

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the Chair.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, 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, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Comhairleoir M. Nugent.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs. Mr. C. Dorgan, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The O'Brien Family on the death of Esther O'Brien.
- The Mulcahy Family on the death of John J. Mulcahy.
- The Collins Family on the death of Noel Collins.
- The O'Dwyer Family on the death of Helena & Ryan O'Dwyer.
- The Brackett Family on the death of Nora Brackett.
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Mrs. Kelleher.

**1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the Lifetime Lab on the Easter activities that were held on Good Friday.

**1.3 LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

- An tArdmhéara congratulated the Cork Senior Football Team on winning the Allianz National Football League Title.

- An tArdmhéara paid tribute to Stephen Kearney, Director of Services, Environment and more recently Housing & Community on his retirement from Cork City Council after his 30 years of public service.
- An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to award a Civic Reception to Mr. Joe McCarthy.
- An tArdmhéara recommended to An Chomhairle the conferring of the Freedom of the City on Sean Óg Ó hAilpín.

This nomination was approved unanimously by An Chomhairle which further approved the proposal of An tArdmhéara to schedule the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle to confer the Freedom of the City for Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## 2. **MINUTES**

- The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011, were considered and approved.
- The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011, were considered and approved.
- The minutes of the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, were considered and approved.

## 3. **QUESTIONS**

### 3.1 **INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL**

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

*To ask the Manager to give a breakdown of the income and expenditure for the recent St. Patrick's Day Festival?*

Cork City Council presented the Cork St. Patrick's Festival, 2011 from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March. Cork City Council aimed to grow and develop the Cork St. Patrick's Festival in 2011, with an expanded range of partners and programmes. This is reflected in this report, as outlined below. We see this as great starting point for the event in 2012 and are focussed on the development of this event already.

The Parade involved over 55 groups, 2,300 participants and an audience in excess of 60,000. In addition there was a City Currach race run on the morning, in collaboration with Red Bull, with attendance in excess of 2,000.

Other projects partners included the premier of a new music composition, by Pierre O'Reilly, 'St. Patrick, the Story', three shows including the RTE Concert Orchestra, in Cork Opera House, Terminal Convention in Cork Airport, and programmes in the City Library, Cork Printmakers and Crawford Art Gallery.

Media partners were Cork's 96FM and C103FM and The Evening Echo – including a double page spread. There were 25,000 brochures distributed, as well as a Festival Launch in the Cork Opera House. Additionally there were photo shoots organised with Red Bull, Barry's Tea and with the commissioned pieces with the parade along with the post parade reception.

Savings on 2011 v's 2010 budgets amount to over €12,000, these reflect the changed economic environment and the competitiveness of procurement processes. Benefit in kind amounted to €38,000 this includes a calculation on the value of the advertisements on the radio and in the newspaper in relation to the event.

Budget 2011

<b>Expenditure</b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Actuals</i>	<i>Subtotals</i>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
	Media Buying	€ 4,672	
	Print Costs	€ 3,734	
	Design	€ 2,057	
	PR	€ 6,980	
	Launch/Post Parade Reception	€ 1,547	
			€ 18,990
<b>OPERATIONAL</b>	Viewing Stand (plus riser)	€ 3,775	
	Engineer Sign Off	€ 1,958	
	Barriers	€ 19,809	
	Stewards (including cost of Radio Hire)	€ 12,436	
	First Aid/Medical	€ 1,200	
	Other Production Costs	€ 1,161	
			€ 40,340
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	Parade Production Manager	€ 2,100	
	Production/Viewing Staff	€ 1,546	
	Parade Staff (Marshalls)	€ 1,700	
	Project Manager	€ 15,000	
	Event Controller/Health and Safety Staff	€ 5,800	
			€ 26,146
<b>INTERNAL COST</b>	Environmental Clean Up	€ 509	
	Roads Closure	€ 2,846	
	Property - Permit Costs	€ 1,950	
			€ 5,305
<b>PARADE COMMISSIONS</b>	Comissioned Parade enteries	€ 27,500	
			€ 27,500

