

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir T. Shannon
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O'Callaghan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Planning & Development. Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Brauders, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development. Mr. N. Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community. Mr. A. Walsh, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing & Community. Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs. Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Conlon family on the death of Kitty Conlon.
- The Conroy family on the death of Finbarr Conroy.

**1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Mr. Aodh Quinlivan on the launch of his book "A year in the life of City Hall Politics".
- Nicky Carroll, Staff of Corporate Affairs and Recreation, Amenity & Emergency Services for the organisation of the National Day of Commemoration Ceremony at Fitzgerald Park.
- Matthew Blackburn, Captain of Cork City Council Golfing Society on winning the Annual Golf Challenge with Cork County Council Golf Society.

- Lifetime Lab on receiving the Best Industrial Site Award by Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland.
- St. Finbarrs NHFC for hosting the Féile 2011 and reaching A1 final.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

There were no items under this heading.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the following meetings were considered and approved.

- Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **EXPENDITURE BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON WORKS RELATED TO THE RECENT VISIT OF BRITAIN'S QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*To ask the City Manager to provide a detailed breakdown on expenditure by the City Council on works related to the recent visit of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II to Cork with specific information on the following:*

- (1) *Improvements to the English Market*
- (2) *Improvements to City Hall*
- (3) *Repairs and improvements carried out on the roads and streets which Queen Elizabeth and her entourage passed through or visited including the road from Cork Airport to the city centre and the streets around the English Market, City Hall and the Tyndall Institute.*
- (4) *Floral / hedging displays and bunting / flags put in place for the occasion*
- (5) *The creation and maintenance of a special website at [www.queensvisittocork.com](http://www.queensvisittocork.com)*
- (6) *Advertising and Public Relations*
- (7) *Presentation of gifts to the British monarch and her entourage*
- (8) *Staffing costs over and above normal complement*
- (9) *The Lord Mayor's office over and above normal costs*
- (10) *Entertainment*
- (11) *Logistical support for the Lord Mayor's party, media and security*
- (12) *Any other expenses not covered by the above.*

*To ask the City Manager how the city intends to make up money spent on the recent visit of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain and, if it is not possible to replace this money, to ask what services of the City Council will be cut and by how much they will be cut?*

1. €40,031- part of a Capital Improvement Work Programme ongoing since 2009 (and fast tracked for the visit.)
2. €0

3. Roads and Environment works to City roads and streets relative to the visit- €47,438.73
4. Expenditure in the order of €110,000 was incurred on floral/hedging displays, bunting/flags, environmental improvements and enhancement of the visual environment.
5. €4,958 was paid for the production and maintenance of www.queensvisittocork.com
6. The P.R. costs including the press packs, managing the Media Support Centre plus the management of TV/Radio and News Press in the weeks preceding the event comes to €30,380.
7. €786.50
8. Finance did not incur any additional costs in staffing
9. €0
10. The street entertainment costs are included in (12) below.
11. None specific to the Lord Mayor's Party
12. The staging of street event by TEAM, the cost of production/crew/school visit//brand name design/music and video came to €90,195.46

Expenditure of €2344 was incurred for hospitality for visiting dignitaries (including Mayor of Swansea and Government Ministers).

This was an exceptional once off event and the total costs associated with it will be treated as such in the City Council's finances for 2011, without impacting on our normal service delivery programme.

### 3.2 **CLOSURE OF FARRANREE C.D.P.**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

- a) *Could the Manager confirm the reasons for the closure of Farranree C.D.P?*
- b) *What meetings took place between the Board of the C.D.P. and City Council officials?*
- c) *How many meetings took place between the H.S.E. and the Board?*
- d) *How many meetings took place between the Board and the City Partnership?*
- e) *Did the Board Members of the C.D.P. obstruct or co-operate with the new guidelines and management of C.D.P. under the umbrella of the Partnership?*
- f) *Is there money owed by Farranree C.D.P. to the Revenue Commissioners?*
- g) *Who owns the premises that Farranree C.D.P. operates out of?*

Cork City Council has no direct financial or operational responsibility for the Community Development Projects and therefore I am not in a position to answer all of the questions as submitted. These may be best directed to either the Farranree Community Development project directly or to Pobal / DECLG. However, based on meetings which my officers have had with the CDP Company and on reports which have been made to the CMG / CDB, I can report the following.

The Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs re-designed its community development/social inclusion programmes, particularly the Local

Development Social Inclusion (LDSIP) Programme and the Community Development Programmes (CDP) in 2009.

Both programmes had a community development element and were delivered through separate local delivery structures. These programmes came to an end on 31 December 2009 and were superseded by a new programme, the Local and Community Development Programme (LCDP).

The aim of the new programme is to tackle poverty and social exclusion through partnership and constructive engagement between Government and its agencies and people in disadvantaged communities.

Under the new arrangements, CDP's were to integrate with the Partnership Companies by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, otherwise they would risk not being funded under the new Local and Community Development Programme.

It is my understanding that the Farranree Community Development Company decided not to integrate with the Partnership and therefore withdrew from the LCDP programme and the funding which was made available through it.

The Farranree Community Development Company does still exist, but is not now funded to deliver community development programmes under the LCDP programme.

City Council Officials have attended one meeting which took place between the Farranree Community Development Company Board and officers of the RAPID Programme, the HSE and Cork City Partnership. The meeting was convened on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, to discuss the reported risk of closure of the CDP's Creche 'Little Steps' and to discuss correspondence from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs regarding gaps in front-line service provision in Farranree as a result of the CDP's withdrawal from the programme.

An inter-agency group has been meeting on an on-going basis since then and are committed to ensuring that the childcare facility at Little Steps in Farranree is maintained in the long-term.

### 3.3 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THOMAS DAVID BRIDGE AND SUNDAYS WELL ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*When will the Traffic Lights at Thomas David Bridge and Sundays Well Road, erected three years ago, be turned on?*

The Green Route Contractor as supervised by ARUP Consulting Engineers had undertaken some preliminary works some years ago on behalf of the Housing Directorate when they were working in the vicinity. However, work ceased due to concerns raised by An Garda Síochána.

