

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the Chair.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, 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, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
<b>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Deputy J. O'Brien T.D. Deputy D. Murphy T.D.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager & Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

At the outset of the meeting An tArdmhéara congratulated newly elected Deputies Jonathan O'Brien and Dara Murphy on their success in the General Election and wished them well in their careers. A number of members then spoke to express their congratulations and best wishes to Deputies O'Brien and Murphy as well as commending Councillors M. Finn, C. O'Leary, T. Tynan and M. Barry on their election campaigns. The City Manager also paid tribute and expressed best wishes both on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

Deputies O'Brien and Murphy then addressed the meeting, thanking current and former councillors and staff and expressing their commitment to represent the North Central Constituency and Cork City to the best of their abilities.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Philpott Family on the death of Tadgh Philpott.
- The Hurley Family on the death of William Hurley.

- The O'Regan Family on the death of Eileen O'Regan.
- The Hegarty Family on the death of Jerry Hegarty.
- The Russell Family on the death of Ena Russell.

## 1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Robert O'Driscoll & Kieran Luddy on winning the perpetual cup in the City Debating Competition, on behalf of C.B.C., Sidney Hill, Cork.
- Commodore Mark Mellett on his promotion as Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service.
- Garvin McGee and Willie Walsh on winning the 1<sup>st</sup> prize and bringing back 4 medals from the 59<sup>th</sup> World Bird Show held recently in Tours, France.

## 1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

### • **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An tArdmhéara proposed and it was unanimously agreed that a Civic Reception would be held to honour Messrs. Bernard Allen and Noel O'Flynn following their recent retirement from Dáil Éireann.

### • **ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF PLANE CRASH**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that an Ecumenical Service will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the North Cathedral for victims of the recent plane crash at Cork Airport.

### • **CASUAL VACANCIES**

An tArdmhéara drew attention to the Statutory Notice from the Meetings Administrator under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, notifying Members of the Casual Vacancies in the Membership of the Council caused by the election of Former Councillors J. O'Brien and D. Murphy to Dáil Éireann.

## 2. **MINUTES**

- The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011, were considered and approved.
- The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011, were considered and approved.

## 3. **QUESTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

### 3.1 **BREAKDOWN OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON THE GRAND PARADE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*To ask the manager to give a breakdown of the income and expenditure for the recent Cork Christmas Celebration on the Grand Parade?*

A Cork Christmas Celebration on the Grand Parade is a 15 day event which took place from the 26<sup>th</sup> November every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December and into Christmas week finishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This event was named the Festival of the Year 2010 by the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award.

Our aim each year is to create a unique experience for each visitor to the site. This includes a lighting installation in Bishop Lucey Park, which had four characters performing throughout, as well as soundtrack and lighting throughout the park. The markets ran from 10 am – 8pm, Bishop Lucey Park from 4 pm – 8 pm and Beamish & Crawford from 12 noon – 8 pm each day of the event.

The expansion into the Beamish & Crawford site included over 4 performers, 4 production staff and two security staff and a small fun fair attraction.

There were 529 stalls over the 15 days trading on the site, ranging between 35 – 49 on different days. A number of performances were facilitated on the site, from 28 different groups, with 20 charitable collections. Cara O’Sullivan performed to an audience in excess of 1,000 on the 12 December.

Logistically there were over 1,775 hours of security provided on the site, this would include stewarding and overnight security. There were 3 production staff on the site on a daily basis, 2 market staff and 2 audio/visual lighting staff.

The event attracted an audience in excess of 130,000 in 2010. This was higher than the 2009 figure of 120,000.

We are confident the attendance figure would have been far higher had not the very severe weather conditions for the last six days of the event affected footfall and limited travel for all but those very close to the city centre.

There were costs of €24,000 associated with the extreme weather conditions which represent a combination of diminished revenue from traders and the costs of additional works to make safe the site. The production staff and the staff of City Council who cleaned and made ready the site worked so efficiently that despite very bad under foot conditions there were no incidents or accidents recorded during this period.

This year with our partners in Failte Ireland and the Irish Examiner, a very effective print campaign was rolled out throughout the southern part of the country, targeting a family audience. The reach and appeal of the festival for the city centre has been identified by traders as very beneficial to their pre Christmas sales.

A 16 Page Supplement Promoting A Cork Christmas Celebration on the Grand Parade was also featured in the following regional newspapers:

- The Nationalist: December 2nd
- The Tipperary Star: December 2nd
- The Waterford News and Star: December 7<sup>th</sup>
- The Kingdom: December 7th
- The Limerick Leader: December 11th

Additionally it is estimated that there was approximately €80,000 benefit in kind from advertising and editorial coverage in the Examiner and associated titles.

A review of the festival is now being undertaken, with all of the relevant stakeholders. This will result in a three year plan for its development.

### **Project Budget 2010**

Funding	
Cork City Council -	€116,800
Sponsorship Bord Gais	€25,000
Market/Funfair -	€73,700
Fáilte Ireland-	€28,500
Total	€244,000

Expenditure	
Design & Production	€82,300
Marketing	€60,600
Market Costs	€20,600
Event Production	€80,500

Total	€244,000
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Please note these figures include an outstanding contingency of 2.5% on both income and expenditure in advance of the final account being agreed.

### **3.2 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES SINCE 2005**

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

*How many people have been housed through Capital Assistance Schemes since 2005 and how much money was invested?*

Under the Capital Assistance Scheme 21 projects have been approved since 2005 with the provision of 170 units of accommodation. €32,728,799 has been invested through the Capital Assistance Scheme during this period.

Since 2005, €6,970,573 has been invested in the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme and there have been 28 units of accommodation provided during this period.

### **3.3 HEALTH CITY DESTINATION APPLICATION**

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

*Can the Manager inform me of the current status of Cork City Council's role in the application to the WHO (World Health Organisation) in terms of Cork City's Healthy City Destination and to outline:*

- a) *What other partners are involved?*
- b) *How is the application progressing?*
- c) *How the City will benefit from this designation?*

### **What other partners are involved?**

Led by the City Development Board, the following partners are involved:

- Health Service Executive (led by the Health Promotion Department)
- University College Cork (led by Dept of Epidemiology & Public Health)
- Cork City Council (led by Dept of Community & Enterprise)
- RAPID
- Health Action Zone (HAZ)
- NICHE

### **How is the application progressing?**

The designation of Healthy City status for Cork City is a strategic aim of the Cork City Development Board. The Lord Mayor of Cork City, has sent a letter expressing interest in the Healthy Cities designation to the World Health Organisation on behalf of the City Development Board.

A Health Profile Co-ordinator has been appointed by the Health Promotion Department of the HSE to oversee the development of a health profile of Cork City. This profile will be completed by end of March 2011 and will be followed by a community health needs assessment of the citizens of Cork City.

