

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2007

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.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager & Director of Services Roads & Transportation. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Docklands. Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, S.E.O., Corporate Affairs. Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

An tArdmhéara welcomed a visiting group of students from Cork Institute of Technology.

1.(a) VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- O'Ceallaigh Family on the death of Domhnall O'Ceallaigh.
- Mc Namara Family on the death of Paddy Mc Namara.
- Coughlan Family on the death of Donál Coughlan.
- O'Mahony and O'Connell Families on the death of Denis O'Mahony.

- Hornibrook Family on the death of Gus Hornibrook.
- Dennehy and Martin Families on the death of Mary Martin.

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

- Bishopstown U.21 Hurling Team on winning the City & County Championships.
- Cobh Ramblers on winning the Eircom League Division 1 and promotion to the Premier Division.
- Mayor Gavin Newsom on his re-election as Mayor of San Francisco.
- Nemo Rangers on winning the Cork County Senior Football Championships.

1.(c) **VOTE OF SUPPORT**

- Irish Defence Forces on their continued role as Peace Keepers.

2. **MINUTES**

- (a) An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd October, 2007.
- (b) An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 9th November, 2007.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **AMOUNT RECEIVED IN DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd October 2007, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

What is the total amount received by Cork City Council in development charges for 2006 and how has this funding been distributed?

a) We received €16.3m from development contributions in 2006.

b) The Development Contributions were allocated as follows:

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| • Main Drainage | 4.3m |
| • St. Patricks Street Project | 3.5m |
| • Shandon Street, Phase 2 | 1.1m |
| • College Road | 1.0m |
| • Footbridge at Mardyke | 1.0m |
| • Paul Street Car Park | 0.2m |
| • Paving Works & Sculpture in Penrose Quay | 0.2m |
| • Laneway Closure/Traffic Calming/Public Lighting | 0.4m |
| • Other Recreation & Amenity | 0.7m |

• Parks & Playgrounds	0.6m
• Tory Top Library	<u>1.1m</u>
TOTAL	<u>14.1m</u>

- c) The remaining balance amounted to €2.2m:
€0.8m related to Supplementary Scheme in respect of Cork Suburban Rail Project and €1.4m relates to Special Contributions which are specific to particular developments.

3.2 **RUBBISH BIN NEAR BUS STOP ON MODEL FARM 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 if / when Cork City Council intends to install a rubbish bin near the city bound bus stop on the Model Farm Road (near the junction of Melbourn Road) to cater for the large number of commuters that use this public transport route to the city?

The Programme for the installation of new and replacement litter bins has been completed for 2007. A litter bin will be provided at this location in 2008 programme.

3.3 **HOW MANY BUILDING INSPECTORS DOES CORK CITY COUNCIL CURRENTLY EMPLOY?**

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

How many building inspectors does Cork City Council currently employ?

The Council employs a considerable number of professional and technical staff in various directorates and departments many of whom would have duties which involve the inspection of buildings and streets.

There was an old technical grade called "Building and Street Inspector" but this has been subsumed into the general technical structure as part of a rationalization agreement negotiated with the staff unions some years ago.

Within the current technical staff structure the following technicians are employed in what might, in former times, be described as "Building Inspectors".

1. Two in Housing and Community.
2. Two in Planning and Development.
3. Four in Recreation and Amenity (Building Control Division).

4. Two in Roads and Transportation.

All of the above work under the control supervision of appropriate professional officers including senior executive and chief building surveyors in the case of the Building Control Division of the Recreation and Amenity Directorate.

3.4 **TOTAL NUMBER OF LANDLORDS WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH CITY COUNCIL**

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

What is the total number of landlords who are registered with City Council? Has the Manager any estimate of unregistered landlords in the city?

The responsibility for the registration of landlords and for sanctions for non registration rests with the Private Rental Tenancies Board.

Steps taken by the PRTB to pursue compliance with the registration requirement are in accordance with the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and, in particular, sections 144 and 145. They include the issue of notices to landlords and/or occupiers of the dwellings in question, and the prosecution of offenders for non-compliance with the registration requirement.

As the registration is now the responsibility of the PRTB, I will request the information from them in due course with regard to an estimate of Unregistered Landlords in the City.

3.5 **BUILDINGS LISTED ON THE RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

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

To ask the City Manager the number of buildings that have been listed on the record of protected structures, the number of Section 57 declarations that have been sought in each of the past three years for which information is available, the number that have been issued.

The total number of buildings on the Record of Protected Structures is 1,124.

- 17 were added in 2005
- 0 were added in 2006
- 181 were added in 2007

Sec. 57 Declaration Requests

Year	Requests	Issued	Pending
2005	2	2	0
2006	6	4	2
2007	4	2	2

3.6 SIGNAL CONTROLS IN BALLYPHEHANE

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

Could the Manager state if it is still planned to put signal controls at the junction of Tory Top Road and Connolly Road, Ballyphehane.

There are no immediate plans to install traffic signals at the junction of Tory Top Road and Connolly Road, Ballyphehane. However, the junction will be examined and assessed to determine if traffic signals at the location are warranted.