The Transportation division are aware of difficulties with the movement of traffic at the junction of Thomas Davis Bridge & Sundays Well Road. However it is our view

that the junction needs to be modelled to assess the impact on traffic movement of traffic lights at the junction. Once this modelling has been completed, we will be in a position to decide if traffic lights are appropriate at this junction, assess the priority of this junction and seek funding if appropriate.

### 3.4 **PUSH BUTTON TRAFIC LIGHTS ON FAIRFIELD ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Can the Manager inform me:*

- 1. When will the push button traffic lights on Fairfield Road be repaired?*
- 2. When will the push button traffic lights on Mt. Agnes Road, across from Lidl, be repaired?*
- 3. What plans are in place for push button traffic lights at Churchfield Avenue near the junction at Churchfield Hill?*
- 4. Outline the scope of works proposed for Sundays Well Road/Shanakiel Road?*
- 5. Give an update on proposed traffic lights at Wellington Bridge?*

#### 1. Push button traffic lights on Fairfield Road

The controller fault was cleared following reports received during week ending the 24.06.11.

#### 2. Push button traffic lights on Mt. Agnes Road, across from Lidl

The pedestrian crossing at Mount Agnes Road was not taken in charge until recently and it now transpires that an electronic card has to be replaced. The card has been put on order from the supplier and will be installed on site as soon as the item is delivered.

#### 3. Push button traffic lights at Churchfield Avenue near the junction at Churchfield Hill

There are no plans at present to install traffic signal control at the junction with Churchfield Avenue.

#### 4. Proposed works for Sundays Well Road/Shanakiel Road

It is proposed to install a modern Zebra Crossing on Sunday's Well Road west of the junction with Shanakiel Road. The installation would replace an original crossing which had been sited at the same locus and which serves a pedestrian desire line to access Daly's Bridge and Mardyke Walk. The scheme has been approved for funding by the NTA.

#### 5. Proposed traffic lights at Wellington Bridge

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Directorate when they were working in the vicinity. However, work ceased due to concerns raised by An Garda Síochána.

The Transportation division are aware of difficulties with the movement of traffic at the junction of Thomas Davis Bridge & Sundays Well Road. However it is our view that the junction needs to be modelled to assess the impact on traffic movement of traffic lights at the junction. Once this modelling has been completed, we will be in a position to decide if traffic lights are appropriate at this junction, assess the priority of this junction and seek funding if appropriate.

### 3.5 **MEMBERS EXPENSES ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**

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

*Could the Manager inform the Members as to when all expenses will go live on the Council's Website?*

The necessary processes will be put in place to enable details of Members expenses to be published on the City Council's website from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

### 3.6 **AREAS INCLUDED IN THE BULKY GOODS COLLECTION**

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

*Can the Manager list the areas and the year that has been included in the bulky goods collection for the South West Ward since its introduction.*

#### 2007:

Araglen Court, Argideen Lawn, Birch Place, Blackwater Grove, Cherry Tree Road, Clashduv Road from junction with Riverview Estate to junction with Togher Road, Deanrock Cottages, Deanrock Terrace, Deanrock Villas, Deanvale, Deanwood Avenue, Deanwood Place, Elm Road, Harleywood, Hazel Road, Ilen Court, Leamlara Close, Maglin Grove, Maple Place, Owenabue Close, Shournagh Lawn, Sycamore Place, Togher Road from junction with Sycamore Place to junction with Tramore Road, Tramore Road from junction with Togher Road to junction with Pouladuff Road, Vicars Court, Vicars Road south side from junction with Togher Road to City Council Depot, Westside Estate, Whitebeam Road, Willow Place, Woodlawn, Woodlawn Mews.

#### 2008:

Charles Daly Road, Edward Walsh Road, Lower Pouladuff Road, Michael Fitzgerald Road, Rose Lawn, The Acre, Togher Road from its junction with Vicars Road to its junction with Edward Walsh Road, Tramore Road from its junction with Lower Pouladuff Road to Colaiste Stiofan Naofa, Vicars Road north side.

#### 2009:

Ashgrove Mews, Ashgrove Park, Benvoirlich Estate, Bishopstown Road from junction with Hawkes Road to junction with Waterfall Road, Curraheen Road southside from junction with Hawkes Road to the City Boundary, Dunville Crescent, Dunville Estate,

Dunville Villas, Halldene Avenue, Halldene Drive, Halldene Estate, Halldene Gardens, Halldene Grove, Halldene Lawn, Halldene Villas, Halldene Way, Pampas Grove, The Rise, Waterfall Road.

2010:

Bishopscourt Green, Bishopscourt Park, Bishopscourt Place, Bishopscourt Way, Bishopstown Road southside from junction with Bishopscourt Drive to junction with Garrane Lane, Cedar Avenue, Cedar Grove, Donscourt, Woodbrook Avenue, Woodbrook Drive, Woodbrook Grove, Woodbrook Road.

2011:

Barretts Lane, Bishopstown Road from junction with Barretts Lane to junction with Hawkes Road, Brampton Court, Curraheen Road southside from junction with Barretts Lane to Hawkes Road., Hawkes Road, Laurel Grove, St Josephs Lawn, Tiffany Downs.

### 3.7 **NOISE ACTION PLAN**

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

*To ask the Manager what plans are in place to ensure that Cork City Council implements the Noise Action Plan regarding the South City Link Road (N27); will he confirm that funds have been ring fenced for this purpose and if he will make a statement on the matter?*

The Noise Action Plan 2008 was developed by Cork City Council in response to the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 140 of 2006). Strategic noise mapping was prepared for areas in Cork City near major roads, which have more than 6 million vehicle passages per year.

In accordance with best practice Cork City Council considered areas with noise levels >60dBA Lden as those requiring noise reducing mitigation measures. Sections of the N27 South City Link were identified as requiring noise mitigation.

To date a noise survey has been undertaken as well as the preliminary design of suitable barriers for the identified problematic sections of the N27 based on constraints such as height of the barrier, topography, ground conditions, accessibility to carry out the work etc. A business case is currently being prepared so that it can be put forward to the National Roads Authority (NRA) for specific funding to carry out the detailed design and implementation of the noise mitigation measures on the N27.