Both the profile and the health needs assessment will inform the development of the first inter-agency health plan for Cork City. It is anticipated that this health plan will be completed by January 2012. Upon the development of the health plan, Cork City Development Board in consideration of the interagency process will apply to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for designated Healthy City status.

### **How the City will benefit from this designation?**

WHO Healthy City designation will provide an opportunity for Cork City to present itself internationally as a city that is concerned with and actively addressing the health needs of its citizens. The political purpose of designation is to demonstrate that health is a core value for the city administration, and, further, to demonstrate that the vision, values and strategy for the city are translated into action through operational planning. Healthy City designation will make health a central consideration of economic development strategies, with actions to minimize the negative and maximize the positive health effects of development activities across the city.

The health plan for Cork City will present the opportunity for the development of a concrete and systematic effort by the key stakeholders on the Cork City Development Board to implement an inter-agency response to health needs for the city.

Official Healthy City designation will provide tools and resources for the reduction of health inequalities and enhanced quality of life for the citizens of Cork City (e.g. Health Impact Assessment expertise).

### **3.4 RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME**

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

*To ask the City Manager in relation to the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)*

- *How many families have been rehoused in each year over the last three years 2010, 2009 and 2008?*
- *The areas in which they were housed?*
- *How a Cork City Council tenant can apply for the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)?*

1 –2008: 211 RAS Completions – Of these 78 no were transferred to new accommodation  
 2009: 127 RAS Completions-Of these 70 no were transferred to new accommodation  
 2010: 246 RAS Completions –Of these 197 no were transferred to new accommodation

2 – RAS Agreements were made in all areas of Cork City.

3 – Cork City Council tenants cannot apply for RAS as the Scheme only applies to applicants who have been in receipt of rental supplement payment for at least 18 months.

### 3.5 **ALL WEATHER PITCHES IN TOGHER**

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

*Can the Manager inform the Council if the matching funding that was promised to the Togher Community Association/Council is still available in order for them to proceed with the All Weather Pitches, planned for the rear end of the Togher Community Centre?*

A review of capital projects and budgets will be completed shortly. The Togher All Weather Pitches Project is being considered as part of this. No decision is yet made on the allocation of funds for projects such as this.

### 3.6 **HEADSTONES IN ST. FINBARRE'S CEMETERY**

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 the criteria that applies for the erection of headstones in St. Finbarre's Cemetery.*

Since September 2008, the Council has regulations in place governing the erection of headstones and memorials in all City Council cemeteries. The regulations cover height, size, materials used etc, it being necessary to complete an application form and submit a sketch drawing with proposed dimensions in all cases prior to commencement of any works. No headstone or memorial can be erected without City Council consent.

### 3.7 **SITE AT SPRING LANE**

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

*To ask the Manager what is the intended use for the site adjacent to the halting site in Spring Lane (old Ellisses Yard)?*

Options for the use of this site will be considered during the year and a further report will be issued to members in due course.

### 3.8 **GEORGE BOOLE HOUSE**

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

*With regard to the George Boole House on Grenville Place, can the Manager outline:*

- (a) What are the conservation works and long-term plans for the building?*
- (b) How much is this work costing?*
- (c) Who is paying for it?*
- (d) Are Cork City Council looking to eventually purchase the building?*

- a) Cork City Council are undertaking works necessary to make the Building safe under Section 3.2 of the Sanitary Services Act 1964.
- b) These works are ongoing and are budgeted at €135,000.
- c) Cork City Council are paying for the works and it is proposed to recoup the costs from the owner/s under the provisions of the Sanitary Services Act 1964.
- d) Cork City Council has no plans to purchase this building. Once made safe, the Council will, subject to the consent of the owner, establish the level of interest in its future use/development, from the range of bodies which have expressed views to the Council on its historic importance.

### 3.9 **PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

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

*Can the City Manager indicate the average length of time it takes to pay invoices issued to Cork City Council, the amount of money owing from Cork City Council to businesses for services tendered, the reasons why there can be a delay in payment, and can he give an undertaking that all invoices will be paid within one working month in so far as is possible?*

The amount of money owing by the City Council to its suppliers etc. would vary significantly over the course of the year. However in general Cork City Council pays all invoices due within 30 days as a matter of course and will continue to do so.

Delays in payments can happen for a variety of reasons but typically occur where a dispute arises regarding the Goods /Services supplied or the amounts being charged.

Cork City Council are bound by the Prompt Payment Regulations 2002 which provides that penalty interest becomes payable if payments for commercial transactions are not made within 30 days, unless otherwise specified in a written contract or agreement. This 30 day payment period begins on:

- a) the date of receipt of an invoice for payment or
- b) the date of receipt of the goods or services where;

1. The date of receipt of the invoice is uncertain or
2. The purchaser receives the invoice before the delivery of the goods or services in question.

The penalties do not apply where there is a dispute regarding the invoice.

3.10 **TRANSFER OF DOMESTIC COLLECTION SERVICES TO PRIVATE OPERATORS**

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

*Could the Manager outline if there are any proposals currently being considered regarding the transfer of domestic collection services to private operators, whether or not new applicants for waivers are being turned down and if the introduction of the “brown bin” service is any nearer to being implemented.*

As advised to members previously the Director of Services Environment and the Head of Finance are presently carrying out a strategic review of the City Council’s refuse collection service to establish the various options open to the council for delivery of a collection service to its customer base.

The waiver scheme continues to apply as heretofore and new applications are being considered and granted where appropriate. (The waiver scheme continues to apply to those who have been customers of the City Council for more than two years.)

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government has not introduced regulations for the segregation of food waste from the domestic sector. It would be prudent to await the details of these regulations prior to the introduction of “brown bins” for the domestic sector.

3.11 **MAN HOURS SPENT ON ANSWERING MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

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

*Could the Manager please inform the Members the average weekly cost (in man hours and estimated expenditure) on answering questions for the Members and in particular the question in relation to staff and members expenses recently asked?*

Because the number and type of questions vary greatly from meeting to meeting it is difficult to put an estimate on the man hours consumed. The preparation of responses to Members’ questions for Council meetings is however generally not onerous.

The specific question with regard to staff and Members’ expenses was, however, an exception in view of the level of detail requested and the scope of the question. It is estimated that the time involved across all Directorates equates to a total of about €5,300.

**QUESTIONS**

.1 **NATIONAL MONUMENT**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-



*To ask the Manager to explain why my motion on the National Monument is held up unreasonably with the Whips and would he bring it back to Council as soon as possible?*

The motion in question is as follows:

**90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATHS OF MACCURTAIN AND MACSWINEY**

‘This year we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the deaths of the first two Republican Lords Mayor of Cork City – MacCurtain & MacSwiney, Council proposes to update the existing National Monument on Grand Parade, to include a suitably inscribed Memorial honouring all those who in the fight for Irish Freedom during the years 1916 – 1923, changed the face of Ireland and laid the ground for our present Democratic and Sovereign State.’