If the traffic signals are deemed necessary, the installation of the signals will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

3.7 INSTALL TWO RAMPS IN THE GENERAL LIAM LYNCH PARK

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

Considering the high volume of traffic driving at speed through General Liam Lynch Park and in the interest of safety, would it be possible to install two ramps from Wilton Road to the green open space in General Liam Lynch Park? As there is an urgency to attend to this matter, when might this work be approved?

Liam Lynch Park is already on the list areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures such as ramps will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2008 schemes will be selected early in the New Year.

3.8 **ST LUKE'S PLAN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

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

Can the Manager please update Council in relation to why the long promised St. Luke's Plan has not yet been made available for Public Consultation and can he also update Council in relation to St. Luke's Church and advise if any progress has been made in relation to making use of the building?

In relation to St. Luke's Plan, the final design is nearing completion and we hope to go to public consultation in the next two weeks.
The City Council has acquired St. Luke's Church and has appointed consultants to undertake a preliminary report to render the property fit for purpose.

I will report to Council when costs of necessary works become available.

3.9 **PAY INCREASE FOR THE CORK CITY MANAGER**

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

Can the Manager please inform Council as to whether the recent Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector recommended a pay increase for the Cork City Manager? If so, can he outline the new rate of pay, the percentage increase involved and the scope, if any, for add-on bonuses?

The Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector recommended a pay increase for the office of Cork City Manager.

The pay increases as recommended are as follows:

5% increase payable from September, 2007

7.9% payable from September, 2008

7.9% payable from March, 2009

The new rate of pay will be €173,000.

Under the provision of the Scheme for Performance Related Awards for Local Authority Managers, Assistant Managers and Directors of Services, administered by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, a bonus between 0 and 20% of salary may be earned.

3.10 **DEVELOPMENT OF 3.2 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE BLACKASH PARK AND RIDE**

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

To ask the Manager if there are any plans to develop the 3.2 acres of land in Council ownership adjacent to the BlackAsh Park and Ride?
Cork City Council agreed to sell the lands mentioned to Blue Demons Basketball Club in October 1990.

As a result, Cork City Council is not in a position to develop the land.

I am not aware that Blue Demons Basketball Club are in a position to move forward with their proposal for development on the site.

3.11 **EMPLOYEES OF CORK CITY COUNCIL THAT HAVE A DISABILITY**

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

Can the Manager:

- Specify and comment on the percentage of employees of Cork City Council that are categorized as having a disability of an enduring and pervasive nature and an outline of the types of disability.
 - Specify and comment on the number of individuals having an intellectual disability who are employed by Cork City Council in either full-time or in supported employment.
 - Comment on the measures and strategies used to promote inclusion of people with intellectual disability in Cork City Council.
1. The council employs 110 people who are classified as having a disability which represents about 6.4% of our total workforce.
 2. The disabilities involved encompass most of the recognized physical, mental, intellectual and emotional disabilities.
 3. We do not categorize disabilities to fit within the definition described in the question and cannot readily and accurately identify disabilities of an “enduring and pervasive nature”. Indeed the majority of the 110 could be so described but the tone and content of the question would not appear contemplate so broad a definition. However about 30 of our employees would fit comfortably within even the most rigorous definition of the terms used.

4. We have a number of employees who have an intellectual disability and are working with some of the organizations catering for people with intellectual disabilities to provide some limited work experience and supported employment opportunities from time to time. The numbers involved are in low single figures.

3.12 **PLANNING PERMISSION – T.P. 06/31460 (PERMISSION TO CHIP ELECTRONICS LTD.)**

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

With regard to T.P. 06/31460 (Permission to Chip Electronics Ltd.)

- A. The original planning permission made no reference either in written or drawn form to any attachments to the applied for and sketched mast. Why is this section of planning now being ignored as four attachments have been appended to the structure? Is this allowable, if so, how and why?
- B. On condition no.4 (landscaping) why have the details and time scale not been adhered to?
- A. The placement of antennae on the mast was not included as part of the application permitted by Cork City Council (File Ref. T.P.06/31460). Schedule 2 Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 sets out various classes of exempted development. Of particular relevance to the carrying out by a statutory undertaker authorised to provide a telecommunications service is Class 31 (h) and (k).

The attachment of antennae to the permitted telecommunication mast comes within the scope of the exemption provided at Class 31(h) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulation 2001, which provides the following conditions and limitations:

1. The total number of such antennae shall not exceed 12, of which not more than 8 shall be dish type (whether shielded or not).
2. (a) The dimensions of any such antenna provided shall not exceed the greatest length, width or depth of any antenna for mobile telephony of corresponding type already attached to the structure.
(b) In any other case, the dimensions of any such antenna provided shall not exceed—
 - (i) in the case of any panel type antenna, 1.5 metres in length □ 0.4 metres in width □ 0.15 metres in depth,

- (ii) in the case of any co-linear type antenna, 5 metres in length \square 0.1 metres in diameter, and
- (iii) in the case of any dish type antenna (whether shielded or not), 1.8 metres in diameter.

