

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. O’Brien, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager.  
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer.  
Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Environment.  
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.  
Mr. J. Hallahan, Management Accountant, Finance.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. C. Dorgan, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

There were no votes of Sympathy passed.

**1.1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

A vote of congratulations was passed to Paddy O’Brien on winning Cork Person of the Year 2010.

**1.1.3 VOTES OF BEST WISHES**

A vote of best wishes was passed to Deputy Bernard Allen, on the occasion of his proposed retirement from politics.

**1.2 LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle that invitations had been received by him to attend events associated with St. Patrick’s Day in New York and Shanghai and An Chomhairle approved the attendance of An tArdmhéara at these events.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **NUMBER AND NAMES OF OFFICIAL AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED TRIPS OR CONFERENCES OR SEMINARS SINCE JANUARY 2009**

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

*Could the Manager outline the number and names of officials and Council Members who attended and took part in visits or trips or conferences or seminars, national or international, since January 2009 to October 2010.*

- a) *What was the purpose of these visits/trips/conferences or seminars?*
- b) *Who paid for these visits/trips/conferences or seminars?*
- c) *Was any part of these sponsored or paid for by any third party?*
- d) *Or in partnership with any other bodies or third parties?*
- e) *Did any third parties or bodied host or pay for meals, entertainment etc while these activities were attended by officials or Council Members?*
- f) *What was the cost of such trips/visits/conferences or seminars, what proportion was paid by Cork City Council in comparison to the total cost?*
- g) *Who were the third parties/partners and what was the cost borne by these in total for each trip/visit/conferences or seminars?*
- h) *If yes to any of the above, have these activities been declared under ethics?*
- i) *What was the cost per official/councillor in each visit/trip/conference/seminar and give a breakdown of travel, accommodation, meals etc.*
- j) *A €4,700 annual conference limit was imposed by Minister Gormley – has this limit been reached or over paid to any officials/councillors and if so by how much and who exceeded these limits?*

Attached tables show details of conferences/visits etc attended by officials and Members of Council since January 2009. Attendance by Members is for the purposes of Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001, while the attendance by officials is for business purposes. The return does not include attendance at meetings which occur in the normal course of business and does not include attendance at specific training courses for staff.

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has issued regulations which limit the total expenditure that a City Council can incur for the purposes of S142 of the Local Government Act at €4,700 multiplied by the number of members i.e. €145,700 in the case of Cork City Council, which is a cumulative limit. There is no individual limit set in the regulations. These regulations are not applicable to staff.

The list of conferences/events attended are all of specific relevance to the business of the Council and the role of the individual staff members. There are strict approval processes in place for attendance of staff at conferences/events so as to ensure that all attendances are relevant to the business of the organization. Partners are not funded as part of official

business attendances, while the schedule shows the part cost funded by an external body where relevant.

The lists attached sets out the detail of attendances, identifying any ones which were part funded by external bodies. In the case of some events, such as international twinning events, it is customary that the host body fund some costs and welcome receptions.

### 3.2 **SKIDDYS HOMES VACANT**

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

*To ask the City Manager:*

- *The number Skiddys homes vacant on both Pouladuff Road and Vicar's Road?*
  - *How long these homes have been vacant?*
  - *When it is expected that they will be occupied?*
  - *The reason for the delay in finding tenants?*
  - *Is Cork City Council the landlord of these properties?*
  - *Who is in receipt of the rents payable?*
  - *Is there a Manager/Caretaker in charge of the properties and what is their function?*
- a. Our information is that there are 3 units vacant at present.
  - b. The units were vacated for refurbishment purposes.
  - c, d We are endeavouring to arrange a meeting with the Housing Association to ensure that any vacant units are occupied forthwith.
  - e. Cork City Council is not the landlord of these properties.
  - f. The Housing Association is in receipt of the rents.
  - g. The issue of the employment of a Manager/Caretaker for these units is a matter for the Housing Association. However, at the forthcoming meeting with the Housing Association these functions will be discussed.