This motion was on the Agenda for the meeting of An Chomhairle held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at which it was agreed to have the matter referred to the Party Whips for consideration.

Having been placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Party Whips on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 it was held by the Whips for a period of time to allow for consultation with Members with regard to the proposed wording of the inscription.

A form of wording was agreed at the last meeting of Party Whips held on February 7<sup>th</sup> last.

**.2 TRAMORE ROAD/ TOGHER ROAD JUNCTION**

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 on every question/motion/answer asked (in the last 5 years) in relation to the Tramore Road/Togher Road junction? Could the Manager inform the Members who decided to change the lay out of the junction? What was the overall cost involved? What is now to be done with the junction? What cost will be involved in any change?*

The replacement of the roundabout at Tramore Road/Togher Road with the new geometric layout and traffic signals was completed in 2008. This work was consistent with the City Council policy of removing roundabouts in built up areas and replacing them with traffic signals. Roundabouts cater mainly for vehicular traffic and offer little in the way of road safety to vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists and they are totally unsuitable in built up urban areas.

Cork City Council already had replaced the roundabout at Church Road/Skehard Road and An Bord Pleanála imposed a condition on the planning condition for the Beacon Hospital at CUH that the Wilton Roundabout be replaced with traffic signals. A similar recent planning condition was also imposed by Cork City Council on an application to upgrade the Wilton Shopping Centre. The Docklands Strategy envisages the elimination of the roundabout at Victoria Road/Centre Park Road. Accordingly, the decision to remove the roundabout at Tramore Road/Togher Road was consistent with good road safety practice and with Cork City Council’s policy. It should also be noted that there was a pedestrian fatality at the junction several years ago.

The following is a history of the questions/ motions on the issue:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Response</b>
Question to Council by Cllr. Fergal Dennehy – 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2007 requesting information when the roundabout will be replaced by traffic signals as agreed in the roads programme	Tenders were being examined and work would commence in the coming months
<b>Description</b>	<b>Response</b>
Question to Council by Cllr. Fergal Dennehy – 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2008 requesting information when the traffic signals will be operational.	The traffic signals will be switched on when outstanding items are completed and the power supply is obtained.
Question to Council by Cllr. Fergal Dennehy – 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2008 requesting consideration of reintroducing the roundabout/mini roundabout with pedestrian crossing facilities.	Traffic signals implemented on 25 <sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that there were several problems with driver usage of the junction. With further optimization of the traffic signals, it was anticipated that traffic patterns would ‘settle down’ as drivers got used to the new traffic control arrangement. The situation will be kept under review.
Report dated 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2008 on motion to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer requesting a review of the effectiveness of the traffic signals	Excessive delays at the junction were being caused by large number of vehicles, including a large number of heavy goods vehicles turning right into Tramore Road from the bridge direction. It was decided to put the traffic signals on flashing mode and alternative options to be considered in conjunction with the consultants who originally designed the traffic signal junction.
Question to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer – 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 questioning reasoning for the traffic signals and requesting information on proposals for managing the junction	Options for the management of the junction were still being considered. It was pointed out that the junction had become much safer because of improved footpaths, public lighting and reduction in lane widths and turning radii to reduce traffic speed.
Question to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer – 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2009 requesting information on planned remedial measures for the junction.	A new junction layout has been designed which will provided a series of pedestrian crossing facilities on the approaches to the junction and the provision of a “mini roundabout” to control the traffic movements. Works involved will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme
Report dated 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2009 on motion to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer requesting the implementation of a traffic management system at the	As above

junction to emphasise pedestrian safety and ensure traffic flow.	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Response</b>
Report dated 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 on motion to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer requesting the implementation of the agreed programme of works at the junction.	The agreed works of new pedestrian crossing facilities and mini roundabout will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme
Report dated 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 on motion to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer requesting the immediate implementation of a mechanism of managing pedestrian and traffic flow at the junction and the removal of the flashing signal mode.	The planned new arrangement of providing pedestrian crossings on the approaches and the provision of a mini roundabout were outlined and these will be put forward for inclusion in the next roads programme.
Question to Council by Cllr. John Buttimer – 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2010 requesting information on what surveys were carried out in support of proposed works, nature of public consultation undertaken and a firm commitment of completion of such works.	Cork City Council employed a firm of consulting engineers to review the current traffic control arrangements at the junction. Their recommendation is the installation of a mini roundabout (by road markings) combined with zebra crossings. The work will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

The cost of the works to date, which included improved footpaths, public lighting and of course a major resurfacing of the junction and approaches was €175,000. This was paid for by a Department of Transport's Regional Traffic Management Grant. Unfortunately this source of funding for such projects has dried up. The remaining works which will include the construction of the mini roundabout (by thermoplastic road paint) and the further upgrading of one of the pedestrian crossing facilities will cost approximately €30,000 and every effort will be made to source funds from the 2011 Roads Programme so that the junction will be finally completed and made safe.

### **.3 TRAFFIC HAZARDS ON FRIARS WALK**

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

*What solutions are available to alleviate the traffic hazards being created by parking on both sides of Friars Walk, adjacent to Tory Top Park and the Marian Pharmacy?*

There are no parking controls on Lower Friar's Walk adjacent to Tory Top Park. The occurrence of parked cars at the junction with Reendowney Place and next to the Marian Pharmacy can cause road hazards due the reduction in visibility at what is a 'skew' junction. The area will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any necessary parking controls to improve the road safety in the area will be installed.

The main effect of the parking cars on both sides of Lower Friar's Walk adjacent to Tory Top Park is to reduce traffic speed considerably, as two-way traffic cannot occur without one direction giving way to another. There are generally gaps in the parking on

the western side of the roadway because of vehicular entrances to houses to allow for passing places, and while there is some delay to traffic, the reduced speed has good road safety benefits.

The roadway is over 9 metres wide on the straight section of the roadway and removing parking on the eastern side adjacent to the park will result in a relatively wide road space which will encourage increased road speeds. This is not recommended. Although the area falls within the disc parking zone, the residents of the adjacent houses on Lower Friar's Walk have not sought disc parking controls in their area.

However, the implementation of pay parking controls on the western side would be a good solution as these controls would ensure an adequate amount of passing areas for the two-way traffic, while at the same time maintaining the traffic calming effect of parked cars on both sides of the roadway. The pay parking controls can only go in place with the agreement of the local residents and if they contact the Traffic Division, these parking controls can be implemented within a relatively short period.