### 3.8 **TRADERS ON CORNMARKE STREET**

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

*Could the Manager update the Council on the situation between Cork City Council and the traditional traders on Cornmarket Street?*

*a) Have all traders been allocated parking spaces?*

*b) Has any meeting taken place in 2011 between Cork City Council and the traditional traders regarding allocation of space and arrangements and agreements found?*

*c) When can we expect a date of completion in Cornmarket Street?*

(a) 6 parking spaces have been allocated to traditional stall traders.

(b) Corporate Affairs met with representatives of the traditional stall traders on the 6<sup>th</sup> July regarding arrangements to date and ongoing informal discussions have been taking place on a regular basis. Considerable co-operation has been forthcoming from these traditional traders to date in relocating their pitches to accommodate the City Council's requirements and in this spirit the intention of the Council is to provide them with parking space for their trading pitches. The City Council is also arranging for refurbishment of their fixed stalls. (A prototype stall is due to be delivered in the coming days.) The City Council's preferred option is to refurbish the existing stalls and locate them adjacent to the designated parking area allocated to the traditional traders.

(c) The renewal project will be substantially complete in 2 weeks.

### 3.9 **STAFF RE-DEPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF CROKE PARK AGREEMENT**

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

*To ask the Manager how many staff have been re-deployed as a result of the Croke Park Agreement, with particular reference to the need for additional staff in the Housing Directorate?*

Re-deployment under the terms of the Croke Park Agreement involves staff moving from one area of the Public Service to another. While such inter-sectoral re-deployments to and from the Local Government sector are under consideration at present, in a small number of cases, they are not likely to be significant in the short term. No staff have been re-deployed to or from Cork City Council as of now.

The Local Government Service is one of the few sectors that has seen substantial reductions in staffing and has consistently outstripped the Employment Framework targets set for it by the Department of Finance. Even at this stage the sector is very close to the target set for it for 2015.

At present there is no indication that any significant numbers of staff will become available for re-deployment to the Local Service or to Cork City Council in particular. Our current HR does not cater for such an eventuality which would have significant budgetary implications in any event.

Internally all sections of the Council have lost significant numbers of staff in recent years and the Housing Department is not in any way exceptional in this regard. All units of the organisation have a need for additional staff but the reality is that such staff cannot be employed at present

The internal staffing of the Council is kept under constant review and should any area experience disproportionate staffing pressure the issue will be addressed.



3.10 **COMPLETION OF PUBLIC PARK AT ST. JOHN'S WELL, FAIRHILL**

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

*Can the Manager give a date for the completion of the public park at St. John's Well, Fairhill?*

There are landscape remedial works to be completed, as well as the installation of a Multi-Use Games Area. These works are programmed over the next two months and the park should be completed in September.

3.11 **STATUS OF PLANNING APPLICATION – DUNNES STORES, CURRAHEEN ROAD**

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

*In relation to the planning application TP 08/33098 (Dunnes Stores, Curraheen Road) can the City Manager indicate the current status of the application, if any discussions have taken place with the developer with respect to a possible date for commencing the proposed development and if he can provide a report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan (2007)?*

The Objective for the Looneys Cross/Bishopstown Shopping Centre area in the Bishopstown/Wilton Area Action Plan is:

‘To redevelop and consolidate Bishopstown Neighbourhood Centre as an Urban Village Centre serving the needs of the immediate Bishopstown area.’.

The key objectives for the area include retaining it's role as a local shopping area, redeveloping/enhancing the retail frontage, protecting the residential amenities of residents in the vicinity, provision of underground parking in any new development, providing for new residential development, ensuring safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and users of public transport to facilities, and improving the public realm.

The implementation of the recommendations of the Bishopstown/Wilton Area Action Plan in relation to this area are largely dependent on construction of the planning permission for the redevelopment of the shopping centre, which was granted on appeal on 23/12/2009 and which includes a mixture of retail and residential uses, underground parking and an improved public realm.

The owners have 5 years to implement the permission. The Planning Authority has no information at present on when it is likely to be developed.

3.12 **RIGHT TURNING LIGHT AT VICKERS ROAD TO TOGHER ROAD**

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

*It is difficult to make a right turning when travelling from Vickers Road to Togher Road going west. Would it be possible to install a right turning light attached to the traffic lights at this busy junction?*

The impact of the installation of a right turning light at this location will have to be assessed to determine its impact on traffic movements on this junction and other junctions in the area.

If as a result of the assessment it is determined that a traffic light at this location will benefit the movement of traffic, we will then have to assess the priority of this junction over other improvement demands and seek funding if appropriate.

### 3.14 **UPDATE ON 13 ST. MARY'S PLACE**

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

*To ask the Manager what is the update on 13 St. Mary's Place.*

- 1) *Is the site declared derelict?*
- 2) *Has contact been made with the owner re the condition of the site?*
- 3) *That Cork City Council clean up and secure the site and the cost involved be put against the property in the interest of health and safety.*

This property is now in the ownership of Cork City Council and it is proposed to refurbish the unit as part of the Spriggs Road Refurbishment Project. These works would include the securing of 13, St Mary's Place and 2, Templeacre Ave by the erection of hoarding enclosing both units. It is hoped that the Spriggs Road Project will commence in the near future.

### 3.15 **NEW UNITS BUILT IN HOUSING SCHEMES**

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

*How many new units were built in:*

- a) *Affordable Housing Schemes*
- b) *Local Authority Housing Schemes*
- c) *Regeneration Schemes since 2000*

(a)	Affordable Housing Schemes: 774 Units
(b)	Local Authority Housing Schemes: 1,338 Units
(c)	Regeneration Schemes: 108 Units (New Build) 357 Units (Refurbished)

#### 4. **CITY MANAGERS ITEMS**

##### 4.1 **MID YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager on Mid Year Financial Review dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

##### 4.2 **HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT SCHEME 2011**

An Chomhairle considered the Higher Education Grant Scheme 2011. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the Higher Education Grant Scheme 2011.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, it was agreed that correspondence be issued to the Department of Education and skills, with regard to students applying for grants via their Social Security Card, and also note the concern Council has in relation to reduction of grants for mature students.

