

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Clune in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí J. Corr, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance.  
Mr. J. O' Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development.  
Mr. F. Allison, A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.  
Mr. G. Goodwin, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation.  
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. M. Fanning, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The O' Rourke Family on the death of Rita O' Rourke.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the following meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.
- (b) Special Meeting of Whole Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2005.

### 3. **QUESTION TIME**

#### 3.1 **GRANGE/FRANKFIELD TO CITY CENTRE (NO. 6 BUS SERVICE)**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that the full programme of work for the Grange/Frankfield to City Centre (no. 6 City Bus Service) Green Route includes:

- Installation of bus priority measures by the use of bus lanes and bus priority at traffic signals
- New traffic signals at various junctions
- Upgrading of bus stops and bus shelters
- Installation of pedestrian crossing facilities
- Improvement of road surfacing
- Upgrading of footpaths
- Installation of cycle facilities including cycle tracks and advance stop lines
- Improvement of public lighting.
- Road widening on Grange Road and Donnybrook Hill

The contract is substantially completed. The tender price for the contract was €3.9 million and the project is fully funded by the Department of Transport.

#### 3.2 **CENTRAL HEATING IN ARD BHAILLE, MAYFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, a written reply was circulated which stated that:

1. There have been intermittent problems with leaks in both the distribution and the service pipes of the Ard Bhaile district heating system since early 2005, necessitating some interruption to supply during periods of repair. Every effort has been made to effect the repairs expeditiously during daytime periods when heating demand is minimal. The heating system was operable on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005, although some individual premises were affected by airlocks and valve problems which were responded to by maintenance staff during the day. It should be noted that funding in excess of €90,000 has been secured to carry out refurbishment works to the heating system at Ard Bhaile/Glenamoy.
2. Depending on the cause of the interruption to supply, it is not always possible to give advance notice of repair works. Where possible notice is given via the local Area Housing Office.
3. Yes. The only two locations where hours of heating availability are not tenant controlled are the flat complexes in Togher and the Glen. Both of these locations are undergoing refurbishment, which will include individual property heating systems on completion.

### 3.3 **DEVELOP A HOUSING ESTATE AT THE BOHERBOY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Quill, a written reply was circulated which stated that:

- (a) A Brief for the development of housing on Council owned lands at Boherboy Road is currently being finalised with a view to being advertised in the coming weeks.
- (b) It is intended to demolish the building known as Harrier's Hut.
- (c) The tenures to be included in the proposed scheme are being considered and will be provided for in the final Development Brief. However, a mix of Social, Affordable and Private housing units will be accommodated.

### 3.4 **UTILITY COMPANY – DESTROYING FOOTPATHS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that contractors on behalf of Bord Gais installed gas supplies to a number of dwellings on Old Youghal Road during a three week period in early November. The areas of footpath excavated as a consequence of these installation have now been permanently reinstated.

### 3.5 **MANAGEMENT OF THE ENGLISH MARKET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that a contract is in place with Mall Management. The contract is not set for a fixed period.

From 2006, it is intended to invite tenders for management of the Market for a three year period by public advertisement. Tenderers will be required to carry out maintenance, cleaning, collection of monies, management etc. for a specified fee. The remuneration of Mall Management is not a set percentage of the service charge.

### 3.6 **MURPHY'S FARM**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated which stated that

- (a) Murphys Farm is maintained on a daily basis by the Parks Department. Improvement of the pathways is included in a programme of works which will commence in early 2006.
- (b) The banks of the stream are reinforced regularly as part of ongoing maintenance work in the park.

- (c) There are no drains in Murphys Farm, the lands draining naturally into the Curraheen River which flows through the park.
- (d) There are no plans to make any changes to the lands at the rear of the scout hall.

### 3.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that requests for traffic calming schemes are continuously being received. At the start of each year, a list of requests are submitted to each Ward and the Ward Members select these schemes to be implemented for the current year. The following are some of the streets on the list:

- Friars Walk
- Hartland's Avenue
- Derrynane Road
- Loretto Park
- 98 Street
- Tory Top Road
- Capwell Road
- Earlwood Estate
- Deanrock Estate
- Lough view Terrace
- Mercier Park
- Parkowen
- Pearse Road
- Joe Murphy Road,
- St. Patrick's Road
- Hillside Drive.
- Sawmill Street.
- Connaught Avenue

The schemes to be implemented are selected based on needs and quantity of funds available.