#### **.4 HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT SUNVIEW ESTATE**

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

*To ask the Manager to:*

- *Produce a report on the Home Improvement Works at Sunview Estate, Fairhill, outlining the detail of the scope of works to the homes and the estate.*
- *How many homes were improved?*
- *The time frame of the works and*
- *The total cost of the improvements and*
- *How much was Government Grant aided?*

The home improvement works at Sunview Estate, Fairhill was a project to demonstrate the feasibility of retrofitting extensive energy efficiency measures to occupied Cork City Council properties. The measures carried out included:

External Wall insulation – 200mm thick  
Installation of Fire place insert stoves  
Installation of 30mm of Attic installation  
Replacement of water header tanks  
Installation of low energy lighting  
75mm internal insulation installed in the porches  
Replacement of windows and doors – New windows and doors are double glazed PVC.  
Upgrades to the central heating systems  
Replacement of roofs on the garden shed.

The following works are still ongoing:

Installation of rainwater harvesting system

Internal painting of the apartments.

32 apartments were included in the project.

The works were commenced in May 2010. The two remaining items will be complete by the end of May 2011.

The total cost of the improvement works is €856K

The project was 100% funded by the Department of the Environment; Heritage and Local Government.

.5 **REGENERATION OF BOYCES STREET**

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

*To ask the Manager what is the current situation with the long outstanding regeneration of Boyces Street. In particular please give an update on:*

- a) *Proposed revised costings for the regeneration*
- b) *Reasons for this delay*
- c) *Details of recent communications from the Department, in particular give an exact date when the work is due to commence.*

Proposals for the refurbishment of Council property at Boyce Street were developed in 2006/07. These proposals included precinct improvements, the refurbishment of 26 no residential units and the construction of one additional residential unit. The proposals were expanded in 2009 to include additional energy conservation works bringing the overall estimated cost to circa €3m.

The project has been the subject of a funding application under the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Governments Remedial Works Programme. The Department has indicated its support for works at this location and acknowledged the urgency attached to same by the Council. It has however, in recent days, requested that the proposals be revised. The Council is currently in discussion with Department officials in relation to the works to be executed and their approval to the continued engagement of consultant architects so that amended proposals can be prepared and resubmitted in the coming months. Members will be kept apprised of developments in this regard.

.6 **CAR PARKS/ PARK & RIDE – FREE ACCESS**

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

*Could the Manager please tell the Council what the cost to the Council would be if:*

- a) *One of our car parks was open for free access on Sunday from 11.00am to 6.00pm?*
- b) *The “Park & Ride” facility was open on St. Stephen’s Day (Ignore income)?*

- (a) The cost to the City Council of offering free parking in one of our car parks on a Sunday would be in the order of €350,000 per annum, based on loss of revenue and staffing costs.
- (b) The cost of operating the Black Ash park and ride facility on St. Stephen’s Day would be approximately €5,300 for the day, based on normal hours of operation and levels of service. The costs reflect the contractor’s applicable pay rates for a Bank Holiday.

The City Council has already committed to a comprehensive internal review of the parking process in Cork in 2011. In that context, and in view of the Council’s policy to promote sustainable modes of transport including public transport, walking, and

cycling, we are not in favour of supporting one off measures, as the impact of such initiatives on the overall parking strategy cannot be assessed correctly.

.7 **ST. LUKES CROSS – ROAD OPENING**

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

*Can the Manager please identify the Utility Company which recently carried out a road opening near the Pharmacy at the recently resurfaced St. Lukes Cross. Was the Utility Company involved advised in advance of the resurfacing of St. Lukes Cross and what action is Council going to take to ensure proper restoration of the road surface.*

The utility company involved is Bord Gáis Eireann and the work involved is installation of a new domestic gas service. The company was advised in advance of the St.Luke's Cross Urban Village Scheme.

As part of the Road Opening Licence application process, conditions are attached with regard to permanent reinstatements. The applicant is responsible for the permanent reinstatement of excavations in carraigeways, footpaths and open spaces in accordance with the specifications outlined in the "Directions for the Management and Control of Roadworks in Cork City".

In all circumstances the permanently reinstated surface finish must match the original and be undertaken immediately or no later than 1 month from the date of initial excavation.

The quality of this reinstatement will be investigated as part of the inspectoral process.

.8 **PLASTIC TIES ON POSTERS FOR GENERAL ELECTION**

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

*To ask the Manager will he contact all general election candidates to cut and take away as well their plastic ties that held posters on poles in the city area?*

A letter has been issued on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 to each candidate in the 2011 general election in the Cork North Central and Cork South Central constituencies advising them of their obligations under the 1997 to 2009 Litter Pollution Acts with regard to the removal of posters and ties.

4. **HOLDING OF SPECIAL EVENT – ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved unanimously the report of the City Manager dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011, under Section 238(3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, in relation to the holding of a Special Event – St. Patrick's Day Festival 2011. An tÁrdmhéara informed the meeting that he proposed to walk at the front of the parade with the All-Ireland winning Cork Senior Football Team and invited the Councillors to join with him in this walk.

**ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETINGS OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

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

An Chomhairle discussed and noted the report of the City Manager on the Gateway Innovation Fund and Cork Docklands Project dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

6.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue after 8.00 p.m. to conclude the business of the Agenda.

6.2 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – PROJECT AT MILLERD HALL, MILLERD STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association Limited – Project at Millerd Hall, Millerd Street, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €609,000 be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

6.3 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – PROJECT GARDEN CITY, NORTH MAIN STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association Limited – Project at No. 5 & No. 10 Garden City, North Main Street, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 a loan facility not exceeding €329,620 be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

6.4 **AUTOMATIC GATES AT DISTILLERY COURT, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin it was agreed to refer the matter back to Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would install automatic gates with remote control for each resident at the entry of Distillery Court, Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 10/254)

The report of the Director of Services stated that discussions are ongoing with suppliers of gate control equipment to establish the feasibility and the potential cost of providing an automated opening/closing and remote control operation of the entrance gates to Distillery Court. A further report will issue in due course when the requisite information is available.

6.5 **REPLACE BOUNDARY BARS OUTSIDE HOUSES AT EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council replace the original boundary bars which are in a dangerous state outside tenants houses, with brick walls in the square in Edward Walsh Road, Togher that incorporates houses numbered 72-104, similar to the works undertaken in Desmond's Square, Greenmount.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/395)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the boundary railings at 72-104 Edward Walsh Rd have been inspected and are not considered to be in a dangerous state. There is no funding currently available for an improvement scheme similar to that carried out a number of years ago at Desmond's Square.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

7.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended January 2011.

7.2 **BOREENMANNA ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – PART 8 PLANNING REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed scheme regarding Boreenmanna Road Improvement Scheme and the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the proposed scheme regarding



Boreenmanna Road Improvement Scheme and the report of the Assistant City Manager thereon.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

### **Background**

Boreenmanna Road is a main traffic route linking the city centre with the south eastern suburbs. It runs in an east west direction from South City Link Road at its western end to Churchyard Lane at its eastern end. The total length of road is approximately 2 km.