##### 4.3 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION TANK FIELD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services Planning and Development dated 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 on the Material Contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 in respect of proposed development at “The Tank Field”, Murmont Avenue, Montenotte/Mayfield, Cork, Planning Ref. No. 11/34819, and the adoption of the following resolution:-

**“RESOLVED THAT** the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 be materially contravened with regard to Planning Application Ref. No. 11/34819 in respect of permission for development at site at ‘The Tank Field’, Murmont Avenue, Montenotte/Mayfield, Cork.”

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, a vote was taken on the approval of the report of Director of Services and adoption of the resolution where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, M. Barry, C. Clancy, T. Gould, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan, L. McGonigle, L. Kingston, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin. (13)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, D. O’Flynn, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, E. O’Halloran, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. (15)

**ABSTAIN:** Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir T. Shannon (1)

As those voting in favour of the report and adoption of resolution was less than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the report of the Director of Services and adoption of resolution defeated.

5. **FILLING OF VACANCY – MEMBERSHIP OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, Comhairleoir C. Clancy was appointed as a member of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. Gibbons.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Kingston, Comhairleoir G. Gibbons was appointed as a member of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Clancy.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was appointed as a member of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn was appointed as a member of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan.

6. **FILLING OF VACANCY - STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - CHAIR**

- On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was elected as Chair of the Housing & Community Development Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, with effect from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Clancy Comhairleoir M. Ahern was elected as Chair of the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Corr, with effect from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, Comhairleoir D. Cahill was elected as Chair of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir S. Martin, with effect from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, Comhairleoir C. Clancy was elected as Chair of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, with effect from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, Comhairleoir M. Shields was elected as Chair of the Recreation, Amenity & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir P. Gosch, with effect from the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.

At the request of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, the opposition to the above be noted on behalf of the Sinn Féin party.

7. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

7.1 **CORK DOCKLANDS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager on Cork Docklands dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

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**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 8.00 p.m.

8. **CORK DOCKLANDS COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

8.1 **PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

An Chomhairle noted the Progress Report Update, of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

9. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

9.1 **REQUEST FOR FUNDING – CORK SCHOOL OF MUSIC JAZZ BIG BAND INVITATION TO COLOGNE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved a request for funding for Cork School of Music Big Band to attend the Cologne Festival of Light on July 9 2011. An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Committee that a grant of €3,000 be provided to Cork School of Music Jazz Big Band.

9.2 **REQUEST FOR FUNDING – PHOENIX STREET FESTIVAL 2011**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the twinning grant application, programme and additional details provided in relation to the Phoenix Street Festival, An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Committee that a grant of €2,400 be provided to Cerebos Security Ltd t/a The Phoenix Street Festival.

10. **ITEM REFERRED FROM PARTY WHIPS MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

10.1 **CROSS PARTY COMMITTEE – 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF FORD FACTORY IN CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion and agreed to approve the recommendation of the Party Whips to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Ford Factory in Cork.

‘That Cork City Council would establish a cross party committee with a view to organizing events that would commemorate the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Ford Factory in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 11/180)

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

11.1 **DISPOSALS**

Members considered the reports of the City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 in relation to the following property disposals:

**Property Disposals:**

(a) Disposal of areas of land situated to the rear of 63-69 Ashford Heights, Banduff, Co. Cork to the residents of 63-69 Ashford Heights for the sum of €3,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) per applicant plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) per applicant. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

**Freehold Title Disposal:**

(b) Disposal of freehold interest in the property situate at and known as “St Josephs”, Site C3, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork to Laurence Duggan for the sum of €76.16 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs in the sum of €550 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

11.2 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 in relation to Disabled Persons Grants for Local Authority Properties.

11.3 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for June, 2011.

11.4 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

11.5 **PRE-TENANCY COURSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That all allocations by Cork City Council be preceded by Tenants taking part in a pre tenancy course.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 11/147)

Following discussions, and at the request of Comhairleoir C. Clancy, it was agreed to amend the wording of the report of the Director of Services as follows:

All new tenants will be required to take part in a pre-tenancy course.

12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

12.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended June 2011.

12.2 **PASSIVE FIRE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROPOSED FOR THE JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30 June 2011 on the Passive Fire Protection Improvement Works 2011-2012.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed that a special meeting of Roads & Transportation Functional Committee should be convened to discuss the above.

12.3 **N25 BANDON/SARSFIELD INTERCHANGES UPGRADE – PROGRESS UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, regarding N25 Bandon/Sarsfield Interchanges Upgrade – Progress Update.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, it was agreed that a special meeting of Roads & Transportation will be convened next week.

12.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DEERPARK GROVE, OFF DEERPARK MEWS, ST. PATRICK’S ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, regarding the taking in charge of housing development at Deerpark Grove off Deerpark Mews, St. Patrick’s Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

**“RESOLVED THAT** having considered the representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 11 (1) (b) of the Roads Act 1993, and Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the

Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the roads, open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains or service connections, at Deerpark Grove, Off Deerpark Mews, St. Patrick's Road, Cork (Nos. 1 to 4) be taken in charge forthwith."

12.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT NA FUINSEOGA (MOUNTAIN ASH), SPRING LANE, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, regarding taking in charge of housing development at Na Fuinseoga (Mountain Ash), Spring Lane, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** having considered the representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 11 (1) (b) of the Roads Act 1993, and Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the roads, open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains or service connections, at Na Fuinseoga (Mountain Ash), Spring Lane, Cork (Nos. 1to– 15) be taken in charge forthwith."

12.6 **REMEDIAL WORKS ON NATIONAL ROAD BRIDGES – SECTION 85 AGREEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, regarding remedial works on National Road Bridges – Section 85 Agreement. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:

**"RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council being of the opinion that the function of Cork City Council in relation to the Cork City and County Bridge Rehabilitations and Munster Expansion Joint Replacement and Cork City Bridges Graffiti Removal should be performed by Cork County Council being able and willing so to perform the said function and Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001."