### 3.8 **CORK CITY FIRE SERVICES – NEW MOBILITY SYSTEM (CAMP)**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that The Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC) began handling emergency calls for Cork City Fire Brigade on 31 May 2005. The Centre has handled 1,968 calls for Cork City Fire Brigade between 31 May 2005 and 23 November 2005. It is accepted in all similar emergency call centres internationally that there will be a number of problem calls for various reasons. The number of MRCC problem calls identified is considered low

considering that in an emergency call taking situation there is a requirement for operators to receive and transfer information as quickly as possible. The accuracy rate for MRCC of 99.65 % is considered well within internationally accepted guidelines.

Having regard to the complex and critical nature of the handover of the emergency call handling facility from the Cork City Fire Brigade Control Room to the Munster Regional Communications Centre it was essential that there was a transition period to iron out and resolve any difficulties. It was agreed that for a trial period both the Cork City Fire Brigade system and the MRCC system would be run together so that any teething problems could be identified and rectified during the phase-in period. All problems are presently being monitored and risk minimisation policies are being applied.

The advantages of having the MRCC take the emergency calls include the following:

- There is a single standard enhanced method of communications across all the Fire services in the Munster region.
- Cork County Fire Service is already part of this national mobilisation system. The MRCC provides an increased level of service in the developing suburbs adjoining Cork City by facilitating co-operation with Cork County Fire Service.
- The Centre provides an improved level of inter-Brigade communications across the region and is a part of a national communications system for the Fire Service. The communications system has inherent back-up systems and resiliencies which are now available to Cork City Fire Brigade.
- The Centre provides a system of back up communications in the case of communications failure.
- The Centre is adequately staffed and resourced with specially trained operators to ensure efficient emergency call handling.
- The role of fire fighter now requires increasingly specialised training and knowledge to deal with the expanding and complex nature of emergencies to which the Fire Brigade responds. This demands a reliable and durable communications system in all conditions.
- The MRCC operates in line with best international practice where emergency call handling is undertaken by specially trained and dedicated operators.
- Costs of the MRCC are shared amongst the participating Authorities. It would be uneconomic and inefficient to provide a centre with these resources in each Fire Authority.

The rationalisation of Telecom systems, the need to update communications systems to facilitate and standardise inter-authority communications, and the need to co-operate work together with other Fire Brigades all demand that a system be introduced which can cater for cross boundary fire services. A system was also needed which would deliver enhanced safety to both fire fighters and

communities, provide accountability and transparency, and provide built-in resilience. Development of mapping systems and provision of risk information to fire fighters on the fireground will be improved by the regional system of communications which is provided by the national Brigade mobilisation system. This system will eventually cover the entire country from Centres in Dublin, Castlebar and Limerick. The Limerick Centre covers all of Munster including Cork City.

4. **JOURNEY OF LIGHT - PART XVI REPORT (SECTION 238) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the proposed Journey of Light to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2005 as part of the CORK 2005 Closing Ceremonies.

5. **FIREWORKS DISPLAY - PART XVI REPORT (SECTION 238) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Murphy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the proposed Fireworks Display to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as part of the CORK 2005 Closing Ceremonies.

6. **PART VIII – BLACKROCK CASTLE**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the report of the City Manager dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on Part VIII, proposed development of Amenity and Car Parking facility adjacent to Blackrock Castle, Castle Road, Blackrock to a later meeting of An Chomhairle.

7. **NATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on National Awards received by Cork City Council.

The report of the City Manager stated that Cork City Council was named Local Authority of the Year by the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland at its Excellence in Local Government Awards which were presented by the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government in Clontarf Castle on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.

The City Council also won the Arts, Culture and Recreation Award and the Partnership with Business Award on the same occasion, thus securing three of the nine awards given under the awards scheme.

The commendations on the awards were as follows:

### ***Overall Award – Local Authority of the Year***

Cork City Council adopts an integrated approach to improving its own operations as well as the development of the city. The Council aims to develop the economic development of the city without losing sight of the social inclusion imperatives important to its clientele.

