and the Council has been liaising with both of these parties in relation to their requirements in this regard.

Also, the Health Services Executive has proposals for the development of a Health Facility in the area and has requested to be incorporated in the proposed development scheme for Deanrock. The HSE is currently finalizing it's detailed requirements and a meeting is being arranged for later this month to progress this issue.

A further meeting will be arranged in due course with Ward Members to advise them in relation to the detail of the final brief.

4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 30th September, 2007. The City Manager agreed that a Quarterly Capital Report would be circulated in future.

5. **BUDGET 2008**

An Chomhairle agreed that the Annual Budget Meeting would take place on 17th December 2007 and that Committee Meetings would take place from 20th November to 23rd November inclusive.

6. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE–
15th OCTOBER, 2007**

6.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LEISURE AND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the Quarterly Report on Leisure and Library Facilities.

6.2 **REPORT OF A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES ON EXTENSION WORKS
AT LEISUREWORLD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services dated 9th October 2007, on extension works to Leisureworld.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, a vote was called for on the deferral of the report where there appeared as follows:-

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

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. -(22)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost.

A vote was called for on the report of the A/Director of Services dated 9th October 2007 where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. -(22)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. O' Leary.-(2)

ABSTAINED: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, J. O'Brien, F. Kerins.-(3)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report carried.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Leisureworld at Bishopstown has been operating successfully since opening in February 1997. The complex at that time comprised of a 25m swimming pool, a children's learner pool, gym, aerobics room, sauna, steamroom and associated changing facilities. Since then, to cater for demand, and from Leisureworld's own resources, an additional 18m pool has been added, the gym has expanded twice, four All Weather Pitches have been added as well as a café and extended changing facilities. The facility attracted over 500,000 visits last year.

Plans have now been prepared to extend the facility further. It is proposed to extend the present gym facilities by 296 sq. meters, provide four offices and extend the present café. The gym needs to be expanded to allow Leisureworld offer a complete range of cardiovascular and resistance equipment to its customers, including also Ladies Only, over 55's, and GP referral groups, additional facilities for younger children, and also compete successfully with other facilities, the gym always being a major attraction at Leisureworld. The company now employs 60 staff (both full time and part-time) at Bishopstown.

With only one office provided in the original complex, office accommodation is entirely inadequate at present for the staff, the company not alone managing the Bishopstown Centre, but also responsible for other facilities such as the Sam Allen Centre, Churchfield Leisure Centre and Mahon Golf Course with key operational and administrative staff based at Bishopstown.

The proposal was advertised in accordance with Part 8 (Article 81) Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 on the 29th June 2007, with no submission being received by closing date for same 10th August 2007. The proposal is in accordance with proper planning and development of the area, there being no detrimental impact on the visual amenity and the proposal enhancing existing recreational facilities.

The proposed works are estimated to cost € 1.6m including VAT and fees. It is projected that revenues generated from the enhanced facilities will cover the costs over ten years. For cashflow purposes it is proposed that Cork City Council would provide an interest free loan of €1m, repayable in equal installments over ten years, with the balance being funded from Leisureworld's own resources. At the end of the period, the asset, having been amortised in Leisureworld's accounts, will revert to Cork City Council at no cost.

Leas Ard Mhéara T. Shannon assumed the chair.

6.3 PART 8 REPORT ON EXTRA ALL WEATHER PITCHES AT THE GLEN RESOURCE CENTRE

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development on the provision of additional two All Weather Pitches and Car Parking at the Glen Resource and Sports Centre, Glen Avenue and the report of the A/Director of Services dated 10th October 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded

by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development and the report of the Director of Services thereon.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Glen Resource Centre is owned by Cork City Council and has been operating very successfully since it opened in 2001. The facility comprises of six All Weather Pitches, changing areas, Crèche and offices.

To cater for demand for pitch hire, it is proposed to construct an additional two pitches and extend car parking by 19 car spaces. The project is one of the projects approved by Council last year as part of the North City Environmental Enhancement Action Plan.

The proposal was advertised in the Examiner on the 15th June 2007 in accordance with Part 8, Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001m, with no submission being received by closing date of 27th July 2007. The proposed development is in accordance with proper planning and development of the area and will enhance the recreational facilities in the area further. Works will cost €260k approximately and will be completed within the next few months.