<b>SUB-TOTAL FOR PARADE</b>		<b>€ 118,281</b>	<b>€ 118,281</b>
<b>Street Entertainment</b>			
	Programming Costs	€ 38,500	
	Street Performance production costs	€ 6,978	
			<b>€ 45,478</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>€ 45,478</b>	<b>€ 45,478</b>
<b>Festival Development</b>			<b>€ 4,500</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>€ 168,259</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
	<b>Cork City Council</b>		<b>€ 150,000</b>
<b>SPONSORSHIP</b>			
	Cork Airport	€ 5,000	
	Barry's Tea	€ 3,500	
	Red Bull	€ 5,000	€ 13,500
	Market Income To CCC	€ 4,809	€ 4,809
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>€ 168,309</b>

### 3.2 **DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

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

Can the Manager please initiate the process of having the property known as Deelish entered on the Derelict Sites Register. The property is located at the junction of Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane and has become an eyesore and a source of nuisance to residents. Planning permission for construction of a Medical Centre was granted some time ago.

The site at Deelish, Boherboy Road, Cork has been inspected and was determined to be derelict under the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The Council's concerns in this matter have been communicated to the owners of the property and the Planning Directorate will shortly issue a letter to the owners specifying the works required to remove the dereliction. Follow –up action will be taken under the Derelict Sites Act if appropriate. The Property Department also propose to use CPO powers to perfect title on a portion of the site which is proving an impediment to the execution of the existing planning permission on site (for a medical centre).

### 3.3 **WILLOW PLACE, TOGHER ROAD**

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

As Willow Place, Togher Road is a Private Estate maintained entirely by the Residents (It was never taken in charge by Cork City Council), is it reasonable that they cut down three trees (at their own expense) which they consider hazardous for the reasons outlined below?

- 1 As the trees are growing near the main sewer and water main, if there is rooting into the underground pipes, will Cork City Council take responsibility for any damage which may occur?*
  - 2. As young people are now coming into the area and climbing onto the trees, who is responsible if there is an accident - Cork City Council or The Residents?*
  - 3. The trees in question are deciduous so the collection and disposal of leaves in the Autumn is a huge effort for the mainly elderly residents. Is Cork City Council Cleansing Department prepared to undertake this work if the trees are left in the area?*
  - 4. The trees are already growing into and above the ESB cables. Is Cork City Council prepared to have the trees topped to avoid interference with the electric cables?*
1. These 3 trees were recently inspected by Council officials following complaints from other nearby residents that attempts were being made to remove same. The trees are healthy small maple trees, are not a hazard, do not block light, and were planted by the City Council. Following a meeting with residents of Willow Place, the chief reason given for the request to remove the trees is because of the falling leaves each Autumn. There is no evidence that the trees are in any way interfering with any sewer or water main, the Council only being responsible for its own water main and sewer system. Maple trees have small non vigorous roots, which turn on meeting an impediment.
  2. There is no evidence of children climbing the trees in Willow Place or elsewhere in Togher, this not being a sufficient reason to remove trees throughout the City. Where there are specific instances of children accessing trees, lower limbs can be removed.
  3. The Council has not got the resources to collect leaves of trees each Autumn. Trees bring an added value to the living environment , and falling leaves each Autumn is a natural process, most being dispersed by wind.
  4. These trees have previously being topped by the ESB, it being the responsibility of the ESB to top trees where there is any interference with electricity lines.

### 3.4 **POOR UPKEEP OF PROPERTIES**

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

*To ask the City Manager the number of fines/prosecutions imposed on landlords for poor upkeep of properties in the vicinity of UCC, CIT, FAS and CUH in 2009 and 2010? Can the Manager indicate if there have been any meetings and the outcome of such meetings with the Governing Bodies of the listed institutions, landlord representative groupings or the PRTB with regard to the upkeep of housing stock, rented primarily by students in the areas mentioned above?*

The enforcement of standards in relation to private rented dwellings is under the control of the Housing Directorate. Inspections of Private rented dwellings are continually undertaken by the private rented dwellings inspectorate of the Cork City Council under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008. The Regulations apply to the structural condition, sanitary facilities, heating facilities, food storage, ventilation, lighting, fire safety, refuse facilities, and electrical and gas services of private rented dwellings.

Subsequent follow up inspections indicated that over 90% of minor works instructed to be carried out under Improvement Notices issued, were carried out by the landlord.

No repairs/improvement works were considered sufficiently serious to warrant taking a case prosecution in 2009 or 2010.

The Regulations do not apply to the decorative state of rented dwellings. Under S.6 (2) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, a local authority can prosecute a house occupier for having litter on land visible from a public place, but not for the decorative appearance of the building. Similarly, if a property is derelict, it is open to the local authority to take action under the Derelict Sites Acts.