The Council has initiated a number of progressive projects of note in the past 12 months including:

- New Park and Ride Service
- Newcomers' Guide to Cork City – aimed at enhancing social inclusion. The guide introduces newcomers to all aspects of living in Cork. Printed in English, French, Russian and Romanian, it also signposts readers to where they can find more detailed information and support.
- “Connect Cork” initiative – aimed at increasing awareness and use of ICT among businesses (particularly SMEs) and consumers in Cork.
- Redevelopment of St. Patrick's Street – the main thoroughfare in the city has been renovated to create a more vibrant, modern, visually attractive space.

### **Arts, Culture and Recreation Award**

Cork was named European Capital of Culture 2005 by the European Council of Ministers in May, 2002 having successfully bid for the title in an EU competition. Literally thousands of events and projects are taking place as part of the initiative, with a total programming budget of €15.5m.

In tandem with this a capital re-development programme in excess of €196m was undertaken by the Council in the lead in to 2005.

There was attendance of 100,000 at the Opening Celebrations in January and 80,000 at the inaugural Cork St. Patrick's Festival. The Council estimates that the return in terms of inward investment to the city is €77.5m.

### **Partnership with Business Award**

“Connect Cork” is a comprehensive Information and Communications Technology Plan to secure Cork's position as an “e-enabled” city through raising awareness and increasing demand for online services.

Aims to increase ICT usage in businesses, particularly the SME market, improve general ICT skill level across the community and educate non-users to the benefits of ICT.

The project includes:

- A “Connect Cork” website
- An online demonstration at key locations (e.g. banks, supermarkets, public service offices etc.) aimed at helping people to understand how to use ICT in their daily lives.
- A mobile learning bus to provide Internet demonstrations and computer learning sessions.
- A business technology makeover competition where the winner receives a prize of IT training and support, hardware / software, network access.

### **Best City Street Award**

Earlier this year St. Patrick’s Street was awarded the National Award as Best City Street for the second year running under the Neighbourhood Scheme run by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

### **Award from the Chartered Institute of Building**

In September, the City Council was given the 2005 Award by the Chartered Institute of Building for the work undertaken by the City Council in promoting the development of the city.

### **Partnership Award - Overall Winner**

In November, Cork City Council was the Overall Winner in the Excellence through Workplace Partnership Awards 2005 awarded by the Local Authority National Partnership Advisory Group.

### **Best Public Sector Website**

We received notification today that we have received two of the four nominations under the category of best public sector website in the Golden Spider Awards Competition. These awards are sponsored by Business and Finance Magazine. The overall winner will be announced on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December and with two nominations in the final four, Cork City Council can be very optimistic of further success.

All of these awards give recognition to the excellence of the work of Cork City Council in serving the city. Every employee of Cork City Council can take pride in these achievements as the activities undertaken by Cork City Council are a combination of the efforts of all departments.

I congratulate our Management Team for the leadership they have given and I thank all our employees for their work and commitment. The support of the Elected Members and their input into the operation of the City Council are of



critical importance to the manner in which the Council gives civic leadership in the promotion of the welfare of all our citizens.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2005.

8.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 recommending approval of to the renewal of the existing level of overdraft facilities of €10m. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following Resolution:

‘That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the second-half year to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2006’.

8.3 **WATERBUS SERVICES ON RIVER LEE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

“That the City Council will introduce a Waterbus service (Amsterdam-style) on the River Lee, with the development of passenger terminals (stop-off’s). With essential facilities linked and servicing both channels of the river. This alternative Transport (Waterbus service) would operate from the lower harbour (Cobh, Ringaskiddy, Monkstown, Passage, Little Island, Rochestown, Mahon, Blackrock etc) upwards to the Cork City Centre”.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 05/340)

It was agreed that a feasibility study on the introduction of a Waterbus Service on the River Lee would be undertaken.

8.4 **LANDLORDS NOT PAYING SERVICE CHARGES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council would tackle immediately the problem of landlords not paying service charges leading to non-collection of refuse from rented houses”.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/360)

An Chomhairle also agreed that correspondence regarding this issue be forwarded to the Private Residential Tenancies Board for their comments.

8.5 **NAME & SHAME CORK BUSINESSES WHO HAVE NOT PAID WATER & WASTE CHARGES**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council publish and name and shame Cork Businesses who have not paid their water and waste charges and that interest be applied to all accounts over one year in arrears”.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/402)

The Corporate Policy Group recommended that the policy was to proceed with disconnection in the case of defaulters rather than taking of proceedings.