3. The attachment of such antennae shall not result in the field strength of the non-ionising radiation emissions from the site exceeding limits specified by the Director of Telecommunications Regulation.

4. The attachment of such antennae may be carried out by way of a platform only where the antenna support structure already incorporates a platform.

5. The height of the existing structure (including any antenna thereon) shall not be exceeded.

B. The Applicants confirmed in their letter of 28th April, 2007 that they were in contact with the IDA and others about improving the visual aspect of the site. However, to date no formal submission regarding landscaping has been submitted.

3.13 **HOUSES WITHIN CORK CITY COUNCIL THAT SHARE ATTIC SPACE**

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

- How many houses were identified within Cork City Council housing stock that share attic space.
- When is the programme of works on dividing of attic space due to start.
- What is the estimated cost of the work.

- A) 30
- B) February / March 2008
- C) € 100,000

3.14 **DISABLED PARKING PERMITS**

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

In view of the recent statement by the Irish Wheelchair Association that there is in excess of 1,000 disabled parking permits in circulation around the state that are counterfeit, will the Manager inform Council how many of these illegal permits are in circulation in Cork City, what checks and balances are in place. Will he agree to convene a special meeting of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee to include representatives of the Disabled Drivers Association, the Irish Wheelchair Association and the Guards, which was agreed a number of

months ago, following a motion I submitted to the Roads Committee, in order to fully discuss this ongoing abuse and to agree with the relevant agencies a method to resolve this unacceptable situation?

Disabled person's parking permits are issued by:

- 1) The Disabled Drivers Association
- 2) The Irish Wheelchair Association

The two bodies above set their own criteria for permit applicants (e.g. certificate from a doctor, etc.) and the format and layout of the permits is governed by EU legislation, as permits are valid for use in all EU countries.

Cork City Council does not have access to the names of people with permits and obviously we are not in a position to determine if any particular permit is counterfeit or not.

Representatives from the two prescribed bodies above will be invited to address the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee in order that all issues, including the issue of counterfeit permits, the possible charging for disabled driver spaces to cut down any misuse and abuse of such spaces, etc, can be fully discussed.

4. **TRADE CENTRE AT MAHON**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th November 2007 on the Trade Centre at Mahon.

5. **FESTIVE LIGHTING**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 6th November 2007. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, a vote was called for on the deferral of the report where there appeared as follows:-

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

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.-(25)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the report of the City Manger approved.

Comhairleoir M. Barry's opposition to the proposals for Festive Lighting, at his request, was noted.

6. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- Muskerry Golf Club
- Anti-Poverty Resource Network
- Special Olympics

7. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th NOVEMBER 2007**

7.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of October 2007.

7.2 **CIRCULAR SIU 4/07 HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT SCHEMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November, 2007 in relation to Circular SIU 4/07 Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability.

7.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT CHAPEL FIELD, OFF KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November 2007 in relation to the approval of a loan facility to Farranree Sheltered Housing Association Limited in respect of the proposed development of 39 units at Chapel Field, Off Knockpogue Avenue, Farranree, Cork under the Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November, 2007 and adopted the following resolution:-

‘RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €8,436,593 be granted to Farranree Sheltered Housing Association subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme and the approval of the Department of the Environment Heritage & Local Government.’

Comhairleoir D. Wallace declared his interest in the Development at Chapel Field, Off Knockpogue Avenue, Farranree.

7.4 GARDEN WALLS AT COURTOWN PARK

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out an inspection of the garden walls around the front of the houses in Courtown Park and also to see how many front gates need replacing and that a report be prepared for Council including the cost of all remedial work that may be necessary to make safe existing walls and to replace front gates that are missing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/354)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing Maintenance Section undertake to carry out these inspections and a further report will issue to Members in due course.

7.5 INFILL HOUSING AT FULLERS PLACE AND MACCURTAIN VILLAS

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council examines as a matter of priority for in-fill housing the area adjoining Fullers Place and MacCurtain Villas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/342)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council will examine options for the location of infill housing on the area adjoining Fullers Place and MacCurtain Villas. A further report will issue to Members once this process is completed.

7.6 USER FRIENDLY AREA FOR PEOPLE VISITING THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reinstate a user friendly area for people visiting the Housing Department.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/260)

The report of the Director of Services stated that members will be aware that central Housing Services were previously provided at the Housing Offices in the Central Fire Station as well as at a number of other remote locations including the Works Department at Anglesea Terrace. Few of the service delivery points would be considered suitable to modern day standards.

The delivery of central housing services and advice at a single one-stop-shop location has long been considered a desirable national and local objective.

The achievement of this objective with the relocation of central housing services to the new City Hall extension represents an improvement to both the customer and the staff charged with providing the services.

7.7 **DOOR REPLACEMENT IN THE GLEN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that members should note that the houses in Comeragh Park which are currently having their windows replaced will also have the front and back doors replaced. It is expected that these doors will be installed early in 2008.