### 3.3 **CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN IN DECEMBER**

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

*In the recent severe freezing snow and icy cold weather spell in December under Cork City Crisis Management Plan and response time:*

- a) *What was the scale of the problems facing Cork City Council workers?*
- b) *Was enough information given to the public, householders, businesses etc on water restrictions?*
- c) *What time scale was planned for the introduction of water tankers into crisis areas of the City?*
- d) *How many crews were on duty to respond to the demands of the crisis?*
- e) *What was the make-up of these crews?*
- f) *Which departments were the crews drawn from within Cork City Council?*
- g) *Were any external contractors hired to support Cork City Council?*
- h) *What will be the cost on Cork City Council of such a crisis?*

- i) *What short-term and long-term problems arising from the crisis will Cork City Council face?*
  - j) *What cost will be covered by Central Government towards expenditure of the overall crisis?*
  - k) *Did the Crisis Management Plan and response time work in meeting the emergency needs of public, householders and businesses of Cork City?*
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- a) The severe weather commenced in early December and Council employees worked throughout the month and the Christmas/New Year holiday period in response to the challenges presented. The severe weather impacted on all service areas and most particularly on roads, parks, housing, water supply, fire, street cleaning and refuse.
  - b) Numerous press releases and public notices were issued throughout December and the Christmas/New Year period in relation to the severe weather (alerts, salting/gritting of roads, access to the City, seasonal events, revised refuse collection arrangements, requests to check on elderly neighbours, advice on preventing frozen pipes, details of water restrictions, details of supply restoration etc). In relation to water, the Council issued updates as they became available on the restriction and restoration of supplies. Given the severity and length of the weather experienced the pace of new developments was however slower than might have been otherwise expected.
  - c) Water levels in the City reservoirs were maintained at historic levels during the month of December and all major leaks arising on the public mains during the severe weather of early/mid December were repaired before Christmas. As a result the Council was able to maintain supplies in the network after 26<sup>th</sup> December. These supplies were insufficient to match the demand arising (due to leaks) and this necessitated the introduction of supply restrictions rather than tanker supplies. Standpipes were also operated over the period 27<sup>th</sup> December to 2/3 January as an additional service in the areas worst affected by restrictions.
  - d) Virtually all staff were involved in one way or another in dealing with the impact of the severe weather during December and the holiday period. Crew numbers and sizes varied throughout the period depending on the nature of the work required. The most labour intensive areas were day/night road and footpath salting/gritting, water production and distribution and housing maintenance repairs arising from burst and frozen pipes, central heating problems etc. Approximately 206 staff were involved in these areas. The Council was also assisted by Army Personnel.
  - e) See d) above
  - f) The main Directorates from which staff were drawn were Roads, Environment, Recreation and Amenity, Housing and Corporate Affairs. This included our Fire and Emergency Service and Civil Defence Service.
  - g) As is normal practice the Councils used contractors in conjunction with its own staff to provide the necessary services. In relation to water this included additional leak detection contractors to supplement the Councils own efforts.
  - h) The additional costs arising as a result of the severe weather event are being computed and will be advised in due course
  - i) The main residual issues to be addressed are the repairs to roads/footpaths, the water network and ongoing repair of damage caused to Housing stock.
  - j) It is expected that, as in the past, additional funds will be provided to local authorities by the Dept of the Environment Heritage and Local Government in respect of the additional costs arising during the severe weather event.
  - k) The Councils efforts ensured that the City remained accessible and continued to function through a uniquely severe and protracted period of severe weather.

I have issued a full report to Council which also deals with many of the above matters.

3.4 **HOUSES CONSTRUCTED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL SINCE 2006**

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

*How many houses have been constructed by Cork City Council since 2006 and what monies were invested?*

There have been 762 no. social units constructed by Cork City Council since 2006 at an investment of €207,889,195.

3.5 **STOPCOCKS THAT HAD TO BE REPLACED**

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

*To ask the Manager if he could state the number of stopcocks that had to be replaced in the thaw following the December 2010 freeze-up and how many of these did not meet the standards required in relation to depth beneath the ground.*

*Can the Manager state the identity of the company of companies which supply Cork City Council with stopcocks and other water related plumbing fittings and the specifications of the stopcocks. Specifically can he state if these stopcocks are designed to be fitted with water meters and, if so, on what basis was it decided to purchase such fittings?*

*Can the Manager also state if householders who were forced to replace stopcocks which were not fitted at a minimum of 300mm, below ground level as required by regulation, have recourse to compensation from any source.*

There are approximately 45,000 domestic connections across the City network, each with either a stopcock or meter box fitting. In December 39 meter boxes were installed over the month and these were installed between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December. Figures available for January 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January show 7 meter boxes were installed.