9. **ALTERNATIVE POLLING PLACE IN GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.

‘That Cork City Council put plans in place to make sure that an alternative polling place is available in the Gurranaברה area should the new Community Centre locally known as the Hut not be finished before the next election.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/401)

The report of the City Manager stated that for Cork City, the Returning Officer for General Elections is the City Sheriff and the Returning Officer for Local Elections is Cork City Council.

The location and suitability of polling places is a matter for the Returning Officer at each election.

At election time Cork City Council communicates polling places and changes to existing polling places to the elected members.

In the event of an election being held before the completion of the Community Centre, Cork City Council will communicate the proposed alternative polling place to An Chomhairle.

**ITEMS WHICH WERE DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005:-**

**10. CORK CITY MONITORING GROUP**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, it was agreed to nominate Comhairleoir M. O' Connell to Cork City Monitoring Group to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.

**11. RAPID PROGRAMME AREA IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS**

**Knocknaheeny/Churchfield**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the nomination of one member to the Knocknaheeny/Churchfield Area Implementation Team to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. O' Brien which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005, pending receipt of guidelines and legal advice on appointments.

**ITEMS WHICH WERE DEFERRED FROM THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF AN  
CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005:-**

**12. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE HELD ON  
7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005**

**12.1 EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT MURMONT  
ROAD/MURMONT CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 regarding extinguishment of public right of way at Murmont Road/Murmont Crescent. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

The existing stepped pedestrian walkway extending southwards from Murmount Crescent, between No. 9 and No. 10 Murmount Crescent, for a total of approximately 56 metres and to include the area occupied by the existing ESB pylon adjacent to No 50 Murmount Road, shall be extinguished forthwith

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order”

12.2 **SECTION 38, ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
GREEN ROUTE NETWORK – BALLINCOLLIG TO CITY CENTRE  
(Phase 1 – City Section)**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 regarding Section 38, Road Traffic Act 1994 Public Consultation Green Route Network – Ballincollig to City Centre (Phase 1 – City Section).

The report of the Director of Services/City Engineer stated that in June of this year, Council were advised that procedures in accordance with Section 38, Road Traffic Act 1994, were to be undertaken for the implementation of the Green Route for Ballincollig to City Centre Bus Service (city section). The Green Routes are one of the main elements of the transportation strategy of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) and I am satisfied that the development is in accordance with the CASP document.

The project's main objective is to assist journeys made by buses, cyclists, pedestrians, and the mobility impaired, and to reduce accidents while seeking to mitigate the impact on other traffic.

The proposed scheme includes three sections:

- Victoria Cross junction westwards along the N22 (Carrigrohane Road) to the City boundary at the junction with Inchigaggin Lane.
- Model Farm Road from Dennehy's Cross to the city boundary at Inchigaggin Lane
- A cycleway/walkway following the alignment of the Curraheen and Twopot River from Carmelite Place to Curraheen Road.

A notice was placed in the Irish Examiner on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 advising that full particulars were available to the public for inspection from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August and that submissions and observations were invited on the proposal.

Copies of the proposed scheme were circulated to city councillors of the South West and North West Wards, Directors of Service, the Gardai, Bus Eireann, Fire Dept, Ambulance Service, the National Roads Authority and the Cork Cycling Campaign.

Transportation Planning (International) Ltd have prepared a report on the Section 38 consultation process and this report will be made available to Members on request.

### **Summary of Submissions and Recommendations relating to same:**

#### **An Garda Siochana**

The Gardai made a number of suggestions in respect of speed limits and parking at pelican crossings. The issue of speed limits can be accommodated and additional off-street parking will be provided where possible.

#### **Bus Eireann**

It was suggested and agreed that bus stops and shelters for both eastbound and westbound passengers be provided at the Kingsley Hotel

#### **National Roads Authority**

The following issues were raised by the NRA and agreement has been reached on same:

Prior approval by NRA of proposed works.

Compliance with NRA Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (NRA DMRB).

Compliance with NRA Manual of Contract Documents for Road Works.