7.8 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

Property Disposal

(b) Disposal of area of land approximately 64.4m² situated to the rear of No. 28, St. Finbarr’s Place, Proby’s Quay, Cork to Michael and Daragh Herlihy, c/o Maura E. Hennessy & Co., Solicitors, 12, Edward Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, for the sum of €100 plus costs of €1,500.

Shared Ownership

(a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 8, Cathedral Road, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 10th April 2002 to Pat Burke and Elizabeth Burke (nee Campbell) for the sum of €106,380.18.

Fee Simple

(a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises known as No. 49, Ninety Eight Street, Cork to Josephine Shiel, c/o Martin A. Harvey & Co., Solicitors, Parliament House, 9/10, George's Quay, Cork, for the sum of €256.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

8. CONTINUATION OF MEETING

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

9. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th NOVEMBER 2007

9.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st November, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended October, 2007.

9.2 REPORT ON OPERATION OF CONTRA FLOW BUS LANE AT CAMDEN QUAY AND ST. PATRICK'S BRIDGE.

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st November, 2007, regarding operation of Contra Flow Bus Lane at Camden Quay and St. Patrick's Bridge.

9.3 REPORT ON MARDYKE WALK IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – PART 8 PLANNING REPORT

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, An Chomhairle approved the amended report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st November, 2007, regarding the Mardyke Walk Improvement Scheme – Part 8 Planning Report.

9.4 **INTRODUCTION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM – 98 STREET – BETWEEN NOONAN ROAD AND GILABBEY STREET, CORK. S.38 – ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st November, 2007, regarding Introduction of One-Way Traffic System – 98 Street – Between Noonan Road and Gilabbey Street, Cork. S.38 – Road Traffic Act 1994.

9.5 **INTRODUCTION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM – CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER, CORK. S.38 – ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st November, 2007, regarding Introduction of One-Way Traffic System - Churchfield Way Upper, Cork. S.38 – Road Traffic Act 1994.

9.6 **DRAFT ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the amended report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st November, 2007, regarding the Draft Roadworks Programme 2008.

9.7 **UPPER CLARKES ROAD – 2007 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Upper Clarkes Rd be included in the 2007 roads resurfacing programme and that an additional ramp be put in place between Pearse Rd and the last ramp on Upper Clarkes Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/387)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Upper Clarkes Rd will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme. The issue of the additional ramp will be examined and if deemed appropriate will be included in the 2008 Roadworks Programme.

9.8 **2008 PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include the area adjacent to No.108 Glenheights Park, Ballyvolane in the 2008 Public Lightings Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/201)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting adjacent to No.108 Glenheights Park, Ballyvolane will be examined and assessed, and measures necessary to improve and upgrade the lighting quality will be identified. These measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 roads programme.

9.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING – BROWNINGSTOWN EAST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Browningstown East and West be surveyed by the Traffic Dept. of City Council, and that traffic calming measures where needed be installed in 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/283)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Browningstown Park East and West are already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

9.10 **PALACEANNE LAWN – RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Palaceanne Lawn be included in the estates resurfacing programme 2008, as the road carriageway is in a very poor state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/284)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Palaceanne Lawn will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.11 **PUBLIC LIGHT – 1 MCDONAGH RD., CATTLE MARKET ST.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That an additional Public Light be placed in the vicinity of 1 McDonagh Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/289)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting in the vicinity of No. 1 McDonagh Road will be examined and assessed, and measures necessary to improve and upgrade the lighting quality will be identified. These measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 roads programme.

9.12 **ARDFALLEN ESTATE BE INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATES FOR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Ardfallen Estate would be included in the estimates for 2008 for resurfacing as this road is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/301)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Ardfallen Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.13 **RE-ALIGN LANES ON THE LOWER GLANMIRE RD AT TIVOLI**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That, in order to improve safety and the flow of traffic, the lanes on the Lower Glanmire Road at Tivoli (outside the Silversprings Hotel) be re-aligned, including the provision of two lanes for traffic entering the city from the east.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/304)

The report of the Director of Services stated that we are at present looking at the layout of the Lower Glanmire Road adjacent to Silversprings and hope to improve the situation in regard to providing two lanes inbound in that area. This will require some property acquisition and we are hoping to obtain funding from the National Roads Authority towards this improvement works.

9.14 **TRAFFIC CALMING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out an assessment of the traffic calming requirements for Hollymount Estate, and that they would also include the estate in the next resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/316)

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

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

Hollymount Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

9.15 **PARK & RIDE – TERENCE MCSWEENEY QUAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Park and Ride bus would turn right onto Terence McSweeney Quay and continue down the dedicated bus lane onto Anglesea Street, rather than congesting traffic on Albert Quay/Albert Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/324)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Park & Ride bus from Black Ash sets down passengers at Lapp’s Quay in order to provide easy access to the City Centre for pedestrians. Its return journey to the P&R Car Park is via Albert Quay/Albert Street and onto the South City Link Road. The return route to the car park was selected to service a P&R bus stop on Albert Street just north of the junction with Albert Road. This stop is designed to facilitate any local needs and long term needs associated with the new Docklands Development.