The existing stopcocks that were replaced had:

seized up (usually old stopcocks with infrequent use)  
broken heads (caused by over tightening by users)  
leaks at connection to service pipes where stopcock was exposed therefore replaced.

There were also less than 150 meter boxes with damaged blank caps (sampling point) and which were replaced. This is a relatively simple task and involves unscrewing the existing cap and replacing it with a new one.

There are numerous suppliers of the different fittings used in the Water Department. Quotations are sought each year and each fitting type could come from a different supplier based on quotations received. This is done at national level through L.A. Quotes where various Local Authorities use the same tender system to get quotes for their own area. In

2010 our meter boxes were sourced from Hanley Controls, they were awarded the contract to supply the metal pipe work fittings with the meter box chamber and cover.

We no longer install stopcock fittings as it more efficient to install a meter box unit. This change was made in 2001. Various options were examined and Cork City Council opted for a plastic meter box chamber with a metal cover and pipe fittings. The meter box is quicker to install with less materials required. The meter box allows more checks to be carried out to identify source public complaints which include pressure checks, water sampling and clearing service pipes. A reduced list of fittings are required to be kept in stock by having the same fitting for domestic (not metered) and the smaller commercial premises (metered), thus providing a more efficient and cost effective solution.

The original stopcocks were installed by the contractors that developed the specific sites and not the City Council. It is not feasible to monitor the installation of stopcock / meter box's and the related service pipes in view of the resources required. Similarly it is not feasible to review the status of the tens of thousands of stopcocks/ meterboxes and service pipes which have been laid across the City over many decades. When premises are purchased it is standard practice for the new owners to have it inspected for compliance prior to purchase to ensure all is in order.

### 3.6 **FINES IMPOSED ON DOG OWNERS IN THE LAST 3 YEARS**

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

*To report to City Council on how many fines have been imposed on dog owners for the offence of their dog fouling in public places over the last 3 years?*

*What is the total cash amount of these fines?*

*How many fines are outstanding?*

*To outline to Council what efforts Council are making to educate the public regarding the illegality of dog fouling and the health issues surrounding this subject?*

2 on the spot fines were issued in 2009 under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 which deals with the removal of dog faeces. No fines were issued in 2008 and 2010. Cork City Council Litter Wardens can issue a fine under this section if they observe a dog in the act of fouling and can identify the owner or person in charge of the dog. Cork City Council can also issue fines if members of the public can provide specific details of dog fouling and are prepared to act as witnesses in any court hearings.

The on the spot fine is €150. One of the fines issued in 2009 had to be cancelled due to an error in the issuing of the fine and €100 was paid off the second fine.

Cork City Council has carried out the following measures to educate the public concerning the requirements of responsible dog ownership:

1. Erection of no dog fouling signs in various areas in the city outlining the fines for failure to remove dog faeces.

2. Specific receptacle units for disposal of dog faeces have been provided by Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate in a number of parks and walkways in the city.
3. All dog licence holders have been written to on responsible dog ownership.
4. Specific bags for the disposal of dog faeces have been provided to dog licence holders.
5. Litter Wardens, Park Rangers and The Dog Warden have carried out an education programme on responsible dog ownership in public parks and walkways in 2009 and September to December 2010.

The City Council is in the process of drawing up an information/guidance leaflet on dog fouling which will be issued to all national schools in Cork City. The leaflet will also be circulated to students and teachers via the Lifetime Lab education and awareness programmes.

### 3.7 **JOB RECREATION AT THE HOLLYHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

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

*To ask the Manager:*

1. *When will the co-ordinated Working Group overseen by the Manager bring before Council its plans to support job recreation at the Hollyhill Industrial Estate?*
2. *To ensure that the plans include the entry to the Estate from Churchfield Avenue.*
3. *That within the plan a specific upgrade include the traffic calming measure and vacant housing site on Kilmore Road.*

A number of meetings have taken place over the past number of months in preparing a plan to facilitate improvement works at the Hollyhill Industrial Estate. The finer detail with regard to a number of elements of the proposed plan will be finalized over the coming weeks.