12.7 **ROADS MAINTENANCE AT THE CITY BOUNDARY – SECTION 85 AGREEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, regarding roads maintenance at the city boundary – Section 85 Agreement. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:



**“RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council being of the opinion that the function of Cork County Council in relation to road maintenance at the Cork City/Cork County boundary should be performed by Cork City Council and Cork City Council being able and willing so to perform the said function hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001.”

## 12.8 **ONE-WAY SYSTEM ON DOUGLAS STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council make Douglas Street “One Way” out of town from Abbey Street to Rutland Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/054)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that as was advised to the members at the last committee meeting it has been Cork City Council’s policy for many years to avoid introducing one-way traffic systems and where possible to revert existing one-way systems to two-way. One-way traffic flows do not generally improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians, because of:

- (a) Increased traffic speeds and
- (b) Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.

There are other disadvantages such as:

- Reduction in local accessibility for traders and residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult
- Increased volumes of traffic in the opposite direction in a parallel ‘twined’ road.
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.).

However since the introduction of the one-way system in Evergreen Road almost two years ago, Douglas Street has become a “twin road” as described above with increased volumes of traffic being attracted in the eastbound direction. The one-way system in Evergreen Street had to be introduced for local reasons pertaining to that street. The volume of traffic moving in the westbound direction of Douglas Street is relatively small so making Douglas Street one-way eastbound would not have any serious consequential effects.

Although Douglas Street is very narrow for most of its length from Abbey Street to the junction with Rutland Street, the introduction of a one-way system should be accompanied with traffic calming measures. It is recommended that the public consultation process under Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 be undertaken for a proposed one-way system and if approval for the one-way system is given by Council, that traffic calming measures for the street be included in next year’s roads programme.

#### 12.9 **ROADS TO GREEN PARKING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council use the Roads to Green Parking Programme to create some additional parking at O’Growney Crescent, Pearse Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/055)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that work was carried out in 2010 to provide parking spaces in O’Growney Crescent. However the estate will be reassessed for possible additional spaces. This provision of additional spaces will be dependent on funding being available.

#### 12.10 **TRAFFIC SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That traffic signs indicating ‘people on foot crossing roads ahead’ be erected on the Back Douglas Road slip road from the South Ring Road to the roundabout at Willow Park heading east and some rumble strips on the slip road leading on to the roundabout.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/136)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic signs are not appropriate because there is no official legal pedestrian crossing facility at the location. A pedestrian crossing at this location is on the list of requests and will be installed as soon as funding becomes available.

The ramp is the responsibility of the NRA and they will be requested to install the rumble strips.

#### 12.11 **RAMPS IN EDEN GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That ramps would be placed in Eden Grove, Ringmahon Road, Mahon so as to slow down traffic going through this estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 11/137)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Eden Grove, Ringmahon Road, will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received.

The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.12 **MILESTONE FOR INNISHANNON AT WILTON ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council maintain the Milestone for Innishannon at Wilton roundabout and replace the 1 mile marking that was removed for construction purposes outside the Western Star, Western Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 11/144)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that maintenance of the Milestone for Innishannon at Wilton Roundabout will be placed on the Council’s works list. The 1 mile marker that was located outside the ‘Western Star’ pub was removed by persons unknown during the demolition of the pub. We will make enquiries as to its location.

#### 12.13 **RAMPS IN DOMINIC STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That ramps be placed in Dominic Street to stop speeding traffic and that residents be liaised with in accordance with normal practice in this regard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 11/149)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Dominic Street is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area is due to be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.14 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GERALD GRIFFIN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a traffic management plan for Gerald Griffin Street and surrounding areas be put in place to help relieve traffic congestion problems for the residents and businesses in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 11/150)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a meeting will be held with local residents and traders to identify the specific local traffic issues of concern in the Gerard Griffin Street area. Any identified mitigation or improvement measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

#### 12.15 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON BRIAN BORU BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake repair work to the footpaths on Brian Boru Bridge, so as to reduce the significant amount of water ponding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/157)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the necessary repair works will be undertaken by National Roads Authority in 2011.

#### 12.16 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would include Blackwater Grove, Togher in the Roads Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/158)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Blackwater Grove was not selected for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However the road will be inspected and any necessary localised repairs will be carried out.

#### 12.17 **CELTIC SCRIPT ON ROAD AND STREET SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council re-introduces the old Celtic script on our road and street signs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 11/143)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of bilingual roads and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund has to cover the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs. It would not however extend to the replacement of existing bilingual road and street nameplate signs in order to incorporate old Celtic script. It is also important that signage is easily understood by the public.

#### 12.18 **ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include St. Finbarrs Road in the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/068)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that St. Finbarrs Road was not selected for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However the road will be inspected and any necessary localised repairs will be carried out.

#### 12.19 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put double yellow lines at the junction of Hillside Lawn and Earlwood Estate adjacent to 72, 73, 74 Earlwood Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/069)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hillside Lawn and Earlwood will be inspected to determine if lining is required in the area.

Any identified lining will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.20 **REPAIR OF ROAD – GURRANABRAHER ROAD AND KEARNEY’S AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the middle of the road between the junction of Gurranabraher Road and Kearney’s Avenue be repaired as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 11/151)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this section of road will be repaired as part of the 2011 roads programme.

#### 12.21 **REINSTATEMENT OF ROAD SURFACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the surface of the road in Old Friary Place (off Shandon Street) be reinstated to acceptable standards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 11/152)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Old Friary Place was not selected for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However the road will be inspected and any necessary localised repairs will be carried out.

#### 12.22 **REPLACE GRASSY AREA – CHURCHFIELD AVENUE WITH TARMAC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that a grassy area outside No.’s 71 – 75 Churchfield Avenue be replaced with tarmac to allow residents clear access to their vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 11/155)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the estate will be assessed for suitability of converting the grassed area for parking. This provision of spaces will be dependent on funding being available.