The routing for the P&R Bus is kept under constant review and the return routing as suggested in the motion will be examined and assessed, and any appropriate

changes will be implemented. This will be done in the context of the needs of the Docklands Development as outlined above

9.16 **CASTLE CLOSE ESTATE, MAHON – ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Castle Close Estate, Mahon be included in the road resurfacing programme of 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/325)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Castle Close Estate, Mahon will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.17 **TRAFFIC SPEEDING – SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take immediate measures to slow down traffic speeding on Silverheights Road as it is now a serious danger to residents and children in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/335)

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

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

9.18 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION – BOHERBOY ROAD/SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council officials take responsibility for the traffic congestion and problems they have caused at the junctions of Boherboy Road/Silversprings Lane and Silverheights Road/Silversprings Lane by installing traffic lights that will allow local residents exit right onto Silversprings Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/336)

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

The provision of additional traffic lights at the junctions of Boherboy Road/Silversprings Lane and Silverheights Road/Silversprings Lane was considered as part of the Green Route project in the area and this was rejected on safety grounds because of the existence of traffic signals close-by. The situation at Silversprings Lane/North Ring Road will however, be monitored and will be reviewed during the general overall review of the operation of the Green Routes in the City.

9.19 **ENHANCE – CITY’S WATER THEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council, desiring to enhance the City’s water theme following the upgrading of the quality of the River Lee, considering River Transportation, Marinas, developing Water Sports, Boating, Riverside Board Walks, now wishes to embark on a programme of Fountain Construction in various designs and locations in the City including the suburbs giving to its citizens an increasing pleasant harmonious and peaceful environment and increasing the attractiveness of the City to Tourists with cultural and economic benefits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/329)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consideration will be given to the provision of Fountains in the design of Public Realm and Urban renewal Schemes where it is considered appropriate and feasible.

9.20 **WILTON ROUNDABOUT – WATER FOUNTAIN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council in its plans for the Wilton Roundabout seeks to create a Water Fountain, designed to give the existing work of art by artist, John Burke, fuller prominence with attractive lighting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/330)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consideration will be given to include the fountain or other water feature if considered appropriate in any renewal scheme for Wilton Roundabout.

9.21 **O’CONNELL CRESCENT – 2007 RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That O’ Connell Crescent be included in the 2007 Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/402)

The report of the Director of Services stated that O’ Connell Crescent will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.22 **TRAFFIC CALMING – ST. OLIVERS CHURCH, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department examine the area adjacent to St. Olivers Church, Ballyvolane with the view to introducing traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/202)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area adjacent to St. Oliver’s Church, Ballyvolane, including Glenheights Road and Mervue Lawn, are already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

9.23 **KILCOLMAN LAWN – RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Kilcolman Lawn be included in the estate resurfacing programme 2008, as the road carriageway is in a poor state of repair. A footpath renewal programme should be carried out here also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/285)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the carriageway and footpath at Kilcolman Lawn will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Roadworks Programme.

9.24 **HATCHED YELLOW BOX – MCGRATH PARK, CHURCH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a hatched yellow box would be placed at the entrance to McGrath Park, Church Road, Blackrock – to allow residents easier access into and out of the park and to avoid traffic queuing directly outside the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/326)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of McGrath Park and Church Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be installed there.

It should be noted that yellow boxes are very expensive to lay and maintain, and can only be installed at locations where there is a well established need.

9.25 **EXTRA PARKING SPACES – HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would provide extra car parking spaces on the green area across from No. 36 Hollyville Estate, and that they would repair the wall between Hollyville Estate and Hollyhill Lane adjacent to No. 35 and No. 36 and that they would also put a gate in the existing gap in the wall which the residents of the area are requesting and they are prepared to give an undertaking to supervise the opening and closing of the gate at times agreed by the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/333)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of parking will be considered under the Northside Environmental Enhancement Scheme. Arrangements will be made to have the wall repaired.

The 2007 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a meeting in early 2007. Hollyville Estate was not in the list of locations for requested works, and thus it was not prioritised for attention in the 2007 programme. Hollyville Estate will be included in the list of locations to be considered for the next programme and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

9.26 **TRAFFIC PLAN – FAIRFIELD AVENUE, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a traffic plan for Fairfield Avenue, Farranree which should include lights and a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Mount Agnes Road and Fairfield Avenue and also a pedestrian crossing between Fairfield Green and Closes Green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/334)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a pedestrian crossing can only be provided some distance from a road junction for road safety reasons. In order to provide pedestrian facilities at the junction of Mount Agnes Road and Fairfield Avenue a full set of traffic signals would have to be installed. This junction is on the Bus no.3 Green Route and the current proposals do not include traffic signals at this junction. Signals however, are proposed for the nearby junction of Mount Agnes Road junction with Fairhill which will have full pedestrian crossing facilities. It therefore would not make sense to have traffic signals at two adjacent junctions.

The Green Route proposals for Mount Agnes Road and Fairfield Avenue include a new alignment and improved road markings, and these measures will improve the road safety at the junction and improve the pedestrian facilities there. The situation at the junction will be reviewed on completion of the current proposals under the Green Route project.