6.4 **50 M SWIMMING POOL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘To satisfy the phenomenal need, and to further promote sport in Cork City, I propose that Cork City Council would ensure that a 50 meter swimming pool be built in the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/240)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan a vote was called for on the report of the A/Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern. – (16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, J. O’Callaghan, C. O’ Leary, J. Corr, F. Kerins, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer. –(11)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the A/Director of Services approved.

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the City Council over the years has been a major provider of swimming facilities within the City. Currently there are three 25m pools provided, Leisureworld, Bishopstown (which also has an 18m pool), Churchfield Leisure Centre and the Gus Healy Pool at Douglas. The Council committed over €5m of its own resources to provide the facility at Churchfield in 2005, with total cost being €9.5m. Council at its meeting of 27th February 2006 also committed itself to provide a new 25 m pool at Douglas and is awaiting a response in relation to its request for grant aid for same, total cost likely to be €10m approx.

Given the three pools (with new pool at Douglas) and the proliferation of private leisure centres in recent years, the swimming needs of the City are considered to be well catered for at present. The capital cost of providing a 50 m pool is considerable, with the 50m capacity generally not being used except for specialised hours for elite swimmers. In effect, a 50 m facility is only used by a tiny portion of the swimming community, but attracts huge capital and operational costs – the National Aquatic Centre is expected to lose over €1m this year. Whilst inconvenient, the needs of a small number of elite swimmers in the City can be catered for at the 50m pool at the University of Limerick. The provision of a 50m pool by the Council cannot be justified with the priority being construction of a new 25m public facility at Douglas.

An tArd Mhéara assumed the chair again.

6.5 MUNICIPAL PITCH AND PUTT COURSE AT LOTAMORE

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take steps to acquire lands at Lotamore for the purpose of constructing a Municipal Pitch & Putt Course to be run on a not for profit basis.’

(Proposer:- Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/249)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the Cork Recreational Facilities Needs Study (2003) identified a short-fall in the provision of pitch and putt courses in the Northside of the City with no provision in the North East, the report also highlighted that there is not suitable available space within the City Boundary to provide a course.

A Pitch and Putt course requires an area of 4.5 to 5 acres. Criteria for location must satisfy accessibility, supervision, safety in terms of proximity to public areas, roadways and housing and be relatively free draining.

During the consultation for the Recreation Facilities Needs Study (2003), there was no expressed demand for a pitch and putt course in the North East.

However, should a course be provided and managed, the belief is that it would be well used particularly by juveniles.

The cost to develop an 18 hole course excluding cost of land but including a small pavilion and machinery depot is estimated at €1.2 million. The total cost could exceed €1.5m and annual maintenance would be in the order of €70,000. It is desirable that the extent of local demand be established before proceeding to acquire a site particularly in the light of the 2003 study.

6.6 MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CLLR. CON O'CONNELL

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will erect a fitting monument in the form of a park bench with a plaque, in memory of the late Alderman, Cllr. Con O’Connell and in recognition of his contribution to politics in Cork and in particular Cork South-Central. That the City Council commission this monument without delay and locate it at the Lough in the heart of Cllr. O’Connell’s constituency of South Central.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/254)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the family of the late Cllr. Con O’Connell will be consulted about the proposal and if agreeable, arrangements will be put in hand to erect the seat and plaque at the Lough.

6.7 TREES ON MOUNT CARMEL ROAD, GREENMOUNT

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees be pruned on Mount Carmel Road, Greenmount immediately. This overgrowth is a cause of concern to residents living in this area because children cannot play safely. The foliage has now become so overgrown the motorists driving through this road cannot see the children playing there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/256)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the sucker growth on the above trees has now been pruned.

6.8 SUMMER STREET AMBASSADOR SCHEME

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would in conjunction with other organisations introduce a Summer Street Ambassador Scheme to assist tourists. A similar scheme introduced in Limerick last year has been very successful and is being replicated in Dublin this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/261)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the Limerick Coordination Office ran the Limerick Street Ambassador Scheme from 2006 – 7 and plans to run the scheme again in 2008.