The proposed plan will include the conversion of the vacant housing site on Kilmore Road Lower to a training pitch (for use by St Vincent's Hurling & Football Club) and will also include for road enhancement and traffic calming for Kilmore Road.

### 3.8 **WALL COLLAPSED ON SOUTHERN ROAD**

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

*Can the City Manager please clarify the following in relation to the wall that has been collapsed on Southern Road since 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009?*

- *Who is responsible for clearing up the collapsed wall and restoring it safely?*
- *Has notice been served on this individual(s) to restore the wall and clear debris from Southern Road?*
- *Has there been any legal action served on Cork City Council by or on behalf of any of the residents affected by the collapsed wall?*
- *How long does the Manager envisage it will take to get the collapsed wall cleared and restored?*

- This is a private wall and responsibility lies with the owner(s).
- A notice has been issued to a number of persons to remove any remaining sections of collapsed wall and any remaining loose masonry and to ensure that the ground is properly supported and fenced off.
- We have received legal correspondence from a number of residents regarding the wall.
- It is currently the subject of court proceedings and is due before the courts at the end of January. In view of this, it is not appropriate to comment further.

### 3.9 **CITY'S CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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

*To ask the City Manager if he will update the Members on his review of the City's capital projects which he indicated he was undertaking last year. Can the Manager refer specially to the projects set out below, that have already been approved by Council:*

- *Blackrock/Mahon Library*
- *The Lee Rowing Club Slipway*
- *The Park/Playground in Blackrock Village*

*Can the Manager indicate on each of the projects mentioned:*

- *If funding is available*
- *When the works will commence*
- *The total cost involved in each project*
- *Estimated completion time.*

A review of capital projects and budgets will be finalised shortly and a report brought to Council at an early date, including an update on the projects mentioned above.

### 3.10 **REMEDIAL AND REPAIR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

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

In light of positive responses from the previous Manager, could the Manager outline when remedial and repair work will be carried out to Nano Nagle Bridge and Mangan's Clock on St. Patrick's Street?

Stokes Clock Repairs were commissioned earlier this week to carry out the necessary repairs to Mangan's Clock on St Patrick's Street. The work will be undertaken within the coming two weeks.

Temporary repairs to the paving on Nano Nagle Bridge have been undertaken. When funds become available it is our intention to remove the existing brick paving surface and replace it with timber decking as per the adjoining boardwalk. Until then the Roads & Transportation Directorate will continue to maintain the existing surface.

### 3.11 **SHANDON CRAFT CENTRE**

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

1. *Is there an Engineer's Report available on the Shandon Craft Centre?*
2. *What is the up-to-date situation on the Craft Centre regarding the application for Capital Funding?*
3. *When was the costing for the undergrounding of the ESB network in Shandon Street completed to facilitate the removal of the unsightly ESB poles?*

1. A report was carried out on the structural condition of the roof of the building and this report outlines various options for the replacement or repair to the roof. The centre is now vacant and so any works recommended in the report are on hold pending a decision on the funding for the re-development.

To make the building safe and to reduce further risk to the building, services to the building have been disconnected. However the building is alarmed and this is monitored daily to prevent any unauthorized entry to the building.

2. No decision has yet been taken by Fáilte Ireland on the proposed project at Shandon. I have, however, had a number of recent meetings with Fáilte Ireland with regard to the proposal and the overall long-term maximization of the potential of the Shandon area as a tourism product. The matter will be progressed during 2011 with Fáilte Ireland so as to determine an agreed approach to its overall development. I will keep Members briefed in due course.
3. A quotation was sought from the ESB in May 2010 for the undergrounding of the network cables on Shandon St which we have yet to receive.

The ESB have advised that they are not in a position to undertake the work until mid 2011 due to other work commitments. The Roads & Transportation Directorate is currently in discussions with the ESB concerning this matter.

All the required duct infrastructure and electrical controllers were installed by Cork City Council between 2003 and 2006 as part of the streetscape renewal works therefore minimal additional excavation will be required.