**There were no meetings with the groups mentioned in relation to these specific areas.**

### 3.5 **ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT THE GRAFFITI IN THE CITY**

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 or the Environment Directorate have an action plan to combat the graffiti in the city, that has become increasing prevalent in recent times?*

Section 19 (1) of the 1997 Litter Pollution Act prohibits the defacement of any structure or other land which is visible from a public place by writing or other marking without the prior written authority of the relevant owner, occupier or other person in charge.

Property owners are responsible for the removal of graffiti from their premises. In instances where the property is owned by Cork City Council, the removal of the graffiti is a matter for the relevant Directorate. Notices have been issued again in the

past number of months by the City Council to owners of private properties, advising them of their legal responsibilities in relation to the removal of graffiti from their premises.

Since February 2010 the Probation Service has been working in partnership with Cork City Council to tackle graffiti in the designated RAPID areas within the city. The Social Housing Section are coordinating requests from City Council estates irrespective of whether they are in a designated RAPID area or not.

Personnel from both the Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section of the Recreation, Amenity and Emergency Services Directorate and the Community and Enterprise Directorate have met with representatives from the Probation Service and the Cork Business Association to address the removal of graffiti from private properties within the city centre. It has been agreed between all parties to commence a pilot programme in an effort to improve the visual appearance of the city centre. This programme, initially consisting of properties on two streets in the City Centre, will commence in early May 2011.

The pilot project will be evaluated following its completion.

### 3.6 **WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

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

*Can the Manager please inform Council as to:*

- a) How many companies have made expressions of interest in taking over our publicly-owned bin service?*
- b) The names of these companies?*
- c) Whether the Council actively sought these expressions of interest?*  
*In the event of a positive reply to © can the Manager provide Council with the correspondence sent out from City Hall?*

As previously advised, I will be reverting to Council in the near future on the outcome of the review of options for the future delivery of the service. As also advised, consideration of the options requires assessment of private market interest and capability to deliver the service. This is ongoing at present and it would be inappropriate to comment on the specific questions raised, pending the outcome of the review process.

## 4. **FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY**

### 4.1 **CO-OPTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF COMHAIRLEOIR D. MCCARTHY**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle approved the co-option of Joe O'Callaghan, to fill the vacancy in the membership of Cork City Council arising out of the death of Councillor D. McCarthy (R.I.P.).

4.2 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES – IAR-COMHAIRLEOIR D. MCCARTHY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the vacancies on the Boards/Committees listed below caused by the recent death of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy R.I.P., are to be filled as follows:-

- Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee to be filled by Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan.
- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee to be filled by Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan.
- Environment Functional Committee to be filled by Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan.
- Finance Functional Committee to be filled by Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan.

It was further agreed to defer filling the vacancies on the following Committees to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

- Leisureworld Committee.
- An Grúpa Fóbartha Gaeilge.
- Vocational Educational Committee.

5. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Draft Annual Report 2010.

6. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

6.1 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

6.1.1 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Cork Economic Monitor – March 2011.

6.1.2 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009 – 2015 – TWO YEAR PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the two year progress report dated April 2011, on the Cork City Development Plan 2009 – 2015.

6.2 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

6.2.1 **SOCIAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 on the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011.



### 6.2.2 **HORSE AMNESTY 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 on the Horse Amnesty 2011.

### 6.2.3 **COMMUNITY WARDEN INITIATIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Six Community Wardens were appointed by the City Council in August 2008. They were appointed to work in the RAPID areas of the City, in compliance with the conditions of grant from the Department of the Environment. The Grant under the Sustainable Communities fund provides 90% of salary costs for three years. The funding ceases for the positions in September of this year.

The Community Warden’s role was intended to cover three main areas:

- *Community Liaison*
- *Monitoring of and Reporting of Local Authority Issues*
- *Enforcement of Local Authority Regulations*

In 2008 one Community Warden resigned from the position and due to the recruitment embargo has not been replaced. There are, therefore, 5 Wardens covering:-

- Togher
- Mahon
- Farranree, Fairhill, Blackpool
- Knocknaheeny
- The Glen, Mayfield

The Gurrabraher / Churchfield area is being covered by the other wardens to some degree.

The purpose of this report is to provide a flavour of the work that the Wardens have been doing and to illustrate some of the successes the service has enjoyed over that time.