Traffic signals with full pedestrian crossing facilities are also being proposed for the junction of Fairfield Avenue with Knockpogue Avenue and this facility will be close to the location referred to in the motion between Fairfield Green and Closes Green. The new traffic signal facility will meet the need of pedestrians crossing in the area. The situation here will also be reviewed on completion of the Green Route Scheme next year.

9.27 **PLUNKETT ROAD ON THE 2008 ROAD WORK PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will as part of its 2008 Roads Work Programme put traffic Calming Measures in place on Plunkett Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/341)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Plunkett Road is included in the ‘2007 Traffic Calming Schemes’. Design details are being finalised and it is planned to go to public consultation under the Roads traffic Act in the near future.

It is likely that the traffic calming measures will be installed early in the New Year.

9.28 **FOOTPATH FROM ENTRANCE OF TRAMORE LAWN UP TO EXISTING FOOTPATH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install a footpath from the entrance of Tramore Lawn up to the existing footpath on the left hand side of the Douglas road. The current situation is very dangerous for pedestrians and impossible for parents with buggies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/343)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there are plans to provide a footpath on Douglas Road at the entrance to Tramore Lawn as part of the Carrigaline/Ringaskiddy Green Route Project subject to agreement with the adjacent landowner.

9.29 **NO. 6 TO NO. 29 LEESDALE BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 ROAD PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the area of road stretching from No. 6 to No. 29 Leesdale be included in the 2008 Roadworks Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/345)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road stretching from No. 6 to No. 29 Leesdale will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Roadworks Programme.

9.30 **CLOVER LAWN BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 ROADS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Clover Lawn would be included in the Roads Programme for 2008 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/346)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths in Clover Lawn will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Roads Programme.

9.31 **RAMP PLACED NEAR NO. 48 CLOVER HILL ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a ramp would be placed near No. 48 Clover Hill Estate to slow down traffic going through this estate as young children play in this area on a daily basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/347)

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

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

9.32 **YELLOW LINES AT CARA HOUSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines be placed at the left-hand side of the Priory to allow traffic to pass through to Cara House which at present owing to the volume of parked cars is proving very difficult.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/356)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area adjacent to Cara House and the Priory on Redemption Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed necessary, double yellow lines or other appropriate measures will be installed to improve road safety in the area.

9.33 **HALLDENE ESTATE TO BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Halldene Estate would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/359)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Halldene Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

9.34 **PARKWAY & LEESDALE ESTATE BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Parkway and Leesdale Estate would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/360)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parkway and Leesdale Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

9.35 **MAKING NINETY EIGHT STREET ONE WAY FROM GILLABBEY STREET TO NOONAN'S ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated the 1st November 2007, on making Ninety Eight Street one way from Gillabbey Street to Noonan's Road.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that two way traffic on 98 Street facilitates traffic calming within the street and facilitates easy access for residents of the street from either direction. The Members have raised the question of easing traffic in the city centre on a number of occasions and this will be facilitated in so far as it is practicable. Traffic calming in the centre can have implications for streets such as 98 Street. Converting the roadway to one-way routing will have the following effects:

- It will attract additional traffic in the different of flow, as motorists will become aware of its attractiveness in that direction.
- Traffic in the "opposite direction" will have to use a different roadway, in this case the current traffic using 98 Street from Noonan Road to Gillabbey Street will divert to St. Finbar's Road thus increasing traffic volumes on this roadway.
- Traffic speeds will increase in the one-way direction of flow.
- Deliveries and access to local residents will be made more difficult as some trips will require longer distances.
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds

The current situation could be seen as a form of traffic calming where traffic is deterred from using the roadway as a rat run or through route. The introduction of one-way routing could worsen the situation. Accordingly, it is the Traffic Division's recommendation that the current traffic regime remain and it is proposed that no changes be made to the traffic arrangements on the roadway.

The public consultation process under Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act has begun on the proposal to make 98 Street one-way.

10. **CORK GATEWAY INNOVATION FUND PROPOSAL**

An Chomhairle considered the submission by Cork City Council on the Cork Gateway Innovation Fund Proposal.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the submission on the Cork Gateway Innovation Fund Proposal to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

12. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

12.1 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Cregan, J. Corr at the Planning Seminar for Councillors held in Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 12th and 13th October, 2007.

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham advised An Chomhairle that he was not in attendance at the Planning Seminar for Councillors

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

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland held in The Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 19th October, 2007.

12.3 **HEALTH & SAFETY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and P. Gosch at the Health & Safety in Local Government held in The Carraig Hotel, Main Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary on the 26th & 27th October, 2007.

12.4 **TRACKING THE TIGER – A DECADE OF CHANGE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern and J. Kelleher at the Tracking the Tiger – A Decade of Change held in West County Hotel & Conference Centre, Ennis, Co. Clare on the 6th & 7th November, 2007.

12.5 **ASSOCIATION OF IRISH FESTIVAL EVENTS 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O’Callaghan, M. O’Connell and M. Shields at the Association of Irish Festival Events 15th Annual Conference held in Carlton, Shearwater Plaza Hotel, Ballinsloe, Co. Galway on the 8th – 10th November 2007.