Over recent years Cork City Council has renewed and widened sections of this roadway as funding became available, in some instances in conjunction with adjacent residential developments. The most recently improved section was west of the Crab Lane junction and was widened circa 2005. Following on from these works there now exists a section of the roadway still awaiting improvements, this being the relatively short bottleneck directly east and west of the Crab Lane junction.

This section comprises approximately 160 metres of a narrow two way roadway tightly bounded on both sides by high stone walls. There are no footways in the vicinity of the Crab Lane junction with only limited footways on one side only along Boreenamanna Road.

Both Crab Lane National School and Páirc Uí Rinn, situated to the east of the aforementioned stretch of road attract significant pedestrian movement along this substandard section of roadway during school hours and when fixtures are held at the pitch. Therefore it is imperative in the interests of public safety that this section of road be upgraded to include footways on both sides where none exist at present and create improved sight lines for motorists travelling in all directions. This will enhance the safety and ease of movement of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users while creating a suitably inviting environment for all users of the road.

### **Proposal**

The proposed refurbishment will increase the width of available roadway, include for an outbound/uphill cycle track as well as continuous footways on both sides of the road. Ancillary works will include the construction of new stone boundary walls, new public lighting, service ducting, hard and soft landscaping, street furniture, improved road drainage, and a controlled pedestrian crossing.

The proposed works will necessitate the acquisition of land from three properties to the east of Crab Lane. A CPO and Notices to treat were served on the owners of these properties in 2001. Cork City Councils Property Department is currently advancing this process and engaging with the property owners. and/or their agents on the matters of compensation and accommodation works.

### **Part 8 Planning**

The Part 8 Planning process was initiated by the placement of an advertisement in The Irish Examiner on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 advising members of the public of the proposed scheme with the closing date for receipt of submissions listed as the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Particulars of the proposal were available for inspection at the Reception Desk, City Hall from 28<sup>th</sup> September until November 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. During this time site notices were erected at both ends of the proposed works giving details of the scheme as those which appeared in the Irish Examiner.

### **Submissions & Analysis**

In total 13 individual submissions were received, 2 on behalf of Crab Lane National School, 1 from an affected resident living adjacent to the proposed works, 1 from a member of the general public, submissions were received from both the Gardaí and the Cork City Fire Brigade with the remainder coming from the various City Council Directorates consulted as part of the planning process.

The submissions consisting of observations and suggestions, ranged from minor comments to major alterations to the proposed scheme. The attached schedule summarises the submissions received and Cork City Council's observations and comments on each of the submissions.

The majority of suggested alterations to the scheme were acceptable and are now incorporated into the revised scheme, these include the following items:

- The controlled pedestrian crossing will be placed close to the desire line at the Crab Lane junction.
- Parking spaces will be provided at both sides of the Crab Lane Junction.
- Suitable footways will be provided on both sides over the full extent of the proposed works.
- Appropriate cycle signage as well as cycle stands will be provided on the area to the west of the Crab Lane junction, the cycle lane will have an 800mm buffer zone between it and adjacent parking bays.

There were a number of requests that could not be accommodated without materially altering the form and functionality of the final scheme; these are set out as follows:

- Preservation of the old 4m high stone walls to the East of the Crab Lane junction. This request could not be accommodated as the removal of the stone walls is critical to the success of the scheme in order to widen the road to facilitate the construction of footpaths as well as providing acceptable sight lines for vehicular traffic exiting from Crab Lane onto Boreenamanna Road. Earlier design proposals, their sight lines and proposed land acquisition are all based on taking ground at the north side of the junction. In order to provide a consistent and coherent design relative to earlier schemes this must be maintained.
- Proposals put forward to use the walled off green area at Crab Lane as a parking area or as a recreational area for Crab Lane National School was not progressed, as Cork City Council does not hold any interest in this plot as it is privately owned.
- A request to provide a second cycle lane in the westbound direction was not feasible due to the available road width; in addition to this the westbound direction runs downhill. While dedicated cycle lanes are desirable in both directions they are not always required where a distinct downhill gradient is present, as is the case here.
- Additional Bus stops were not provided within the footprint of the scheme as there are bus stops adjacent to the end of the works at both ends.
- A request to push the land take back as far as the originally proposed line was put forward in order to ensure that a constant corridor be provided for a future bus lane. While the extent of the lands acquired will not extend to the extent originally

envisaged, the provision of end to end parking as well as a cycle lane in the interim ensures that a bus lane could be provided within this space in the future with minor alterations should the need arise.

### **Anticipated Outcome of the Project**

The proposed improvement scheme will remove a long standing bottle neck on this main route while providing footpaths and crossing facilities where none exist at present. It will enhance the sight lines for all motorists while providing parking facilities that will be hugely beneficial for the adjacent national school and GAA Pitch.

There will be improvements in the safety and ease of movement for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users while creating a suitably inviting environment for all users of Boreenamana Road. The works represent a continuation of previous improvement works to Boreenamana Road which conspicuously end just west of the Crab Lane junction. Delivery of the scheme provides a more consistent roadway and public realm for the area in general.

### **7.3 CARRIGROHANE ROAD PARK AND RIDE FACILITY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 regarding Carrigrohane Road Park and Ride Facility.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a vote was called for to approve the report of the Assistant City Manager where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, S. Martin, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham. - 13

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, D. O'Flynn, L. Kingston, G. Gibbons. - 4

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Assistant City Manager approved.

### **7.4 NRA ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 regarding NRA Road Grant Allocations 2011.

### **7.5 THE GROVE, SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council

1. Place a yellow box on Shanakiel Road at the entrance to the Grove, Shanakiel.
2. Place signs prohibiting heavy goods vehicles entering the Grove, Shanakiel.
3. Establish who is responsible for the cutting of the hedging on the footpath outside No. 1 and clear the footpath underneath the hedging.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 10/406)

The report of the City Manager stated that the residents of The Grove are claiming that they are experiencing increased levels of traffic since the introduction of the one-way system on the lower section of Strawberry Hill. At a recent meeting between the local residents, local councillors and City Hall officials it was proposed that:

1. Signs prohibiting the use of The Grove as a traffic route by heavy goods vehicles would be provided and
2. The painting of a yellow box at the entrance to the estate on Shanakiel Hill would be investigated.
3. In general, the maintenance of hedgerows is the responsibility of the owner of the property concerned and in this particular case this issue will be taken up with the landowner. Any necessary clearing of the footpath will then be carried out by the Roads Maintenance Division.

The Gardaí need to be consulted on both these proposals and a response is being awaited. If agreement is reached the provision of the weight restriction signs and the painting of the yellow box will be carried out in the near future.