#### **Community liaison:**

- The Community Wardens have supported Safety Forums in 4 areas of the City. In excess of 1,000 residents per year attend the forums and the wardens have played a key role in liaising with residents who have raised issues and on following up on issues with residents as members of the Community Safety Units which meet regularly
- The Community Wardens have worked with the Housing & Community Services Directorate to establish or reinvigorate residents associations in 25 estates

across the City. The wardens attend the meetings on a regular basis to act on any issues raised regarding the City Council.

- The Wardens have supported a range of events aimed at generating resident involvement in their community and creating a sense of pride. For example: -

- 7 community bonfire night events
- 85 Clean ups have been held in estates where there have been litter and dumping problems; in some areas this has become a regular activity
- Summer camps, social events for older people, Hallowe'en Parade, Sports Days
- Walking groups
- Summer Fun days were held in the parks, in partnership with the local community and Recreation, Amenity & Emergency Services
- Voluntary Emergency services exhibition and recruitment weekend
- The Wardens support 3 youth cafes by supervising the café on a rota with other local workers and volunteers

#### **Monitoring / Reporting of Local Authority issues: -**

- A key aspect of the Wardens role is to patrol their estates and identify any issues relevant to the Local Authority. The Wardens patrol the parks, specific estates and open spaces. Issues such as: abandoned cars, litter, dumping, repairs and maintenance etc. are reported to the appropriate department / agency and where possible proactive action is taken.
- The Wardens have taken a proactive approach to addressing issues. For example calling to businesses to remind them of their duties under litter laws, calling door-to-door to residents with the litter warden to ensure residents have appropriate refuse collection arrangements, and working with community groups to organise estate improvements such as murals, tree planting etc.
- The Wardens have supported the Housing & Community Services Directorate in undertaking home visits relating to tenancy enforcement on a range of issues.
- Where specific issues have arisen the Wardens have been able to respond. For example, a lighting survey was carried out in some areas which has led to improvements in the lighting. A survey of 'trainers being thrown over electricity cables' has enabled those to be removed by the City Council on a regular basis.
- The community wardens are key to the success of the Probation and Welfare graffiti removal service. Over the last 18 months this has resulted in the removal of graffiti from several hundred locations.

#### **Involvement in Local Authority Issues: -**

- Monitor CCTV system in Blackpool to help locate and resolve crimes.
- Residents reminded of responsibilities under the Control of Dogs Act.
- Support for removal of stray horses.
- Youths warned regarding anti-social behaviour.
- Residents reminded of responsibilities relating to noise pollution.

#### **Other activities:**

- One of the Community Wardens was a key participant in promoting a programme of rugby development with Munster Rugby in Knocknaheeny. A rugby summer camp was held and a rugby development officer has been appointed to get young people involved in rugby in Knocknaheeny.

- All of the Wardens made a significant contribution in response to the flooding emergency. Wardens delivered water, checked on older residents and supported the Gardaí and community groups at a local level to respond to any needs which arose. In addition, the Wardens adopted a similar response to the cold weather snaps, providing salt to enable access and ensuring elderly and vulnerable residents were looked after.
- One Warden supported the Planning & Development Directorate in implementing the Blackpool painting scheme and this has now been extended with a window box scheme which will greatly improve the local environment.
- Directories of service have been developed in 4 areas and the Wardens had a major role in distributing the directories locally.
- All of the Wardens have made presentations to local schools regarding litter, anti-social behaviour and general social responsibility.
- MUGA Mornings have been supervised by 4 Wardens which enable children in those areas to make proper use of the Multi-Use Games Areas in the park with coaching and supervision.
- One of the Wardens has been able to support the new Community Bus in the Glen, by driving for groups and assisting in organising the bus.
- Wardens have got involved in specific projects to help improve the local environment, such as mural projects, painting or redecorating projects, tidy towns initiatives and gardening projects.
- Occasionally Wardens may encounter serious issues such as elderly residents being in an unsafe situation, child protection concerns or criminal activity. These have been reported to the appropriate authorities.

### **General**

The Community Wardens Initiative is an important support to communities in disadvantaged areas and provides a significant City Council presence in communities. They have developed strong links with local voluntary and community groups and have supported local volunteers and enabled a wide range of local projects to take place successfully and safely.

They contribute to the overall quality of life in their areas and are an important link between the City Council and other Agencies and local residents.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle also agreed that Cork City Council would write to the Minister asking that funding for the Community Wardens Scheme remain in place.