The programme operates from the 1st June – 30th August. It involves the employment of 9 Street Ambassadors plus a Supervisor. Street Ambassadors assist the public, serving in a ‘welcoming and informative role for visitors’. They also serve a secondary function observing the environmental condition of the City Centre.

This project is funded under a European programme called SPAA – Sustainable Promotion of Atlantic Area an Interreg IIIB project. The SPAA project seeks to promote the economic development of European towns, cities and regions in a sustainable and innovative way. The project involves partners from Europe – Chester (UK), Ourense (Spain), Valimar (Portugal) as well as Limerick. All are seeking to address some of the economic challenges they face as sub regional hubs on the periphery of not only their own regions but also their own countries and the EU as a whole. There are pilot demonstration projects in each partner’s region and the Ambassador programme which is new to Ireland but has been long established in City Centres across the EU, was a pilot project carried out by Limerick.

Training and employment costs for the project in 2007 were €22,230, (EU funding) with associated costs of €5,000 toward uniforms, logos etc. These latter costs were met by Shannon Development and the Limerick Chamber of Commerce. Thus the total costs for 2007 were €27,230.

The Limerick Coordination Office promotes the centre of the city as an attractive, safe and enjoyable place for businesses, residents and visitors. It is funded by Limerick City Council, the Shannon Development Authority and the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, as well as the project based funding it receives from the EU.

The scheme has met with widespread public and media support. The Ambassadors can also serve to usefully point out problems experienced by visitors to the City leading to early and quick responses.

It is proposed that the feasibility and merits of such a scheme will be investigated further with Cork City Marketing Partnership, the equivalent organisation in Cork to the Limerick Coordination Office.

6.9 **TREES, ARDMAHON ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees in the park at Ardmahon Estate be topped this year, as they have grown to be a very dangerous height.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon (07/279))

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the necessary pruning works to reduce the height of the above trees has been carried out.

6.10 **COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would examine the viability of providing a Community/ Health Centre for the Fairhill area. The residents of the area have been campaigning for many years for a Community Centre for the area. Fairhill is the most expanded community in the North Side of the City with no community facilities of its own. This should be seriously addressed in conjunction with the proposed development of a new park in Bridevalley Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/314)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Fairhill Residents Association have received funding of €30k from Dormant Accounts towards a feasibility study in relation to need for a community centre etc., in the wider Fairhill Area. A meeting will be arranged within the next few weeks between the RAPID Co-ordinator, City Council, other Agency representatives and the Resident’s Association to review progress.

6.11 **FITZGERALD PLACE, OLD BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Fitzgerald Place, Old Blackrock Road be immediately investigated with a view to:-

- (a) cutting back the trees up the centre of the Avenue
- (b) prepare the damage to the road resurface, which has been caused by the roots and has left the surface in a very dangerous condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/349)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that:-

- (a) Remedial tree pruning on the trees at Fitzgerald's Place will be carried out within the next four to six weeks.
- (b) Roads Dept. will inspect the damage caused to the road surface and carry out any repairs considered necessary.

6.12 **PARKOWEN – RECREATION & LIVING SPACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the open spaces adjacent to Park Owen be immediately C.P.O. and that Housing and Recreation prepare a plan for the future development of the Park as a recreational and also a living space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/386)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the enclosed area of land situated adjacent to Park Owen Amenity Area and to the rear and side of properties at Douglas Street, Blue Anchor Lane and East View Terrace is in private ownership. The original owner who assembled small individual plots in the 1990's is now deceased and his Estate is being administered but I understand that it is intended to develop the lands and initial discussions have taken place with Planning Dept. in regard to same.

While the adjoining amenity area is in good condition, the 8 no. decorative public lamps standards have been vandalised and are not working. The cost to replace the lamps is estimated at €8,000 and this will be included in the 2008 Draft Estimates for consideration. Tree planting on the green areas will be undertaken in the 2007/2008 planting season.

6.13 **YOUTH CENTRE IN FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I propose that Cork City Council would provide a youth centre in Farranree to serve this and surrounding areas.’