#### 12.23 **LOWER PARKLANDS DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council resurface Lower Parklands Drive and replace estate signs in Parklands where appropriate and required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/164)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Lower Parklands Drive was not selected for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However the road will be inspected and any necessary localised repairs will be carried out.

#### 12.24 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME – SOHO TERRACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include Soho Terrace, Shanakiel in the Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/165)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Soho Terrace, Shanakiel, will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.25 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT MURMONT CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Traffic Calming measures are put in place at Murmont Crescent as traffic is using this road as a shortcut to Old Youghal Road and to avoid traffic lights at the junction of Old Youghal Road and Iona Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/170)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Murmont Crescent, will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.26 **RESURFACE THE BALLYHOOLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department resurface the Ballyhooly Road, fronting O’Callaghans Garage as the condition of the surface is a real concern to users of the road.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Clancy & Cllr. J. Kelleher 11/174)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ballyhooly Road was not selected for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However the road will be inspected and any necessary localised repairs will be carried out.

12.27 **CONCEALED ENTRANCE SIGNS' AT THE ORCHARDS, GLASHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would put in place ‘concealed entrance signs’ on the approaches to The Orchards, Glasheen Road and that speed signs would also be erected on Glasheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/175)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a similar request was raised at a previous Council meeting. The location was surveyed and it was deemed appropriate to erect a Major Minor sign on the Glasheen Road western approach to The Orchards. This sign indicates to motorists that there is an entrance on their left as they approach from the west. The sign has been in situ for the past number of months. We do not erect ‘concealed entrance signs’.

The speed in the city is 50kph unless byelaws are adopted to provide an alternative speed limit. Cork City Council only erects speed signs to indicate where speed limits increase or decrease. The erection of 50kph signs within areas that are already designated 50kph might indicate to motorists that can travel at greater speeds outside of the location of the 50kph signs. Erection of speed signs at this location is not recommended.

12.28 **SAFETY REPORT ON TRAFFIC ACTIVITY AT ST. LUKES CROSS, MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council request that the Roads Directorate produce a safety report on Traffic Activity at St. Lukes Cross, Montenotte with a view to installing Traffic Lights at this junction in the interest of safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/086)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the St Lukes Cross area was revamped in 2009 after extensive consultation and engagement with Business Owners, Residents and Local Representatives from the area. During 2007 and 2008 two public meetings were held and an estimated 200 people attended the meetings.

Two concept designs were developed at preliminary design stage. The first design proposed the construction of a standard signalised junction for the crossroads. The



second design maintained the existing priority junction with Stop Signs on Middle Glanmire Road & Wellington Road in addition to enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities. Both of these solutions work and ultimately the second solution was adopted.

Twenty seven submissions were received as part of the Part 8 Planning of which 12 requested additional crossing facilities particularly on Middle Glanmire Road. An additional crossing point was therefore introduced. The other submissions focused on Parking and the Toll Booth. The construction Phase ended in Dec 2009.

A complete Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was undertaken on the scheme in March 2010 and its recommendations were adopted.

In conclusion, therefore the option of traffic signals at the junction was examined but the alternative solution which provided the controlled crossings away from the junction was adopted. The current layout underwent a Safety Audit and the recommendations of the report have been implemented.

#### 12.29 **SAFETY REVIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City carry out a safety review of the recent realignment at St. Lukes Cross and the sitting and structure of the pedestrian crossing currently under construction at the Lower Glanmire Road/ Lover’s Walk. How are Council Engineers safety checking more recent works such as the ones mentioned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/110)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

##### St. Luke’s Cross:

A safety audit was carried in relation to the St. Luke’s Cross Improvement works and the report’s recommendations were carried out. The current road alignment is fully compliant with the recommendations of the safety audit.

##### Lower Glanmire Road:

A safety review was carried out for the new pedestrian crossing on the Lower Glanmire Road at the junction with Lover Walk. The safety aspects of the scheme were also assessed by the Road Safety Officer from the NRA and all works on the project were carried out to her requirements and recommendations.

#### 12.30 **PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT JUNCTION OF CATTLEMARKET STREET AND WOLFE TONE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Roads and Transport Directorate would immediately restore the public right of way at the junction of Cattlemarket Street and Wolfe Tone Street (location formerly known as Con O’Donovan’s pub).’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 11/019)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Planning Permission was granted for this location in June 2007 and is valid until July 2012. The Planning Application includes the provision of a public footpath at this location. In order to facilitate the construction works at this location a Hoarding Licence was granted in order to protect pedestrians and traffic from the construction works. The works at this site are currently suspended and it anticipated that construction works will recommence in the near future.

The area subject to this motion was formerly the car-park of Con O’Donovan’s pub and was a public right of way as opposed to a public footpath.

The Asset Management/Maintenance Division will be requested to contact the Developer of the proposed site and request that the Hoarding is relocated and the public right of way re-opened and made safe. If the Developer is not in a position to carry out this work the Asset Management/Roads Maintenance Section will give consideration to the relocation of this hoarding and carrying out the associated works. However there is no available budget at this point in time.

#### 12.31 **FOOTPATH ON SOUTHSIDE OF MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council negotiate with FÁS to facilitate a footpath to the Southside of the Model Farm Road along their property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/027)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this is in effect a road widening scheme (approx. 300m) as it would involve the removal of the existing boundary, the construction of a new boundary and the installation of drainage in addition to the construction of the footpath itself. There is no funding available for this work. However we will investigate the possibility of extending the existing footpath at the Rossa Avenue junction to serve Wyndwood Estate (approx. 30m).

Following preliminary design, we will also contact FÁS on the issue of land acquisition.