### 3.12 **COLLAPSED WALL ON SOUTHERN ROAD**

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

*To ask the Manager about the status of repair of the collapsed wall on Southern Road?*

- This is a private wall and responsibility lies with the owner(s).
- A Notice has been issued to a number of persons to remove any remaining sections of collapsed wall and any remaining loose masonry and to ensure that the ground is properly supported and fenced off.
- We have received legal correspondence from a number of residents regarding the wall.

- It is currently the subject of court proceedings and is due before the courts at the end of January. In view of this, it is not appropriate to comment further.

3.13 **DAMAGE TO ROADS ACCRUED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT FREEZING**

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

*Can the City Manager indicate how much damage to roads accrued as a result of the recent freezing conditions and what funding is available to repair this damage?*

The damage to the city's roads during recent bad weather is currently being assessed and cost estimates will be prepared. Emergency repairs are underway and when the assessment is complete, available resources will be allocated to carry out localised permanent repairs. Apart from routine patching and pothole repairs under normal road maintenance budgets, there is no funding available at present for resurfacing roads damaged by the recent icy spell. Following notification by the Department of Transport of Regional/Local Roads Grants within the next few weeks, the funding position will be reassessed so that road resurfacing budgets are used to the optimum effect.

3.14 **DEADLINE FOR DISCOUNT ON REFUSE CHARGES BROUGHT FORWARD**

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

*Please inform Council as to why the deadline for discount on Refuse Charges has been brought forward to early February – when it always had a March deadline?*

The City Council grants a 10% reduction on the fixed element of the Refuse Collection Charge to encourage early payment and assist cash flow.

In general, refuse collection providers require payment in advance and there is a significant risk that the City Council will not be paid for its service by customers who subsequently change to another service provider when the No Sticker No Lift policy is implemented. The earlier date helps to reduce this risk.

In addition, since the introduction of VAT on refuse charges, the City Council is required to pay the VAT element of all bills raised to the Revenue Commissioner when they are issued regardless of whether or not they have been paid by the customers.

For these reasons it was decided to bring the discount date forward from early March to early February.

4. **GATEWAY INNOVATION FUND AND CORK DOCKLANDS PROJECT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the report of the City Manager dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011, to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

5. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

5.1 **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF CITY HALL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘In light of the successful 2010, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events commemorating the deaths of Lord Mayors MacCurtain and MacSwiney and in light of the 75th anniversary in 2011 of the opening of City Hall, that facsimile copies of the documents and photographs that were on display in the Millennium Hall and other copies of documents highlighting the development of City Hall be displayed in the corridor outside the Lord Mayor’s office in the spare display cabinets that were made available for the November 2010 Millennium Hall exhibition from the Museum.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/408)

The report of the City Manager stated that A programme of events was organised last November/December to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the deaths of former Lord Mayors McCurtain and McSwiney, as well as the burning of Cork. The programme included an exhibition of relevant artefacts and documents.

Members will be aware that Cork City Hall was one of the many buildings that were destroyed in the Burning of Cork. The foundation stone for the new City Hall was laid on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1932 and the building was officially opened on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1936. It is considered appropriate that, close to this date, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of City Hall would be properly marked, including a display of relevant material. Arrangements for the anniversary will be finalized closer to the time and notified in advance to An Chomhairle.

6. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

6.1 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 on Housing Estates to December, 2010.

6.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

6.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

## 7. ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011

### 7.1 WATER, SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for the Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

### 7.2 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

### 7.3 IRISH BUSINESS AGAINST LITTER REPORT

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011, on the IBAL press release. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, it was agreed that the Chairman of IBAL Dr. Tom Cavanagh be invited to attend a meeting of the Environmental Functional Committee to outline the survey methodology which form the basis of the report.

### 7.4 STREET CLEANING IN SUBURBAN AREAS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would continue to fund street cleaning in suburban areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/335)

The report of the Director of Services stated that funding has been provided for street cleaning in suburban areas in the 2011 budget.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Email from Castlebar Town Council, dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Email from Clonmel Town Council, dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Email from South Tipperary County Council, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Letter from Department of Justice and Law Reform, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Email from South Tipperary County Council, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Letter from Managhan Town Council, dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Letter from Department of Justice and Law Reform, dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 2010.
- Letter from Limerick County Council, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010.