Independent Road Safety Audit

#### **Cork Cycling Campaign**

Comments on several issues were received including the provision of dedicated on-road/off-road cycle tracks, raised adjacent cycle track, advanced stop lines for cyclists, improvements to public lighting. During a subsequent meeting of Traffic Division officials with this group, concerns expressed were clarified. These issues will be provided for where possible.

#### **Planning and Development Directorate**

Comments were received relating to cycle parking, colour demarcation, advanced stop lines, provision of additional leisure cycle facilities, parking, pelican crossings, additional bus stops, width of walkway/cycleway, provision of seating and public lighting. These suggestions will be accommodated where possible following discussion with the relevant Directorates where applicable.

A detailed response to all submissions made, both internally and externally, has been issued by the Senior Engineer, Traffic Division, to those who have made submissions, for their consideration.

### **12.3 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – FRIARS AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads and Transportation Department would put in place Traffic Calming Measures on Friars Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/292)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Friar's Avenue will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.4 **SPEED RAMPS – BARRETTS TERRACE UPPER & LOWER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That speed ramps be located at Barretts Terrace Upper and Lower in order to eliminate high speed traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 05/325)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Barrett's Terrace Upper and Lower will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.5 **ROAD RESURFACING – VICARS COURT TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council takes the appropriate measures to re-surface Vicars Court, Togher. This road was badly damaged during the building of infill housing and has been in a state of disrepair since then.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/334)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Vicars Court will be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Resurfacing Programme

## 12.6 **SPEED LIMITS – WILTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take appropriate measures to discourage speeding and enforce speed limits, at Wilton Road, whilst simultaneously conducting repairs to loose manhole covers and potholes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/335)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the speed limit on Wilton Road is the normal urban built-up speed limit, i.e. 50 kph. Traffic levels on this roadway during the day usually reach congestion levels and speeding is not a problem. It is assumed that speeding occurs either late in the evening or at night and the matter will be referred to the Gardaí for comment and enforcement as necessary.

Wilton Road is on a Green Route and is also a national secondary roadway (N71). It is therefore not suitable for traffic calming.

Inspections will be carried out and where appropriate remedial works will be carried out to manhole covers and potholes repaired.

## 12.7 **ROAD RESURFACING – OUTSIDE BRAMBLES, WILTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would repave and resurface the road and path outside the Brambles, Wilton Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/336)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this section of road and footpath has been put on our work programme for appropriate remedial action.

## 12.8 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME, WATERFALL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include in the footpath renewal programme Waterfall Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/337)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a new footpath was constructed at the western end of Waterfall Rd. this year. The existing footpaths will be considered for Inclusion in the 2006 Footpath Renewal Programme

## 12.9 **PAINT THE SHAKEY BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council immediately paint the ‘Shakey Bridge’ as part of the new Mardyke Walk and that the steps and the general exit from the bridge to Sunday’s Well is regularly cleaned, and to put in place adequate lighting so that tourists and residents will find the area attractive and that it is a safe route to UCC and the western suburbs for the students and residents of the Northside.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 05/245)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s Roads Maintenance Division will undertake a clean up of the ‘Shakey Bridge’/Daly’s Bridge at Sunday’s Well. The access from Sunday’s Well Road will be cleaned and the overgrowth cut back. The bridge structure will also be cleaned and examined. It is not necessary to paint the structure at this time. Regular inspections of the walkway will be carried out.

The lighting on the pedestrian route from Sunday’s Well Road to the ‘Shakey Bridge’ and on to the Western Road via Ferry Walk will be assessed and a scheme for upgrading the lighting levels to modern standards will be designed.

The scheme will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

## 12.10 **BUS STOP OUTSIDE PEARSE SQUARE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a Bus Stop be put outside Pearse Square for the Orbital Bus Route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 05/188)



The report of the Director of Services stated that bus stops are installed by Bus Eireann and require the consent of the Gardaí. The request for a bus stop at Pearse Square for the Orbital Bus Route will be referred to Bus Eireann for attention.

12.11 **TRAFFIC ISLAND – JUNCTION OF FARRANFERRIS AVENUE & POPHAMS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide a traffic island at the junction of Farranferris Avenue and Pophams Road as a matter of urgency to prevent the large number of accidents occurring there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/318)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Farranferris Avenue and Popham’s Road is on the City Bus Service no.3 Green Route. The consulting engineers are currently finalising proposals and measures for this route. Full public consultation process for the measures will begin in the new year.