#### 13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

#### 14. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended as follows:-

- Cllr. Catherine Clancy – Byrne Perry Summer School– 24/26 June 2011 – Gorey, Co. Wexford
- Cllr. Lorraine Kingston –Byrne Perry Summer School– 24/26 June 2011 – Gorey, Co. Wexford
- Cllr. Sean Martin – John Boyle O'Reilly Annual Conference – 18 June 2011 – Drogheda
- Cllr. Ger Gibbons – EU Funding and Functions – 17/19 June 2011 – Rosscarbery Co. Cork
- Cllr. Ger Gibbons – Performance Management for Councillors – 24/26 June 2011 Westport, Co. Mayo

#### **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda item 15 and also items tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. Kavanagh, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. (15)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, C. O'Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (8)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir M. Barry. (1)

As the numbers voting in favour exceeded those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of Comhairleoirí at the various seminars & conferences approved, as listed under relevant items hereunder:-

#### 15. **SEMINARS**

##### 15.1 **THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IRISH BUSINESS AND IRISH PEOPLE**

Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the "The Challenges and Opportunities Facing Local Government, Irish Business and Irish People" training seminar, held in the Carlton Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

##### 15.2 **THE COUNCILLOR AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT SERVICE**

Comhairleoirí J. O'Callaghan & G. Gibbons at the "The Councillor and the Local Government Environment Service" training seminar, to be held in the Hyland's Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011.

15.3 **A BRIEFING FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS: CURRENT ISSUES IN EDUCATION**

Comhairleoirí J. O’Callaghan & G. Gibbons at the “A Briefing for Local Authority Members: Current Issues in Education” training seminar, to be held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City, on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.4 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COUNCILLORS “LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT”**

Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, B. Bermingham, M. O’Connell, B. Bermingham, L. McGonigle, C. Clancy, L. Kingston, G. Gibbons & E. O’Halloran at the Professional Development for Councillors “Leadership Skills Development” to be held in Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.5 **“IRISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR COUNCILLORS” TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí M. Shields & G. Gibbons at the “Irish Language Course for Councillors” training seminar to be held in the Seaview Hotel, Gweedore, Co. Donegal on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.6 **“THE EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF EMPLOYMENT EQUALITY LEGISLATION” TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, K. O’Flynn, G. Gibbons & B. Bermingham at “The Effect on Local Government of Employment Equality Legislation” training seminar to be held in The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.7 **“THE COUNCILLORS AND THE GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT SERVICE” TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, L. Kingston, G. Gibbons & E. O’Halloran at “The Councillors and the Government Environment Service” training seminar to be held in Hyland’s Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011.

15.8 **31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MACGILL SUMMER SCHOOL “TRANSFORMING IRELAND 2011 – 2016”**

Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle & J. Corr at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual MacGill Summer School “Transforming Ireland 2011 – 2016” to be held in The Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.9 **“A BRIEFING FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS – CURRENT ISSUES IN EDUCATION” TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí G. Gibbons & B. Bermingham at “A briefing for Local Authority Members – Current Issues in Education” training seminar in The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.10 **THE 24<sup>TH</sup> JOHN HEWITT INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL**

Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at The 24<sup>th</sup> John Hewitt International Summer School to be held in The Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre, Armagh on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

15.11 **"LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE" TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at "Local Government Health and Safety Risk Assessment and Insurance" training seminar to be held in The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

15.12 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at The Local Government Planning Service to be held in West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Co. Cork on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

15.13 **2011 PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL "EQUALITY – THEN AND NOW"**

Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, J. Corr & M. O'Connell at the 2011 Parnell Summer School "Equality – Then and Now" to be held in Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

15.14 **"LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY – THE ADVANTAGES OF SOLAR" TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer & B. Bermingham at the "Local Government Promoting Renewable Energy – The Advantages of Solar" training seminar to be held at the Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

15.15 **"ENTERPRISE – INNOVATION – ENTREPRENEURSHIP" TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the "Enterprise – Innovation – Entrepreneurship" training seminar to be held in Tipperary Institute, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

15.16 **L.A.M.A AUTUMN SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher & M. Shields at the L.A.M.A Autumn Seminar to be held in the Clonea Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

15.17 **2011 LA TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR "LOCAL DEMOCRACY – A VISION FOR THE FUTURE"**

Comhairleoirí M. Shields & K. O'Flynn at the 2011 La Touche Legacy Seminar "Local Democracy – A Vision for the Future" to be held in Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 30<sup>th</sup> September - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011.

## **CONFERENCE**

### **.1 98<sup>TH</sup> AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011**

Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, J. Kelleher, J. Buttimer, L. Kingston & C. Clancy at the 98<sup>th</sup> AMAI Annual Conference 2011 to be held in Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **16. MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the referral of the following motions to the relevant committees:-

#### **16.1 INCLUDE NO.'S 1 – 57 AND 2 TO 36 PLUNKETT ROAD IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Plunkett Road from 1 to 57 and 2 to 36 be included in the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/072)

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

#### **16.2 INCLUDE ASHFORD ESTATE IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the Cul de Sac area of Ashford Estate be included in the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/073)

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

#### **16.3 NORTH WEST WARD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Dunmore Gardens and Dunnycove Crescent, Knocknaheeny in the North West Ward Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/178)

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

#### **16.4 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON KILMORE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council, paint the Traffic Calming Measures, replace traffic signs on Kilmore Road and Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/179)

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

16.5 **REVIEW OF TRAFFIC FLOW/ PARKING/ SIGNAGE AND MACCURTAIN STREET/ BRIDGE STREET**

‘That Cork City Council, in the interests of assisting the wide range of businesses in the McCurtain Street/Bridge Street area and also to promote and showcase the area as a tourist attraction, undertakes a review in the following areas....

1. Review the high traffic flow volumes and the adverse impact it's having on businesses.
2. Address the ongoing problem of "organised begging" outside the businesses and ensure regular street sweeping.
3. Installation of adequate finger post signage to direct tourists and visitors to the city to key points of interest in the city.
4. Review Parking availability in McCurtain Street/Bridge Street area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/193)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.6 **TRAFFIC - MACCURTAIN STREET – JAZZ FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

‘That Cork City Council, in the interest of promoting the Jazz Festival and supporting the businesses in McCurtain Street, close off McCurtain Street to traffic at peak festival activity times during the Jazz Festival weekend.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/194)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.7 **TANKFIELD**

‘Be it resolved that Cork City Council, by virtue of its power under Section 202 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 hereby declares that the area known as “the Tank Field” (and specified in the accompanying map) be an area of special amenity, because of its special recreational value including its value for passive and active recreational use and as a multi-sports open facility for use by the public.