12.6 **INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the Integration of Immigrants Conference held in Tullamore on the 8th November 2007.

12.7 **LAMA ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O'Flynn and J. Kelleher at the LAMA Annual Winter Conference held in The Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow on the 9th & 10th November, 2007.

12.8 **RESPONDING TO DRINKING WATER INCIDENTS – AN INTEGRATED APPROACH**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the Responding to Drinking Water Incidents – An Integrated Approach to be held in Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 15th November, 2007.

12.9 **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Effective Communications for Councillors Conference to be held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 16th – 18th November 2007.

12.10 **19th NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – TOURISM FOR CHANGING LIFESTYLES**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at the 19th National Tourism Conference – Tourism for Changing Lifestyles to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 22nd – 24th November, 2007.

13. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8.30 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.45 p.m.

14. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER, 2007**

14.1 **NUMBER OF PLACES FOR PEOPLE OVER 55 ON CE SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘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)

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

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion would be withdrawn and submitted to the Regional Authority.

‘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)

14.3 **INCINERATOR AT RINGASKIDDY**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

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

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

15. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee:

15.1 **YELLOW BOX – GREGGS ROAD & GILABBEY STREET**

‘That Cork City Council put a yellow box in place at the junction of Greggs Rd and Gilabbey Street. The absence of this yellow box is causing huge problem in the area.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/406)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **RE-INSTATE A SECTION OF ROAD ON SOUTH MAIN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to re-instate a section of road on South Main Street running into Hannover Street and also the severe pot holes before Clarkes Bridge.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/409)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.3 **BYELAW TO PREVENT MOTORISED VEHICLES USING PUBLIC AMENITY AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a byelaw to prevent any motorised vehicles using public amenity areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/242)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

15.4 **PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY FROM BLACKPOOL BYPASS TO THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department make safe the pedestrian walkway from the Blackpool Bypass to Thomas Davis Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/250)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **EDWARD WALSH ROAD TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That because of its bad condition, Edward Walsh Road be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern & Cllr. L. Kingston 07/367)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR COPLEY STREET**

‘That a traffic survey is carried out in the Copley Street area to allow safe passage for pedestrians using The College of Commerce and particularly the increased numbers of pedestrians to The School of Music.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/379)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **PROHIBIT CIRCUSES THAT USE WILD ANIMALS TO PERFORM ON COUCNIL LAND**

‘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)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.8 **ROAD RESURFACING OF BEAUMONT AVENUE**

‘That Beaumont Avenue would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/387)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **TO INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARDYKE WALK TO SACRED HEART CHURCH**

‘To facilitate residents of the area I propose that Cork City Council would install a pedestrian crossing at the western end of the Mardyke Walk across to the Sacred Heart Church.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/388)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **ROAD RESURFACING OF POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would please consider Ard Na Rí, Pouladuff Road for Road Resurfacing in their 2008 programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr L. Kingston 07/389)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **ROAD & FOOTPATH RESURFACING AT THE ORCHARDS – MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That as a matter of urgency: the roads and footpaths at “The Orchards” on the Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte be resurfaced. They are in a dangerous condition with the possibility that subsidence may be causing damage to existing drains.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Murphy 07/390)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **A BYELAW TO STOP BUSES FROM CROSSING THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council introduce measures (perhaps a byelaw) whereby buses are prevented from unnecessarily crossing the city.

It is of grave concern to me that the bus service to people in Mayfield is being severely disrupted by traffic difficulties in Bishopstown. Furthermore I can not see why buses need to spend up to a third of their journey time snaking through the city centre. A shuttle bus service should be provided for the city centre and the larger commuter buses should be kept to the perimeter. I would ask that a pilot scheme be put in place and the number 8 bus route should be tried first. It is also worth noting that there has been a significant worsening of traffic flow since the introduction of the new bus lanes on Camden Quay and Patrick’s Bridge. These bus lanes are part of a 3 prong approach to public transport in our city. The other 2 parts (1 more buses and 2 more park and rides) are not yet in place. It makes no sense to me to put part 3 in place first.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 07/391)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

15.13 **SIGNAL CONTROLS BE PLACED AT THE JUNCTION OF TRAMORE ROAD & POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That Council place signal controls at the junction of Tramore Road and Pouladuff Road in order to alleviate the considerable tailbacks on Pouladuff Road and Forge Hill throughout the day.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. O’Driscoll 07/394)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.14 **PROHIBIT PARKING OF VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS DURING ROAD SWEEPING**

‘In order to ensure efficient cleaning of our city and suburb streets (some are never properly cleaned because of the continuous presence of parked vehicles) I am requesting The City Manager to consider the following motion:

That Cork City Council Environment Department would seriously consider formulating a new bye-law prohibiting the parking of vehicles on roadways during the times they are being cleansed and swept and that appropriate signage would be displayed to advise the public of this new bye-law and the penalties to be applied to motorists who break it.” This measure to be discussed at the appropriate Committee Meetings and finally brought before Council for approval. I would like to point out that the above system works very well in our sister city of San Francisco.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Shields 07/395)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