#### **6.2.4 MONTHLY REPORT**

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

#### **6.2.5 QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.

#### 6.2.6 **AUTOMATIC GATES AT DISTILLERY COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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.

#### 6.3 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

##### 6.3.1 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT “WATERCOURSE MEWS” ON SITE HODDERS LANE, HILLGROVE LANE, WATERCOURSE ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 on the “Taking in Charge of Housing Development at “Watercourse Mews” on site Hodders Lane, Hillgrove Lane, Watercourse Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

**“RESOLVED THAT** Having considered the representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 11 (1) (b) of the Roads Act 1993, and Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the roads, open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains or service connections, at “Watercourse Mews, on site Hodders Lane, Hillgrove Lane, Watercourse Road, Cork (22 Dwellings)”, be taken in charge forthwith”.

##### 6.3.2 **JUNCTION AT SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 on the following motion which was held in Committee pending further reporting.

‘That Cork City Council Traffic division would inspect the relatively new junction at Skehard Road and the entrance to Blackrock Hall/ Aldi/ Eden, with a view to installing a right hand turn lane from the Mahon side. The current configuration could easily give rise to serious traffic accident.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/353)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the lack of a right turning lane on Skehard Road for accessing the commercial development at Eden/ Aldi is causing concern. The onus would have been on the developer to construct the access junction on Skehard Road to Cork City Council's specifications and approval.

The Planning Enforcement section will be asked to investigate the matter with a view of pursuing the developer to comply with any planning conditions imposed to ensure the junction operates in a safe and efficient manner.

The Planning Enforcement Section is actively engaged in investigating the compliance of the planning permission for the Eden/Blackrock Hall Development and it will pursue the developer to complete the junction of the Eden/Blackrock Hall entrance with Skehard Road to Cork City Council's requirements and specifications. These requirements include adequate provision for pedestrian movements at the junction and the implementation of a separate right turn lane on Skehard Road from the eastern direction.

#### 6.4 & 10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle agreed to take items 6.4 and 10. on the Agenda together.

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Monaghan Town Council dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

#### 6.5 & 11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle agreed to take items 6.5 and 11. on the Agenda together.

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

- Cllr. T. Shannon – Kerry Environmental Conference 2011 –Tralee -07/10 2011-04-20
- Cllr. L. Kingston – “How to be an Effective Chairperson” Conference – Rosscarbery -01/03 April 2011.
- Cllr. M. Ahern- Nuclear Free Local Authorities Ireland Seminar ‘Key nuclear policy issues for Irish local authorities in 2011’ -Newry- 01 April 2011

#### 6.6 & 12. & 13. **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle agreed to take items 6.6 & 12 & 13. on the Agenda together.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda Items 6.6, 12 and 13, and items also tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (13)

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

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

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

6.6.1 **NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IRELAND SEMINAR “KEY NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUES FOR IRISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN 2011”**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Ireland Seminar “Key Nuclear Policy Issues for Irish Local Authorities in 2011”, to be held in The Boardroom, Council Offices, O’Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry, Co. Down on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

6.7 **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.7.1 **FIVE YEAR PRESIDENCY**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘That this Council calls for a five year presidency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/078)

6.7.2 **REFORM IN THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘That this council calls for reform in the electoral system with the introduction of the Single Constituency Transferable Vote System, in the interest of an effective representative system.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/079)

6.7.3 **FAMINE GRAVE AT CARR’S HILL**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘This Council supports and calls on the Minister to declare the Famine Grave at Carr’s Hill to be a “National Famine Memorial Cemetery” and support the HSE, Cork City and County Councils in preparation for the next Munster commemoration in 2013 at Carr’s Hill with thousands of visitors from the States and all other parts of the world in attendance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/081)

#### 6.7.4 **INVITATION TO THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND**

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

‘That this council does not endorse the invitation extended by An tArdmhéara to the English Queen to visit Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 11/087)

#### 6.7.5 **UNIVERSAL SOCIAL CHARGE**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘That Cork City Council recognises that:

- The Universal Social Charge is an unjust and regressive tax, bearing down most heavily on those least able to afford it;
- The Universal Social Charge affects people earning as little as €77 per week;
- The Universal Social Charge is indiscriminate and affects someone earning €100,000 at the same rate as someone earning €16,016;
- Low income workers, including medical card holders, working lone parents and working widows, who were exempt from the health and income levies which the Universal Social Charge replaced, are no longer exempt;
- Coupled with the changes to tax credits and bands introduced in Budget 2011, the Universal Social Charge has increased the burden of taxation on the working poor; and Cork City Council calls on the Government to abolish the Universal Social Charge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 11/091)