## **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES (ITEMS 9 & 10)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda Items 9 & 10, and also items tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. (14)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (7)

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 hereunder:-

### 9. **SEMINARS**

#### 9.1 **EUROPEAN LEGISLATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IRISH LEGISLATION AND IRISH CASE LAW; THE EFFECTS ON LOCAL AUTHORITY INSURANCE ISSUE**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and S. Martin at the “European Legislation on Human Rights, Irish Legislation and Irish Case Law; the Effects on Local Authority Insurance Issue” training seminar, held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City, on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

#### 9.2 **VOLCANIC ASH, MAJOR FLOODING, FREEZING SPELLS; CRISIS IMPACTS ON IRELAND**

Comhairleoir D. Murphy at the “Volcanic Ash, Major Flooding, Freezing Spells; Crisis Impacts on Ireland” training seminar, held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.

#### 9.3 **LOCAL AUTHORITY WATER SUPPLY**

Comhairleoirí P. Gosch & M. Shields at the Local Authority Water Supply, training seminar, to be held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

#### 9.4 **AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2011**

Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, L. Kingston & M. Shields at the AMAI Spring Seminar, to be held in the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork, on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

10. **CONFERENCES**

10.1 **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ICLRD CONFERENCE – “THE CHANGING BUSINESS, COMMUNITY AND SPATIAL PLANNING LANDSCAPE: DOING MORE WITH LESS”**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and S. Martin at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual ICLRD Conference – “The Changing Business, Community and Spatial Planning Landscape: Doing More with Less”, held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ballinacra, Sligo, on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

10.2 **ECONOMIC CONFERENCE FOR COUNCILLORS “THE ROLE OF STATE INSTITUTIONS AND LAW REFORM IN PROMOTING IRELAND’S ECONOMIC FUTURE”**

Comhairleoirí E. O’Halloran and L. McGonigle, at the “The Role of State Institutions and Law Reform in Promoting Ireland’s Economic Future” conference, to be held in Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick, on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

10.3 **A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MEDIA SKILLS FOR COUNCILLORS**

Comhairleoir P. Gosch at A Practical Guide to Media Skills for Councillors, Conference, to be held in The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

10.4 **ACCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011**

Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, J. Kelleher & C. Clancy at the ACCC Annual Conference 2011, to be held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **GREEN TO PARKING ON CONNOLLY ROAD AND PEARSE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a rolling programme of Green to Parking on Connolly Road and Pearse Road. These are two wide street/ roads with exceptional wide footpaths, it would tidy up the public realm and legitimize the practice in these roads of parking on the footpath.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/345)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.2 **SCOUTING IRELAND**

‘That Cork City Council make a contribution over three years to Scouting Ireland towards the refurbishment of Kilcully Scout Camp.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/346)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

11.3 **2011 TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council would consider Sandy Lane (on the Mahon side of Blackrock Castle) in the 2011 Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 11/005)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.4 **2011 FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council would add the footpath from Maryville houses (1-7) on the Blackrock Road to the 2011 Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 11/006)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.5 **RESURFACE MONAHAN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake immediately to resurface a section of Monahan Road, adjacent to No. 1 Birchgrove. The residents here are experiencing structural damage to their home as a result of large lorries and trucks driving over a damaged part of Monahan Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 11/009)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.6 **MEASURES TO SLOW TRAFFIC TRAVELLING WEST ON BLACKROCK ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake measures to slow traffic travelling west on Blackrock Road near Beaumont Drive. Vehicles exiting from Beaumont Drive, experience difficulty turning onto Blackrock Road as a result of this and also an almost blind corner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 11/010)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.7 **CLOSE LANEWAY BEHIND INCHERA PARK, MAHON**

‘That the Council close the laneway behind Inchera Park, Mahon, due to ongoing anti-social behavior.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/011)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.8 **REPORT ON STATUS OF ACTIVITY OF CASP**

‘That Cork City Council attain from the Planning Directorate a report on the status of activity of CASP.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/012)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

11.9 **HILLVIEW ESTATE IN THE 2011 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That this Council include Hillview Estate and The Green in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 11/013)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.10 **FILTER LIGHT ONTO MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would introduce a left filter light for traffic exiting onto Model Farm Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/014)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.11 **ROSSA AVENUE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the one way section of Rossa Ave would be assessed and included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/015)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

This concluded the business of the meeting

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