The issue of a traffic island at the junction of Farranferris Avenue and Popham’s Road will be referred to the consulting engineers and will be assessed in discussions with City Council officials. If it is deemed appropriate the provision of the traffic island will be incorporated in the contract for the Green Route project.

12.12 **REPLACE FOOTPATHS – FARRANLEA PARK & GROVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would:-

- a) Replace the footpaths in Farranlea Park which have not been already repaired or replaced within the last two years.
- b) And replace all of the footpaths in Farranlea Grove and the roadway known as the ‘orchard’ leading from Farranlea Park to Farranlea Grove, all or which are in a very poor state of repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 05/346)

The report stated that footpath renewal /construction has taken place in Farranlea this year. The remaining footpaths will be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Footpath Renewal Programme.

#### 12.13 **'CLEARWAY' SIGNS ON FARRANLEA ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would place 'Clearway' signs on Farranlea Road which would apply between 7.30 am and 6 pm on one side of Farranlea Road along the area from Farranlea Grove to the entrance to the County Hall as cars are now parking on both sides of the road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 05/347)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Farranlea Road from Farranlea Grove to the entrance to the County Hall will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí, and any parking controls necessary for road safety and the free movement of traffic will be installed.

#### 12.14 **SIGNAL CONTROLLED TRAFFIC JUNCTION – TORY TOP ROAD AND CONNOLLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That a Signal Controlled traffic junction be placed at the junction of Tory Top Road and Connolly Road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 05/350)

The report of the Director of Services stated that traffic at the junction of Tory Top Road and Connolly Road is currently controlled by a roundabout. While all traffic movements are catered for, pedestrians and cyclists can find it difficult to negotiate the junction. There are also no facilities for the visually impaired or disabled.

Traffic signals, while catering for all traffic movements, will also provide full pedestrian and cycling facilities. It is planned to start work on the scheme to replace the roundabout with traffic signals later this year and to complete the project by early next year.

## 12.15 **DISC PARKING – BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That any proposals to introduce Disc Parking to Ballyphehane would allow local residents to continue to park free of charge in the vicinity of the Church of the Assumption during morning Mass and other religious services as has been the practice for the past 50 years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 05/351)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parts of Ballyphehane are included in the new Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme recently approved by Council. Work will commence on this scheme next year when funds become available.

The process of introducing disc parking controls in a particular area involves close co-operation and consultation with local residents. There will be no problem in leaving some sections of roadways with no parking controls, such as areas in the vicinity of the Church of the Assumption, if that is the wish of the local residents.

## 12.16 **ROAD WORKS – PRESENTATION ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘At Presentation Road, Gurranaברה, that Cork City Council, provide

- a) Slow down and Children at Play signs on the green area at the entrance to the estate.
- b) provide adequate parking, as at present it is difficult to enter and exit the estate as the road is too narrow, and
- c) in providing the parking ensure adequate and easy access for the emergency services to Presentation Road and Presentation Close.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 05/352)

The report of the Director of Services stated that “Children at Play” signs are not provided by the City Council out of normal maintenance budgets. They are generally obtained by residents groups and erected at agreed locations by the City Council at the residents’ expense. They are also regularly paid for out of local ward funds. Residents who wish to have “Children at Play” signs erected in their

area should contact the Traffic Division who will give whatever help is necessary to have the signs erected.

Presentation Road and Presentation Close will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí, and any parking controls necessary for road safety and the free movement of emergency service vehicles will be installed.

#### 12.17 **ROAD SAFETY – ARD NA RÍ AND NUN’S WALK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the section of Pouladuff between the entrances to both Ard Na Rí and Nun’s Walk be examined with a view to creating greater road safety. In particular this section of the road has the potential for a serious accident due to the absence of road markings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/355)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Pouladuff Road between the entrances of Ard na Rí and Nun’s Walk will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí, and any parking controls/road markings necessary for road safety and the free movement of traffic will be installed.

#### 12.18 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CHURCHFIELD HILL & AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council erect a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Churchfield Hill and Churchfield Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 05/357)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a new pedestrian crossing is to be provided on Churchfield Hill, adjacent to the school, as part of the proposed Green Route in the area. New traffic signals will also be provided at the junction of Churchfield Avenue and Harbour View Road.