(Proposer; Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/313)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Funding has been secured for a feasibility study into community facilities including needs of youth in the wider Fairhill area which adjoins Farranree.

Completion of this study will allow for any specific needs in relation to youth in the area to be identified and any gaps in provision to be addressed by the relevant agencies/youth organisations working in the Farranree/Fairhill area.

6.14 **TORY TOP PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated the 10th October 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the number of Children’s Play facilities in Tory Top Park be increased.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/215)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Play facilities at Tory Top Park consist of Playground Equipment for toddlers up to six years and older children up to twelve years. The playground was completely renewed in 2005 with the provision of more challenging play equipment, safer surfacing, bench seats and litter bins.

A new Skate Park was installed in June 2006 and this is extremely popular with all age groups and in particular with juveniles and young adults.

A Multi-User Games Area is scheduled to be installed in October/November 2007 increasing further the variety of play activities in the Park.

Due to the considerable increased use of the Park and play facilities, parents have requested that some additional items of play equipment be provided to cater for the sizeable number of children using the facilities.

To cater for this increased demand, it is intended that additional items of play equipment amounting to approximately €30,000.00 be included in the 2008 Parks Capital Programme for consideration.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

8. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

8.1 **THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern and S. Martin at the Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland

conference held in the Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 19th October, 2007.

8.2 **19th NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – TOURISM FOR CHANGING LIFESTYLES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Corr and J. Kelleher at the 19th National Tourism Conference – Tourism for Changing Lifestyles conference to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on 22nd – 24th November 2007.

8.3 **HEALTH & SAFETY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Health & Safety in Local Government Conference to be held in The Carraig Hotel, Main Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary on 26th – 27th October 2007.

8.4 **L.A.M.A. WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the L.A.M.A Winter Conference to be held in on 9th & 10th November 2007.

8.5 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Kingston at the Planning Seminar for Councillors at the Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry held on the 12th October 2007.

8.6 **SHARING THE TASK – ACHIEVING CHILD PROTECTION & WELFARE THROUGH INTERAGENCY - WORKING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan and M. Ahern at the Sharing the Task – Achieving Child Protection & Welfare through Interagency – Working Conference to be held in the Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny on the 23rd/ 24th October 2007.

9. **MOTIONS LISTED AS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 8th OCTOBER 2007**

9.1 **IMPLEMENT WEB-CASTING TO BROADCAST COUNCIL MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered the decision of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion and agreed to re-examine the issue when works are completed in the Council Chamber.

‘That Cork City Council would implement Web-Casting as a platform for broadcasting Council meetings, with the installation of a Web-Casting system into the Council Chamber as an ongoing commitment to openness and

transparency which will allow for greater numbers of people to see the democratic process in action.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/255)

9.2 **FIVE YEAR CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle agreed to await the report to be presented to the Corporate Policy Group at its next meeting.

‘That Cork City Council draws up and implements a five year Climate Change Strategy, reviewed every 12 months, to ensure that our forward thinking and dynamic City impacts positively on Climate Change. The first five year strategy will run until the Kyoto deadline of 31st December 2012. That an interdepartmental group involving Management, Councillors and Civic Groups would be established by September 2007 to oversee this motion and its implementation, including a period of public consultation.

The Climate Change Strategy will develop actions in areas including:

Waste Management: To ensure the diversion of organic waste from landfill disposal to composting, and to promote the reduction, reusing and recycling of all waste as an alternative to landfill & incineration.

Transport: To promote various transport alternatives to cars and to take measures to switch Cork City Council vehicles to renewable energy sources. To engage with public transport providers, including Bus Eireann, and to advance policies which are keeping with this motion.

Planning: Develop planning guidelines for development of lands at risk of flooding, under current climate change forecasts and to ensure that all developments are socially & environmentally sustainable. Develop integrated actions on spatial planning to reduce commuting and other sources of carbon emissions.

Energy generation: That action is taken to increase the use of renewable energy sources in heating existing buildings and new developments and that fitting renewable energy sources be standard in renovation programmes for Cork City Council properties.

Biodiversity: Develop policies to protect sensitive habitats from the negative impacts of climate change.