#### **7.6 INCLUDE ELTON LAWN IN THE PROGRAMME FOR ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Elton Lawn in the Programme of Estate Road Resurfacing 2011.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/003)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Elton Lawn will be considered for inclusion in the programme of Estate Road Resurfacing 2011.

#### **7.7 GRIT AND/OR SALT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place systems and processes to allow for grit and/or salt to be made available to members of the general public in advance of serious freezing weather conditions when these occurrences are predicted by local and national weather forecasts.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/004)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that during the recent cold spells, grit was made available to the public at four locations in the city and this facility was made use of by thousands of people during those periods. It is anticipated that these facilities will be put in place again if there are further serious weather conditions during the winter.

7.8 **MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would review the management of traffic flow at the Bandon Road Roundabout at peak hours and install junction boxes to allow traffic from the Bishopstown Road access the roundabout.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/405)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic management and road lining at the Bandon Road Roundabout on the South Ring Road (N25) is carried out directly by the National Roads Authority (NRA).

This matter will be referred to the NRA for their attention.

Funding has been secured for the construction of the new flyovers at Sarsfield and Bandon Road Roundabouts. Construction will start this year and several changes will be made to the Bandon Road Roundabout as part of traffic management during the construction phases and when the project is completed.

It would be wasteful to spend money on new road/markings signage now at the roundabout in advance of the impending construction works.

8. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

8.1 **RENNES FAIR 2011- OFFICIAL DELEGATION**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation that the Lord Mayor and 2 other members would travel as the official delegation to the Rennes Fair 2011.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, a vote was called for on the composition of the delegation, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. - 15

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, F. Kerins. - 2

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the composition of the official delegation to travel to the Rennes Fair 2011, comprising of the Lord Mayor and 2 other members approved.

8.2 **DRAFT MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING – WUXI AND HANGZHOU**

An Chomhairle considered the “Draft Memoranda of Understanding” (MOUs) proposed for Wuxi and Hangzhou and the recommendation of the International Relations Committee that the amended draft Memoranda be approved by An Chomhairle.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, a vote was called for on the “Draft Memoranda of Understanding”, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. - 11

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, D. O’Flynn, C. O’Leary, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, B. Bermingham. - 6

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the “Draft Memoranda of Understanding” approved.

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary requested that his objection to the Memoranda of Understanding be noted.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Resolution passed by Galway City Council dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

10. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr Ken O’Flynn- *Local Authority Water Supply* – Maynooth - 28/30 January 2011
- Cllr Ken O’Flynn - *Charities Act 2009 Implications for the Voluntary Sector* – Tralee - 18/20 February 2011
- Cllr Ken O’Flynn- *Renewable Heat Incentive* – Maynooth 4/6 February 2011.
- Cllr Lorraine Kingston – *A MAI Spring Seminar 2011 “The Case for Municipal Government”*, Bantry, Co. Cork , 11/12 February 2011

11, 19 & 20 **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

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 11, 19 & 20, and also items tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (13)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins. (4)

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:-

11. **SEMINARS**

11.1 **COMPLIANCE WITH PLANNING PERMISSION; ENFORCEMENT OF CONDITIONS OF PLANNING; PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE AND BONDS**

Comhairleoir D. Murphy at the “Compliance with Planning Permission; Enforcement of Conditions of Planning; Professional Indemnity Insurance and Bonds” training seminar, held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City, on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.

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12. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

12.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

12.2 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate Collection for 2010.

13. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

13.1 **DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Draft Programme of Work 2011, with the addition of the following item:-

- Flood risk in the Cork City Area.

13.2 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN CORE STRATEGY & REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011 on the Development Plan Core Strategy & Regional Planning Guidelines.

13.3 **DRAFT NORTH BLACKPOOL LOCAL AREA PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered the Draft North Blackpool Local Area Plan dated February 2011. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved that the Draft North Blackpool Local Area Plan be sent for public consultation.

13.4 **PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 on proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by

Comhairleoir C. Clancy An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services and the making of proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures.

### 13.5 **HISTORIC STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In light of the partial collapse of one of the city’s historic houses, i.e. George Boole’s on Bachelor’s Quay to ask the City Council’s Conservation Officer to give SWOT analysis on his role in protecting other historic structures from collapse”.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Mc Carthy 10/356)

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

This report responds to the motion under two headings:

- the specific matter of 5 Grenville Place; and
- the general matter of the available conservation resource within the Planning and Development Directorate.

#### **1. 5 Grenville Place**

No.5 Grenville Place, alternatively known as George Boole’s House, partially collapsed in October 2010. The building had been vacant for a period of at least 10 years and suffered from neglect. The City Council response to this emergency was to declare the structure a Dangerous Structure under the *Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964*, to serve a Dangerous Structures Notice on the owners, and to implement a structural solution to secure the building, and which will be placed as a charge on it. The Dangerous Structures Notice is an emergency tool designed to achieve a swift outcome to secure buildings in danger of collapse and / or liable to cause public harm. The alternative tools available to the City Council are the *Derelict Sites Act 1981* and Section 59 of the *Planning and Development Act 2000*, both of which are more cumbersome than the *Sanitary Services Act* in cases such as this.

The role of the Conservation Officer in relation to this specific case was to work with and to provide expert advice to the Building Control Section to assist them in determining the appropriate course of action to secure the future of the structure as a viable structure and heritage asset. The Conservation Officer’s advice informed the nature of the structural solution to the building and this is currently being implemented by contractors on behalf of the Building Control Section. Representations have been made on the future of the building, reflecting its significance in the context of George Boole, by a number of have interested parties.

#### **2. The Conservation Resource**

The City Council’s conservation resource is located within the Planning Policy Section. The conservation resource has the following dedicated staff:

- 60% of a Conservation Officer Post (the post is currently filled on a work-shared basis);

The dedicated conservation resource is supplemented by the following staff:



- Administrative support on a general basis provided by two administrative support staff that provide a service to the whole Planning Policy Section;
- A Senior Executive Planner who supervises the work of the Conservation Officer and also makes a small contribution to the conservation workload.

The size of the conservation resource is therefore limited. In addition to this staff resource, in the event that work cannot be completed by the available internal conservation resource then commissioning of consultants for essential specialist tasks (e.g. declarations or building studies) can be considered where funding permits.

### **Statutory conservation duties**

Part IV of the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended) offers far-reaching powers and responsibilities to Cork City Council, as local planning authority, in relation to the conservation of the city's built heritage, including:

- Maintaining the Record of Protected Structures and additions to it / deletions;
- Identifying and designating Architectural Conservation Areas;
- Development Management - offering expert advice to the planning applications and enforcement processes on conservation matters in relation to buildings on the RPS, on the National Inventory of Architecture in Ireland (NIAH) and Architectural Conservation Areas;
- Endangerment Notices to ensure the preservation of protected structures;
- Declarations of works that would not materially affect character (s57 declarations).