In order to provide pedestrian facilities at a junction, full traffic signals have to be provided to control all traffic movements. It is not intended to provide traffic signals at the junction of Churchfield Hill and Churchfield Avenue in the current proposed Green Route scheme. The situation will however, be reviewed after the Green Route is in place.

### 12.19 **SIGNAGE FOR SANDYMOUNT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As there is no signage for Sandymount Avenue as one approaches from the Summerstown end i.e. Sandymount is just a continuation of Southbury Road as per present signs that Cork City Council would install a sign on Glasheen Road at entrance to Summerstown to indicate Sandymount, Riverview and Southbury further in.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/359)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Sandymount Avenue will be assessed and if it is identified as being in need of signage, it will be included in our work programme for 2006.

### 12.20 **BRIDGE & WALKWAY AT BEALES HILL, LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Bridge and Walkway at Beales Hill, Lower Glanmire Road (which connects with Lovers Walk) be cleaned and made safe for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/361)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s Road Maintenance Division will undertake a clean up of the Bridge and Walkway at Beales Hill. Lower Glanmire Road.

### 12.21 **SPEED RESTRICTION SIGNS – MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide as a matter of urgency, speed restriction signs in the vicinity of Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/328)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Model Farm Road in the vicinity of Mount Mercy College is well within in the urban 50 kph speed limit zone and all motorists should be aware of this. I will arrange for the matter of speeding on Model Farm Road to be referred to the Gardaí for consideration and attention.

The provision of 'repeater' speed limit signs will also be discussed with the Gardaí and if deemed desirable, will be installed at appropriate locations.

#### 12.22 **ROAD RESURFACING – FARRANLEA PARK & GROVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would resurface both Farranlea Park and Farranlea Grove as both roads are now in a very poor state of repair.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 05/348)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Farranlea Park and Farranlea Grove will be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Resurfacing Programme.

#### 12.23 **IMPROVE ROADS/FOOTPATHS/GREEN FIELDS AT PLUNKETT ROAD, MC DONAGH ROAD, FR. DOMINIC ROAD, KILEENREENDOWNNEY AVE.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council will as a matter of priority draw up an area plan for the improvement of the above roads and adjoining footpaths, along with green field areas. This area of Ballyphehane is surrounded by four main roads (Pearse Rd., Connolly Rd., Friar's Walk and the Pouladuff R.) and over the years has suffered from a level of deterioration due to a lack of investment in maintenance and being regarded as roads of a lesser priority.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/370)

The report of the Director of Services stated that considerable work has been carried out in this area in recent years. For example this year resurfacing has been carried out in Derrynane Rd., Doyle Rd., Friars Walk, Mt. Carmel Rd., Pearse Place, Pearse Rd./Connolly Rd. junction, Pouladuff Rd., Presentation Place and Tory Top Rd.

Footpath renewal/maintenance work has been carried out in Marian Park,

Pouladuff Rd., Nuns Walk and Tory Top Rd. However it is recognised that further work is required and the roads and footpaths in this area will be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Resurfacing & Footpath Renewal Programmes and subsequent Resurfacing & Renewal Programmes.

#### 12.24 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS – TIVOLI OVERPASS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the possibility of installing traffic lights on the Northern side of the Tivoli over-pass (at the Junction of the Silversprings slip-road and the North Ring Road) be examined, in order to improve safety there and to reduce the incidents of accidents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/371)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of traffic lights at on the Northern side of the Tivoli over-pass (at the Junction of the Silversprings slip-road and the North Ring Road) will be examined and assessed and if deemed appropriate, the provision of the traffic signals will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

#### 12.25 **FOOTPATH REPAIRS – CLARE’S AVE & HIGHFIELD AVE WEST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out repairs to the footpaths in Clare’s Avenue and Highfield Avenue West as parts of the footpaths are in a terrible condition and some of the elderly residents living in the area are concerned that they might fall while on their way to Mass in the church of the Poor Clare’s Convent on College Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/373)

The report of the Director of Services stated that these footpaths will be inspected and appropriate remedial action will be taken.