Policy Proofing: Ensure all policy developed by Cork City Council is environmentally and ecologically proofed to meet the highest international standards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/268)

10. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 8th OCTOBER, 2007**

10.1 **BRITISH NAVY WARSHIPS VISITING THE PORT OF CORK**

‘That City Council will no longer extend any welcome to British Navy Warships when they visit the Port of Cork, given that Britain continues to occupy the six North Eastern Counties of Ireland and the continuing role of the British military in the occupation of other countries such as Iraq.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 07/361)

The proposer of the motion, Comhairleoir F. Kerins accepted that an amendment proposed by Comhairleoir M. Barry had the effect of negating the motion before An Chomhairle.

An tArd Mhéara therefore called a vote on the original motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, J. O’Brien, F. Kerins.-(3)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, M. O’ Connell, J. O’Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.-(18)

ABSTAINED: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. O’ Leary.

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

11. **MOTIONS**

11.1 **CLEAN THE DRAINS IN ARD NA RÍ ESTATE, POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council immediately clean the Drains in Ard na Rí Estate Pouladuff Rd.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/404)

Environment Functional Committee

11.2 **ESTABLISH TOURIST/ HERITAGE TRAIL**

‘That Cork City Council establish Tourist or Heritage trails consulting with the necessary specialist in the field thus allowing the City Council to promote develop and celebrate the rich diverse and vibrant culture of the city so that it can be shared by local communities tourists alike.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/405)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.3 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – GOLDSMITHS AVENUE

‘That Cork City Council examine the area in front of Goldsmiths Avenue with the view to putting in place traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/203)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 INCLUDE COURTNEY LANE IN THE 2008 LANE CLOSURE PROGRAMME

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would include Courtney Lane in its 2008 Lane Closure programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/241)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.5 RAMPS AT FAIRFIELD AVE AND COURTOWN PARK

‘That Cork City Council would in conjunction with North Side Parking Initiative put ramps at the entrance between Fairfield Avenue and Fairfield Road when they are putting in the additional parking spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/355)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 UPGRADE THE LIGHTS ON ST. PATRICKS BRIDGE

‘Council resolves to upgrade the lights on St. Patrick’s Bridge and to refurbish the Bridge’s stone plaques.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/358)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 TRAFFIC CALMING IN EDWARD WALSH ROAD

‘That Cork City Council would please consider traffic calming measures in Edward Walsh Road, Togher as part of its 2007 road works programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/363)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 SIGNS AND BINS FOR DOG FOULING IN BALLYPHEHANE PARK

That Cork City Council would please consider putting littering offence signs for dog fouling and bins for dog fouling in Ballyphehane Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/364)

Environment Functional Committee

11.9 PARK & RIDE – UNUSED SPACES IN PRIVATE HOUSES

'That in considering Park and Ride options a pilot study be made to determine if the making available (for a fee) of "unused" parking spaces in the driveways of private housing would be feasible.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/365)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.10 ALL CYCLE-WAYS TO BE PROTECTED

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.11 REPLACE DOORS IN THE HOUSES IN THE GLEN, WHICH ARE HAVING THEIR WINDOWS REPLACED

'That the houses in The Glen, which are presently having their windows replaced, also have their front and back doors replaced.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/368)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.12 ADOPT SPORTS USE POLICY NHR 12

'That Cork City Council adopt the updated Sports Use Policy NHR 12 as stated in the Bishopstown & Wilton area action plan throughout the entire city, forthwith.'

(Proposer: Cllr. Tim Brosnan & Cllr. S. Martin 07/369)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.13 TRAFFIC CALMING IN HOLLYWOOD ESTATE

‘That Council would install traffic calming measures in Hollywood Estate in the interest of residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/370)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.14 MERCY HOSPITAL AND VICTORIA/ SOUTH INFIRMARY HOSPITAL AMALGAMATION

An Chomhairle approved the following motion

‘Cork City Council notes the intention of the Mercy Hospital and Victoria/ South Infirmary Hospital to amalgamate and create a new hospital despite recent huge capital expenditure, and records that the North Side of Cork City is devoid of any general medical facility and requests both hospitals and the Minister for Health to seriously consider that the most appropriate and cost efficient site would be St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurranabraher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/371)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, M. O’Connell, J. O’Callaghan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.-(14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, S. Martin, M. Ahern.-(3)

ABSTAINED: An Ardmhéara D. Counihan.