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### 7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP - 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

#### 7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011**

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

#### 7.2 **MELMAC’S ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would purchase the site on the Ballinlough Road known as Melmac’s, clean it up and transfer ownership to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School to provide car parking for staff and additional play ground space for the children who attend the school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 11/052)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is a long planning history associated with this site. Most recently, in 2007 the owners have been refused planning permission for a development with an entrance onto Ballinlough Road. It is unlikely that the school would be successful in obtaining permission for a car park with an entrance onto Ballinlough road.

Cork City Council has been in recent contact with the owners regarding removal of the dereliction and possible options for the redevelopment of the site. Some remedial works have been carried out to date.

Cork City Council can only use its powers under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 to compulsorily acquire the site. This would involve paying compensation to the owners based on the market value for the site. The site would need to be disposed of on the open market to obtain best consideration reasonably obtainable.

The school should therefore seek to reach an agreement for the purchase/use of the site directly with the owners.

## **7.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2010.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 8.30 p.m.

## **8. RECREATION AMENITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

### **8.1 HEATHERTON PARK AND GREENHILLS ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council organize an extensive cutting back of trees and shrubbery in Heatherton Park and also by looking at ways of curtailing access, at the steps to Heatherton Park and Greenhills Estate. There is extensive anti social behaviour there besides the best efforts of Council Officials not to mention the ongoing cost of cleaning up.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/347)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that pruning of trees and shrubs at Heatherton Park is scheduled for early summer and this will be done in a manner to deter unsocial gatherings.



Curtailing Public access from South Douglas Road via the steps and from Greenhills Estate to Heatherton Park is a matter for the Roads Directorate and this will be referred to them for their consideration.

## 8.2 **DEVELOP GREEN AREA ON MUNICIPAL LANDFILL SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council develop the green area on the Municipal landfill site into a number of pitches as originally planned and agreed by council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/348)

## **PUMPTRACK WITHIN THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would build a pumptrack within the City environs for BMX and mountain bike riders.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 11/024)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the Environment and Recreation, Amenity and Emergency Services Directorates are currently preparing a Draft Masterplan for the new Park at the Landfill . The process of drafting the Plan will involve examination of a variety of types and mix of recreation usages for the new Park and the cost of same, including catering for the needs of cyclists. A report on the Draft Masterplan will be brought to the Committee for consideration within the coming months.

## 8.3 **COUNCIL SITE AT ANGLESEA PLACE/TERRACE FOR ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the White Street depot is a temporary depot used by the Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section. Council opted not to proceed with a proposal to develop a permanent depot at this location at its meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The Council property at Anglesea Terrace was previously examined as a possible location for a permanent depot but was considered unsuitable as it was not regarded as sufficiently central.

The depot is kept in a clean condition but further measures to improve the visual look of the facility will be considered.

8.4 **PLAY AREAS AT CLASHDUV PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council review the re-structure of the play area at Clashduv Park, following the recent vandalism, where equipment was burned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 11/021)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that replacement of damaged play equipment and renewal of the safer surface will be carried out during 2011 under the 2011 Parks Capital Programme.

8.5 **TREES IN SQUARE AT LOWER FRIARS WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council trim back the trees in the square at Lower Friars Walk (outside 127).’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 11/031)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the trees in the square at Lower Friars Walk have been added to the 2011 Tree Works schedule and will be attended to as resources permit.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the remaining piece of undeveloped land (sports zoning) adjoining the Mahon Sports Project pitches is a valuable resource. It being the last remaining parcel of recreational land, it was reserved for community based sports facilities including multi use hall, gym, All Weather Pitches and changing facilities (to serve both the grass and synthetic pitches).

Parking at the suite of pitches during training and matches is now an issue locally and part of this site must be set aside for that purpose. The Review of the Cork Recreational Needs Study (2003) is currently underway assessing present and future demand for recreational space within the City. It would be premature at this stage to make any decision in relation to the lands, until the Needs Study Review is complete. The Review will assist in informing any decision with regards to maximising the potential of this recreational site. It is expected to have a Draft of the Study available in late Summer.