In addition, there is also a need for a conservation resource input into the preparation of the statutory development plan and statutory and non-statutory local planning documents.

### Conservation Grant Scheme

The implementation of the Local Authority Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Grants Scheme every financial year is a key task of the Conservation Officer. The Conservation Officer is responsible for the management of this grants scheme which involves assessing grant applications, making grant approval recommendations, monitoring grant projects and drawing-down funds following final inspection. The benefits of the grants scheme are many but crucially it allows the Conservation Officer to encourage building owners to undertake best practice in conservation, and also builds the capacity of owners, agents and craftspeople to manage historic assets into the future.

### Other duties

These tasks tend to be project-based ones that either promote interest in and understanding of the built heritage or promote best practice in conservation. They tend to be either the commissioning of studies relating to thematic or specialist issues or the organizing or contributing to the delivery of seminars on specialist issues, or contributing to initiatives from other organizations. These are very worthwhile but with the limited resources available at present it is not possible to achieve many of these in any one year.

In addition, the Conservation Officer also:

- Offers expert conservation advice to other Directorates within the City Council.

- Participates in the national network of Conservation Officers;
- Teaches on the conservation module of the Cork Centre for Architectural Education; and
- Contributes expert advice to multi-departmental or multi-organisational groups.

This year will also see the first Architectural Conservation Area Grants Scheme, which the Conservation officer will also contribute to.

### **Application of the available conservation resource**

The approach of the Planning and Development Directorate has been three-fold:

- To undertake the core duties of the post (i.e. development management and conservation grants);
- To undertake the non-core statutory and non-statutory duties as and when resources allow; and
- For the Conservation Officer to undertake the duties of his post in a way that builds capacity in the stakeholders involved in historic structures in the city, thereby enhancing the appreciation of conservation issues in agents, building owners and those within the City Council.

Due to the limited nature of the resource, it is not possible to operate in a fully proactive fashion in relation to potential endangerment to individual Protected Structures. However the Conservation Officer provides expert advice to Building Control in relation to the endangerment of “Dangerous Structures” which are Protected Structures.

It is considered that the available conservation resource is being deployed to achieve the best possible outcomes within its means.

#### **13.6 ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREAS GRANTS SCHEME 2011**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 on the Architectural Conservation Areas Grants Scheme 2011. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the Architectural Conservation Areas Grants Scheme 2011.

#### **14. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

##### **14.1 REPORTS CONSIDERED:**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2010, regarding Residents Parking Scheme, setting out the cost of administering the Scheme and the income derived there from and addressing the following issues:

1. The non-issue of reminders to permit holders when reminders are issued for other vehicle road usage purposes e.g. Motor Tax, Driving Licences, Motor Insurance Certs.
2. The “period of grace”, if any, allowed to permit holders after the expiry of a permit.

3. The equity and legality of having appeals against Penalty Notices issued by an employee of the City Council (the Traffic Warden) determined by another employee of the Council (the Appeals Officer).
4. The equity and legality of the provision in the Appeal procedure which advises the appellant “that if your appeal is unsuccessful, you will be liable for any increase in the penalty irrespective of any delay occurring during the processing of this appeal and you will be open to prosecution”, and setting out how the foregoing provisions compare with the relevant provisions of the Residents Permits operated by Dublin, Limerick, Galway and Waterford City Councils.
5. The amount of documentation that must accompany every application (whether first time or renewal) for a parking permit.

(John Bowen, ICTU Nominee)

#### 14.2 **VIOLATION OF THE DISABLED PARKING DISC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take action to alleviate the blatant violation of the Disabled Parking Discs. Disabled Parking should be free in disabled parking bays but parking in the standard parking space should be the same charge for all.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/343)

The report of the City Manager stated that there are two reasons for the high level of use of disabled driver parking permits (often referred to as “blue badges”):

They are relatively easy to obtain. It is very attractive to possess a blue badge because it gives the holder free (no charge) access, with no time duration limit, to all pay parking spaces in the City. This is in addition to the facility of using disabled driver only spaces for unlimited duration.

Disabled driver permits are issued by The Irish Wheelchair Association and The Disabled Drivers Association. New regulations will be issued soon by the Department of Transport to update the current situation to ensure that disabled driver parking bays are only available to those most impaired in their immobility. Currently a local GP can certify that a person is entitled to a blue badge. The new regulations will empower The Irish Wheelchair Association or The Disabled Drivers Association to make the final decision based on medical advice, on whether to give a permit to an applicant. It is anticipated that this will lead to a dramatic reduction in the number of blue badges in circulation.

There is a strong argument that disabled drivers should pay the same as anybody else when parking in a normal parking space. The current level of use of blue badges has led to an excessive number of parking spaces in the City Centre being occupied for very long periods thus reducing the number of spaces available to those wishing to come to the City Centre for business, shopping or social reasons. It is recommended that this issue (which would require an amendment to the parking bye-laws) be kept under review and revisited again after a reasonable period when the new regulations are implemented.

15. **RECREATION AMENITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

15.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Quarterly Report on Library facilities.

15.2 **2011 ARTS GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendations of the Arts Committee in relation to 2011 Arts Grants. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the recommendations of the Arts Committee in relation to 2011 Arts Grants.

15.3 **TREES IN O’LEARY PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Service, dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees in O’Leary Place be pruned and attended to as a matter of urgency. Their present condition is causing a serious blockage of daylight to neighbouring properties and their roots are also causing damage to the pavement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/364)

The report of the Director of Services stated that these trees are on a schedule of pruning works and will be attended to in the coming months as resources permit.

15.4 **DOUGLAS POOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011, on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council get the balcony of Douglas Swimming Pool painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/400)

‘That Cork City Council get the graffiti on the upper levels of Douglas Swimming Pool and the graffiti on its windows removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/401)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the balcony area of the Gus Healy Pool will be painted as part of routine maintenance in the coming months.

The Council last year removed Graffiti from the outer walls but within a short period, the walls were again defaced. Other measures including obtaining costings for CCTV security cameras are currently being examined with a view to dealing with the problem.

## 15.6 **CHRISTMAS MARKET FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council, in light of the success of its Christmas market and festival, extend the project to include a New Year’s Eve family celebration for the city, centered around St. Anne’s Shandon and involving a mini-market, modest fireworks display and bell-ringing in churches across the city, as the city’s way of ringing in the New Year considering that there has not been such a celebration for several years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 11/002)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Cork Christmas Celebration on the Grand Parade is being reviewed during the first quarter of 2011. The long term development and promotion of the festival is being assessed.

As part of this process the option of extending the dates and locations of the event will be examined, including the option of a New Years Eve Celebration as described in the motion.

Council should be aware in the promotion of such an event that costs related to events on New Year’s Eve are extremely high and can be subject of up to a multiplier of three in comparison to events on other dates.