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion carried.

11.15 NUMBER OF PLACES FOR PEOPLE OVER 55 ON CE SCHEMES

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘I propose that Cork City Council would call on the Government to end the embargo on the number of places for people of 55 years and older on CE schemes as medical experts have stated the CE schemes can be of huge therapeutic benefit for older people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/372)

11.16 ONE WAY TRAFFIC SCHEME ON FAIRFIELD ROAD

‘I propose that Cork City Council would establish a one way traffic system on Fairfield Road for safety reasons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/373)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.17 **AREA PLAN FOR THE SOUTH TERRACE**

‘That Council update its area plan for the South Terrace and surrounding streets given that there are proposals to have five major educational institutes in close proximity to each other in this district. The plan should address issues in relation to parking, accommodation and other student related facilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/374)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.18 **BERLIN TO BE EUROPEAN UNION CAPITAL FROM 2009**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘In the lead up to the Referendum on the European Treaty and given its unique place in European and World History as a symbol of Hatred-Violence-Intolerance-Division- Dictatorship and emerging as symbolising Renewal-Redevelopment-Hope- Tolerance-Unity-Freedom-Democracy and Peace reflecting European History and the aspirations of the European Union today. This Council requests the European Parliament to give consideration to the proposition that **BERLIN** be the capital of the **EUROPEAN UNION** from 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/375)

11.19 **SET UP BIKETAXI SERVICE IN CORK CITY**

‘That this council now encourages and will facilitate enterprising spirited citizens to develop a **BIKETAXI** (as in Berlin) service in Cork City promoting City Council’s Policy in reducing the dependency of the Motor Car seizing up the streets daily.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/376)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.20 **MONETARY SUPPORT FOR CORK OLYMPIAN**

‘That, in line with our support for previous Cork Olympians, Robert Heffernan our “world class” walker will be given €5,000 as a gesture of our support for his participation in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. J. Corr, Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. C. O’Leary, Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. F. Kerins and Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/377)

Corporate Policy Group

11.21 TAFFIC CALMING AT SUNNYSIDE, BEECHWOOD PARK, BELMONT PARK AND BELMONT AVENUE

‘That the areas of Sunnyside, Beechwood Park, Belmont Park and Belmont Avenue, Ballinlough would be surveyed by the Traffic Department of City Council and considered for Traffic calming measures, given the high volume and speed of traffic in these areas and the close proximity to three local primary schools, namely St. Anthony’s, Our Lady of Lourdes and Eglantine.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/378)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.22 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE LOUGH

‘That Council allocate funding in the 2008 Estimates for the upgrading of the Public Lighting at The Lough as it is unrealistic to expect the Ward Fund to cover a project of this scale.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/380)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.23 REDUCE WIDTH OF FOOTPATHS AT WHITETHORN ESTATE

‘That Cork City Council would assess the feasibility of reducing the width of the footpaths on both sides of Whitethorn Estate, Douglas Road, by fifteen inches, so as to increase the width of the very narrow roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/381)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.24 INCINERATOR AT RINGASKIDDY

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘Council states its opposition to plans for an incinerator at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/382)

11.25 REGISTER OF SERVICES

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with relevant statutory, non-statutory and voluntary stakeholders would compile a register of services and

programme currently available, identifying gaps in current service provision to the older adult in Cork City and that this register would be disseminated publicly by appropriate means.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/384)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.26 UNDERTAKE MAJOR REFURBISHMENT OF THE CORK LOUGH

‘That Cork City Council would undertake major refurbishment and rejuvenation of the Cork Lough to enhance the visual attractiveness, functionality and safety of users of this amenity site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/385)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.27 FUND TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE PRIVATE SPORTS GROUNDS

‘That Cork City Council will explore the feasibility of establishing a fund which would enable the Council to purchase sports grounds, pitches and green open spaces which are zoned for amenity purposes and are in private ownership, should the owners of the aforementioned facilities wish to terminate their activities or to move them to another location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 07/386)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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