#### 8.7 **ROOF OF LOCAL STUDIES SECTION IN CITY LIBRARY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the City Architect has been asked to prepare a report on the current state of the roof of the Local Studies section including cost of repairs to same. On receipt of the report, an assessment will be made on the best option to be pursued to deal with the matter.

#### 8.8 **REMEDIAL WORK AT WILLOW PARK, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the following much needed remedial work be carried out at Willow Park, South Douglas Road:-

1. The green area be levelled off.
2. The palisade fence be repaired or replaced where needed.
3. Double yellow lines be placed on the road carriageway by the entrance to Willow Park.
4. That a traffic survey and Pedestrian survey be carried out at the entrance to Willow Park and the ramp from the South Link Road, with a view to constructing a pedestrian crossing at this very dangerous crossing for local residents.’

(Proposer:- Cllr. T. Shannon 10/363)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that as previously reported to the Roads Functional Committee, I advise the following:-

1. The green area levels are adequate and do not require any regrading works at present.

2. The repair of the palisade fence is a matter for Tramore Athletic FC and not the City Council. There is no provision in the 2011 RAE Services budget to assist with the cost of these repairs.
3. The South Douglas Road adjacent to the junction with Willow Park will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed necessary the provision of double yellow lines will be carried out.
4. The entrance to Willow Park and the ramp from the South Ring Road are adjacent to a roundabout and it may not be feasible from a road safety viewpoint to locate a pedestrian crossing at this location. It should also be noted that there is a pedestrian crossing relatively close on South Douglas Road at the back entrance to the Douglas Community School.

However, the area will be assessed and if it is deemed appropriate that a pedestrian crossing facility be provided there, it will be added to the list of requests for pedestrian crossings and it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

The off-ramp from the South Ring Road at Willow Park has been examined and it has been deemed feasible to provide a pedestrian crossing facility at this location. The location will be added to the list of requests for a pedestrian crossings and it will be provided when funding becomes available.

#### 8.9 **REMOVE THE STEPS ON THE OPEN GREEN SPACE AT KENLEY DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with local residents would remove the steps on the open green space at Kenley Drive and would replace with grass and appropriate planting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/066)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that City Council will engage with the residents of Kenley Drive to determine the most appropriate treatment for the steps and adjoining areas on the Green in line with available resources.

#### 8.10 **PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE OF CORK LIFE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will explore the feasibility of establishing a photographic archive depicting the economic, political, social, sporting and cultural life of Cork over the centuries and that it would be located in an appropriate building in or near the City Centre where it could become an additional component of Cork’s urban tourism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 10/380)

9. **FINANCE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE –18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

9.1 **LOCAL LABOUR FOR CONTRACTED COUNCIL WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Head of Finance on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council, mindful of the number of skilled tradespeople unemployed in the city, undertakes to lobby Central Government to formulate a policy change – or at least confer local authorities with discretionary powers – to allow for certain percentage of local labour on any contractual work undertaken in the name of the council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 11/050)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss this motion and also the related motion of Comhairleoir T. Gould hereunder, (which was considered by the Finance Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011) and to take these motions at the end of the meeting:-

**LOCAL LABOUR TO COUNCIL BUILDING CONTRACTS**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with its contractors to ensure that at least 25% of jobs on council building contracts go to local labour, including apprentices.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 11/062)

9.2 **ABOLITION OF THE DISCREDITED RATEABLE VALUATION SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council proposes the abolition of the discredited Rateable Valuation scheme in favour of a local tax collection system based on the annual turnover of each commercial operation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/064)

The report of the Head of Finance stated that the Rateable Valuation System is a key component of the rating process and is enshrined in legislation under the Valuation Act 2001. It is not open to any Local Authority to abolish a system that is the subject of national legislation. Any change to either the valuation system or to commercial rates would require a change in the law which is a matter for the Oireachtas. Similarly the imposition of a new form of local taxation would also require enabling legislation to be adopted by the Oireachtas.

### 9.3 **FUNDING FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The report of the Head of Finance stated that the Funding provided by Central Government to Cork City Council is notified to Council in December of each year. There is no mechanism for seeking an increase in the funding.

### 10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Taken at item 6.4 above.

### 11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

Taken at item 6.5 above.

### 12. **SEMINARS**

Taken at item 6.6 above.