## 16. **FINANCE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

### 16.1 **BLACKPOOL VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Collector of Municipal Rate dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make the Blackpool Village area into a reduced commercial rate free zone to encourage the redevelopment of the traditional village.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. O’Flynn 10/399)

The report of the Collector of Municipal Rates stated that rates are levied on all businesses based on rateable valuations which are determined by the Valuation Office under the Valuation Act 2001.

On the basis of existing legislation, it is not open to Cork City Council to declare any part of the city a reduced rate or rate free area.

Any policy change to vary the way in which rates are levied would be a matter for central Government and would require amending legislation.

## 17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Taken at item 9 above.

18. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

Taken at item 10 above.

19. **SEMINARS**

19.1 **LOCAL AUTHORITY WATER SUPPLY**

Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn at the "Local Authority Water Supply" training seminar, held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

19.2 **RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE**

Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn at the "Renewable Heat Incentive" training seminar, held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

19.3 **CHARITIES ACT 2009 – IMPLICATIONS FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn at the "Charities Act 2009 – Implications for the Voluntary Sector" training seminar, held in the Manor West Hotel Spa and Leisure Club, Killarney Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry, on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

19.4 **TRAINING SEMINAR "EMPLOYMENT LAW AND INSURANCE ISSUES; THE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOU AND YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY"**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon & S. Martin at the Training Seminar "Employment Law and Insurance Issues; the Consequences for you and your Local Authority", to be held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

19.5 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS "A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS"**

Comhairleoirí E. O'Halloran & P. Gosch at the Professional Development Training Seminar for Councillors "A Guide to Effective Public Relations", to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

19.6 **"EQUAL STATUS LEGISLATION AND ITS EFFECT ON SERVICE PROVISION IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES; LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION" SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir G. Gibbons at the "Equal Status Legislation and its Effect on Service Provision in Local Authorities; Liability and Indemnification" Seminar, to be held in the Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo, on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

19.7 **"CHANGING TRENDS IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE" – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the "Changing Trends in Drug and Alcohol Abuse" – Training Seminar, to be held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

- 19.8 **REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2010**
- Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, T. Shannon & S. Martin at the Regional Seminar for Councillors on Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010, to be held in the Millennium Hall, City Hall, Cork, on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- 19.9 **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING SEMINAR FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**
- Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Kerry Environmental Conference and Training Seminar for Elected Members, to be held in the Meadowlands Hotel, Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry, on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- 19.10 **LAMA SPRING SEMINAR – “ECONOMIC REVIVAL: A ROLE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT”**
- Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the LAMA Spring Seminar, “Economic Revival: a Role for Local Government”, to be held in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
20. **CONFERENCES**
- 20.1 **9<sup>TH</sup> CARLOW NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE “A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT”**
- Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn & M. Shields at the 9<sup>th</sup> Carlow National Tourism Conference “A River Runs Through It – Exploiting Heritage, Adventure and Tourism Opportunities for Ireland’s Waterways”, to be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- 20.2 **IRELANDS’ ENERGY OPPORTUNITY – CORK’S RESPONSE - CONFERENCE**
- Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Ireland’s Energy Opportunity – Cork’s Response, Conference, to be held in Inchydoney Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- 20.3 **A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MEDIA SKILLS FOR COUNCILLORS - CONFERENCE**
- Comhairleoirí E. O’Halloran & P. Gosch at the “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> March 2011.
- 20.4 **ATLANTIC CONFERENCE 2011 ON STEM EDUCATION 2011**
- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon & S. Martin at the Atlantic Conference 2011 on Stem Education 2011, to be held in Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

20.5 **“EFFECTIVE TIME AND PRIORITY MANAGEMENT; A PROVEN PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ACHIEVING MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY” CONFERENCE**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, S. Martin & D. O’Flynn at the “Effective Time and Priority Management; A Proven Practical Approach to Achieving Maximum Productivity” Conference, to be held in Ravensdale Suite, Carrickdale Hotel, Carrickarnon, Dundalk, Co. Louth on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

20.6 **ACCC CONFERENCE – “REBUILDING CONFIDENCE IN URBAN & RURAL COMMUNITIES”**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon & S. Martin at the ACCC Conference – “Rebuilding Confidence in Urban & Rural Communities”, to be held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

21. **MOTIONS**

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

21.1 **COUNCIL SITE AT ANGLESEA PLACE/ TERRACE FOR ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

‘That Cork City Council develop the Council property at Anglesea Place/ Terrace for the Environment Department, thus allowing the eyesore that is on White Street Car Park to be transferred to Anglesea Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/349)

**Environment Functional Committee**

21.2 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT JOE MURPHY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertake a survey of the Public Lighting installation at Joe Murphy Road, Ballyphehane with a view to upgrading where warranted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/367)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

21.3 **DEVELOPING LAND BANK AT AVONDALE F.C.**

‘That Cork City Council inter into discussion with Avondale F.C. with a view to developing the land bank that was previously used as head quarters for the Tunnel Project into a number of Soccer Pitches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. J. Corr, Cllr. S. Martin 11/033)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee**



21.4 **RADON MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council immediately implement a Radon Measurement Programme along similar lines to Cork County Council and that Cork City Council in conjunction with the Radiological Institute advise City Councilors of known High Radon Areas within City Council's administrative area, in the public interest.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/035)

**Environment Functional Committee**

21.5 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That this Council include Connolly Park in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 11/036)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

21.6 **COMMUNITY WARDEN**

‘In order to stress the importance of their work to their respective communities that they work in, that the Community Wardens give a report on their work to the Housing Functional Community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/037)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

21.7 **ROOF OF LOCAL STUDIES SECTION IN CITY LIBRARY**

‘That capital money be put aside for the roof of the local studies section of Cork City Library.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/038)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee**

21.8 **FUNDING FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**

‘That the Council request additional funding from Central Government in order to offer a temporary reduction in Commercial Rates for the 2011 City Rate payers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 11/039)

**Finance Functional Committee**

21.9 **TOP-UP EMERGENCY FUNDING**

‘That Cork City Council seeks top-up emergency funding to deal with the chronic road surface problems that have mushroomed in the city – including important routes such as Pouladuff, Rochestown, The Lough and Togher Roads and estates such as Deerpark and Pinecroft – and which are causing huge problems for motorists and pedestrians alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 11/040)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22. **MOTION**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion due notice of which had been given:-

22.1 **PENSION RIGHTS AS TEACHERS FOR SERVING MEMBERS OF THE OIREACTHAS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the new Dáil to put an end to the perverse practice under which serving members of the Oireachtas accrue pension rights as teachers for periods of time when they are not teaching and during which they are accruing pension as members of the Oireachtas. In addition that any such pensions being paid to former members of the Oireachtas cease immediately where Oireachtas pensions are in payment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/034)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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