15.15 **VAT REMOVED ON ALL SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘I propose that Cork City Council would call on the government to remove value added tax on all sports equipment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/396)

15.16 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT AVONLEA ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That double yellow lines would be placed on both sides at the entrance of Avonlea Estate, Church Road, Blackrock, to stop people parking here, as the residents have difficulty exiting their estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/398)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.17 **TO ALLOW TAXI DRIVERS TO USE THE BUS LANE ON CAMDEN QUAY**

‘To allow taxi drivers the use of the bus lane on Camden Quay to relieve traffic congestion in this area due to the new layout.’

(Proposer: Cllr A. Spillane 07/400)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.18 **CHANGE THE NAME OF GRATTAN’S HILL**

‘Bearing in mind that Grattan’s Hill and Grattan Hill are two separate road-ways within a short distance of each other on the Lower Glanmire Road, that Council would consider changing the name of Grattan’s Hill (which has thirteen houses), to avoid confusion for Taxi, Postal, Fire Brigade and other important services.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Kelleher 07/402)

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15.19 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES TO BE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE TO BERLINGFORD DRIVE**

‘That double yellow lines would be put in place on both sides of the entrance to Berlingford Drive as the residents have difficulty exiting their estate when people park at the entrance to this estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/403)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.20 **RESURFACING OF BOHERBOY CLOSE**

‘That Cork City Council make financial provision for the resurfacing of Boherboy Close in the 2008 Estimates.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/404)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.21 **RESURFACING OF THE AREA BETWEEN NOS 85 AND 122 SILVERSPRINGS COURT, TIVOLI**

‘That Cork City Council make financial provision in the 2008 Estimate of Expenses for resurfacing the area between No.’s 85 and 122 Silversprings Court, Tivoli.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/405)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.22 **TO IMPROVE A SCHEME TO INCORPORATE A SPORTING WALK OF FAME**

‘That Cork City Council as part of The Mardyke Improvement Scheme incorporate a sporting walk of fame at various locations along the Mardyke recognizing the achievements of some of Cork’s greatest sporting heroes wheather they be G.A.A., Soccer, Athletics, Cricket or Tennis who played in the Mardyke and who subsequently became part of Cork’s sporting folklore.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/406)

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15.23 **TO INSIST THAT PAIRC UÍ CHAOIMH BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHER SPORTING CODES**

‘That Cork City Council as part of any arrangement they may enter into with the Cork County Board in relation to the development of Pairc Uí Chaoimh by way of transfer of land that Cork City Council should insist that Pairc Uí Chaoimh should be made available to other sporting codes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/407)

Corporate Policy Group

15.24 **TO INSTALL PUBLIC LIGHTING ON CAREY’S LANE**

‘That Cork City Council would install public lighting on Carey’s Lane, giving particular importance to the St. Patrick’s Street entrance. The current lighting situation is extremely poor and is a cause of concern to the traders of Carey’s Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/408)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.25 **CORK CITY COUNCIL GRANTS AT SOURCE TAX CREDIT FOR HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

‘That Cork City Council grants at source the tax credit for Household Waste Management Charges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/409)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

15.26 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT KILLEENS PLACE, FARRANREE**

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place at Killeens Place, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/410)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.27 **THE BARRETTS BUILDING BE DESIGNATED AS DISK PARKING AREAS**

‘That the three Barretts Buildings be designated as disc parking areas as persons working in the city are parking their cars there all day Monday to Friday and this is causing serious obstruction for the residents of the area as well as inhibiting access for emergency vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/411)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.28 **TARA COURT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Tara Court would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/412)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.29 **CURRENT TRAFFIC SYSTEMS ON THE WILTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of the effectiveness of the current traffic management systems on the Wilton Road and would include in such a review the effectiveness of the traffic light controlled junctions of (1) Dennehy’s Cross and (2) Bishopstown Ave and Model Farm Road. The bus lane on Wilton road and the ability of residents to enter and leave Wilton Gardens via Wilton Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/413)

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15.30 **TO INSTALL A PUSH BUTTON PELICAN CROSSING ON THE DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council install a push button pelican crossing on the Douglas Road, in the vicinity at Ardfallen Hall, to facilitate pedestrians wishing to cross at this very busy intersections.’

(Proposer: T. Shannon 07/414)

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15.31 **WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT WHITETHORN, DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘ That the following much needed works be carried out at Whitethorn Douglas Road:

1. Investigate the ongoing problem of low water pressure, and install new piping where necessary.
2. Resurface the road carriageway which is in a poor state of disrepair.
3. Install new concrete footpaths on both sides of the road, but reduce their width, in so doing increase the width of the road, in order to resolve the problem of motor congestion here.
4. Commence an upgrading of the public lighting, and install white lanterns which will improve the degree of lighting.’

(Proposer: T. Shannon 07/415)

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16. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 3 no. re: Lifetime Lab School Transport.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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