#### 12.1 **REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS “PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2010**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Regional Seminar for Councillors “Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010”, held in the Douglas Hyde Lecture Theatre, Athlone IT, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

#### 12.2 **LAMA SPRING SEMINAR 2011**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, L. McGonigle, E. O’Halloran, M. Ahern, C. Clancy, L. Kingston and T. Fitzgerald at the LAMA Spring Seminar 2011, to be held in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

#### 12.3 **18<sup>th</sup> ECAD MAYORS’ CONFERENCE**

Comhairleoir J. Corr at the 18<sup>th</sup> ECAD Mayors Conference to be held in Varna, Bulgaria from May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

#### 12.4 **“EUROPEAN INFLUENCES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN IRELAND” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí L. Kingston & D. O’Flynn at the “European Influences on Local Government in Ireland” – Training Seminar to be held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

12.5 **NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY MAKING AND THE COUNCILLOR**

Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the National Public Policy Making and the Councillor – Training Seminar to be held in Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

12.6 **“EXPLORING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM; LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir L. Kingston at the “Exploring Local Government Reform; Lessons to be Learned from the Private Sector” – Training Seminar to be held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

13. **CONFERENCE**

Taken at item 6.6 above.

13.1 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE 2011**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Kerry Environmental Conference 2011, held in the Meadowlands Hotel, Oakpark, Tralee, Co. Kerry, on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

13.2 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COUNCILLORS CONFERENCE “A GUIDE TO GETTING THE RIGHT WORK DONE”**

Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, D. O’Flynn and L. Kingston at the Professional Development for Councillors Conference “A Guide to Getting the Right Work Done” to be held in Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Dublin Road, Castletroy, Limerick on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE 3 & 16 ARD NA RÍ AVENUE**

‘That the footpaths outside 16 Ard na Rí Avenue and outside 3 Ard na Rí Avenue be resurfaced.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/389)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.2 **HEDGING IN THE ARD NA RÍ AVENUE ESTATE**

‘That the hedging in the Ard na Rí Avenue Estate be cut back.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/390)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee**

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

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.4 **GREEN AREA AT FAIRFIELD ROAD IN THE BONFIRE FREE ZONE**

‘That Cork City Council include the green area at Fairfield Road in the Bonfire Free Zone Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/092)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee**

14.5 **MEMORIAL TO THE LIBERATOR DANIEL O’CONNELL**

‘That Cork City Council consider an appropriate memorial to the liberator Daniel O’Connell 1775 – 1847’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/093)

**Corporate Policy Group**

14.6 **IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS AND PEDESTRIANS ON SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate positive measures to improve road safety for residents and pedestrians on Silverheights Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/094)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.7 **LOCAL AREA PLAN – MAYFIELD AREA**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a Local Area Plan for the greater Mayfield area as a priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/095)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

14.8 **SEATING IN BISHOP LUCEY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would put additional seating in Bishop Lucey Park (The Peace Park) and would also open the laneway between this park and the newly reopened Christchurch at the Triskel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/096)

**Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee**



14.9 **ARTS COMMITTEE**

‘That Cork City Council would reconstitute the Arts Committee as the Arts and Tourism Committee, that it would keep its current role and function in relation to the Arts Service but extend its role to include reporting and oversight functions of the newly formed Tourism Development Unit and other related areas pertaining to Recreation and Amenity as deemed appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/097)

**Corporate Policy Group**

15. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motions which were referred to the Finance Functional Committee by An Chomhairle:

**LOCAL LABOUR FOR CONTRACTED COUNCIL WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN**

‘That Cork City Council, mindful of the number of skilled tradespeople unemployed in the city, undertakes to lobby Central Government to formulate a policy change – or at least confer local authorities with discretionary powers – to allow for certain percentage of local labour on any contractual work undertaken in the name of the council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 11/050)

**LOCAL LABOUR TO COUNCIL BUILDING CONTRACTS**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with its contractors to ensure that at least 25% of jobs on council building contracts go to local labour, including apprentices.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 11/062)

During the discussion on these motions Comhairleoir M. Finn confirmed his agreement to set aside his motion in favour of the motion of Comhairleoir T. Gould as both substantially reflected a similar objective, whereupon An Chomhairle unanimously agreed the motion of Comhairleoir T. Gould.

The City Manager indicated that implementation of the motion would be problematic as the imposition of this requirement in the Terms & Conditions of Tenders would not be appropriate as the requirement will not be enforceable under E.U Tendering Laws.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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