Be it further resolved that an order be made that an objective of Cork City Council, as planning authority, is to preserve the special nature and features of this special amenity area so designated and to declare that there will be no further development on the area so designated in a manner that would reduce its current accessibility and availability as open public space and its use for passive and active recreational use as a multi-sports facility.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Brosnan, Cllr. T. Tynan, Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/196)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**

16.8 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MELBOURNE ROAD**

‘Some months ago I requested that a new pedestrian crossing would be installed on Melbourne Road – North of Beverley Drive Junction. The reason for this request was:-

1. To assist motorists trying to access the very busy Melbourne Road from the adjoining estate roads and
2. In the interest of the health and safety of pedestrians trying to cross the busy Melbourne Road
3. Despite many measures already taken by Cork City Council, motorists continue to excessively speed on this road and another pedestrian crossing would slow the traffic down and so avoid accidents. The report to my previous motion stated that this matter would be examined and if it was deemed appropriate a pedestrian crossing would be provided. I am requesting that further discussion takes place on this important issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 11/198)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME – BRIDEVALLEY VIEW**

‘That Cork City Council include Bridevalley View in the Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. O’Connell, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan 11/199)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.10 **SURROUNDING WALL AROUND WILLOW PLACE AND TOGHER ROAD**

‘The perimeter wall surrounding City Council apartments due west of the junction of Willow Place and Togher Road is too high and extends half way across the footpath. Driving on to the Togher Road from Willow Place necessitates driving half way on the footpath to view if the footpath is clear. This is a danger to pedestrians as the motorist has no vision until they are more than half way across the footpath.

I am suggesting that this wall is scaled back from the footpath and reduced in height to enable motorists to have road visibility before driving on to this busy roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 11/200)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



16.11 **FESTIVAL OF SPORT**

‘That Cork City Council develop a new festival of sport, using both the Sports Committee and TEAM. A festival for sport that would bring new visitors into the City.

The City should use the twinning cities as a starting point and pick one international sport, and rotate the sport and rotate the cities. It could target under age and senior sportsmen and women. Cork City has an array of facilities to offer such an event. The city marathon has been a great success both home and abroad and I now call upon City Council to expand our sporting calendar.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Gibbons 11/201)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee**

16.12 **WARNING NOTICES AT ENTRANCE TO THE GLEN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council erect warning notices at the entrances to The Glen Park Amenity area advising the public that the area is not actively staffed or patrolled by any warden/ attendant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/203)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee**

16.13 **UNCLAIMED CONFERENCE EXPENSES**

**An tArdmhéara ruled this motion out of order:**

‘That Cork City Council would use my unclaimed conference expenses and those of any other councilor who wishes to do the same to help keep the Community Wardens in employment until January 2012. This would give the City Manager additional time to see if he can source funding from Central Government to keep the Community Wardens employed. Also this would allow the City Manager and Councillors the opportunity to see if we can find funding from the council’s own funds and include the cost of keeping the Community Wardens in the Cork City Councils December budget.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. M. Nugent 11/204)

16.14 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN BRANDON CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Brandon Crescent.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. K. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Gould 11/205)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.15 **BRANDON CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council clean up the area behind and adjacent to no’s 30 – 36 Brandon Crescent in the interest of health & safety.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. K. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Gould 11/206)

**Environment Functional Committee**

16.16 **ALLOCATIONS DESK**

‘That the allocations desk would allow application forms to be delivered in the afternoons. The current (recent) closure of the public desk at 1.30 p.m. is causing undue stress to the public. If a simple letters box could be operated it may solve this recent problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 11/207)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

16.17 **BUS STOP ON SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That the bus stop on Skehard Road adjacent to Supervalu, be moved further down Skehard Road towards the City currently when the bus stops it creates traffic problems due to its close proximity to the main junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 11/208)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.18 **FOOTPATHS IN BENVOLIRICH ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would repair the footpaths outside numbers 17/18 and 32/33 Benvolirich Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 11/210)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.19 **ROAD SIGNAGE – SPEED LIMIT ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would review the effectiveness of road signage to advise motorists of the correct speed limit on the Model Farm Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 11/211)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.20 **INSTALL SPEED RAMPS ON INNISHANNON ROAD AND INNISCARRA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install speed ramps at the entrance to and on Innishannon Road and Inniscarra Road, Fair Hill. There have been serious accidents in this area involving children and urgent measures are needed to help reduce the speed of the traffic going through this residential area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 11/212)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

17. **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

An Chomhairle considered the following motions:-

17.1 **INVESTIGATION INTO THE SABOTAGING OF THE IRISH AID SHIP TO GAZA**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘This council calls on the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Eamon Gilmore TD, to demand that a fully independent investigation be carried out into the recent sabotaging of the Irish aid ship to Gaza, the m.v. Saoirse. The strong suspicion held by many people that Israeli secret services had a hand in this matter should be a matter of grave concern for the Irish government.

Israel’s murderous attack on last year’s Gaza flotilla in international waters, which led to the deaths of nine Turkish citizens, and the use of Irish passports by Israeli assassins to cover their tracks after murdering a Hamas official in Dubai in 2010 which led to the expulsion of a senior Israeli diplomat by the Irish Government, point to an Israeli regime which has no respect for life or for international law.

Ireland must protect its citizens and must regard any attack on Irish citizens by agents of another country with the utmost gravity. We demand that our government should not only raise this issue with Israel but should act to protect our citizens and to demand that Israel comply with international law or face the consequences through UN sanctions and the prosecution of those responsible, including arrest by the International Criminal Court where government officials of any nation are found to be involved in such attacks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 11/197)

## 17.2 **INTRODUCTION OF WATER METERS**

**An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Environment Minister to desist from introducing water meters on private homes as the exercise is a waste of money and will create a major cost centre around installing meters, reading metres and issuing bills, rather he should concentrate his efforts reducing the loss in the public mains estimated at 60% of total supply.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/202)

This concluded the business of the meeting

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**