#### 12.26 **STOP LINE JUNCTION – FOXFORD & ALLENDALE AVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the stop line junction at Foxford and Allendale Avenue in Melbourn estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/374)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the stop line at the junction at Foxford and Allendale Avenue will be renewed in the coming weeks subject to suitable weather conditions.

#### 12.27 **LITTER BINS & BUS SHELTERS AT ALL NEW BUS STOPS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would implement a policy of installing a litterbin and bus shelter at all new bus stops. In the case of the bus stops a review of the provision of such facilities would be carried out with a view to putting in litter bins and shelters where possible at key strategic locations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/375)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Bus shelters are normally provided by Bus Eireann through an arrangement with a private company. Bus shelters however, have been provided as part of the St. Patrick’s Street refurbishment scheme and as part of the Green Routes projects. It has been City Council’s policy that bus shelters, where it is appropriate, are provided at all bus stops.

The issue of providing litterbins at bus shelters will be referred to the Environment Directorate for consideration.

#### 12.28 **TWO WAY TRAFFIC – COLLEGE GATES/WASHINGTON STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would reverse its decision to have two-way traffic from the College gates to the Courthouse, Washington Street, Cork, in view of the fact that there will now be only one lane for traffic leaving the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 05/376)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the reverting of Washington Street West and Lancaster Quay to two-way routing has been Cork City Council



policy for many years and is incorporated in the current City Development Plan. The objective is to improve local access and circulation and to improve the environment for pedestrians and shoppers.

The two-way routing was implemented as part of the Green Route Project and a full public consultation process under Part 8 of the Planning Regulations was undertaken. Additionally an information exhibition was held in the former Jury's Hotel, nearby. The Part 8 process was approved by the City Council.

While there may be only one outbound lane available on Washington Street West during off-peak traffic periods, during peak periods a clearway is in operation and two lanes are available. There is however, a bus stop on the clearway relatively close to the junction and discussions will be held with the Gardaí and Bus Eireann with a view of moving the bus stop further west. This should improve the current situation.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the decision to revert Washington Street and Lancaster Quay to two-way routing be maintained.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Burke, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, a vote was called on the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. McCarthy, C. O' Leary (3)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O' Brien, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, M. Shields. (16)

**ABSTAINED:** Comhairleoir M. Barry.

An tArdmhéara declared the report of the Director of Services rejected and the motion carried.

#### 12.29 **ROADS ONE-WAY – GLENCOO PK, FLAHERTY'S LANE & BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council make the Road at Glencoo Park through Flaherty's Lane also the Ballinlough Road, one-way in the direction of Boreenmanna Road from the Ballinlough road end.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 05/377)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it has been Cork City Council's policy for many years to avoid introducing one-way traffic systems and where possible to revert existing one-way systems to two-way. One-way traffic flows have the following effects:

- Increased traffic speeds.
- Reduction in local accessibility for traders and residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult
- Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.
- Increased volumes of traffic in the opposite direction in a parallel 'twined' road.
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds.
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.).

A one-way system at Glencoo Park/Flaherty's Lane or Ballinlough Road would increase traffic volumes on other roads, some of which may not be suitable for the diversion of additional traffic. It is unlikely that a majority of residents in these areas would agree to the proposal for the reasons listed above.

#### 12.30 **ROAD RESURFACING – SYCAMORE PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the entrance to Sycamore Place be examined and the very poor quality of the surface be recognised and that a plan for resurfacing be included in the roads programme for 2006.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 05/378)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this section of road will be inspected with a view to taking appropriate remedial action including considering it for inclusion in the 2006 Resurfacing Programme.

#### 12.31 **'PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY' SIGNS- MURPHY'S FARM**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That in the interests of the safety of the residents of 'Aras Leon', 'Please Drive Slowly' signs be erected at the entrances to Murphy's Farm.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 05/379)

The report of the Director of Services stated that “Slow” or “Please Drive Slowly” signs have been shown to be ineffective both locally and nationally. However, in residential areas the use of ‘Children-at-Play’ signs has been shown to improve driver’s awareness and alertness, thus improving road safety. It is therefore recommended that these signs be used.

“Children at Play” signs are not provided by the City Council out of normal maintenance budgets. They are generally obtained by residents groups and erected at agreed locations by the City Council at the residents’ expense. They are also regularly paid for out of local ward funds. Residents who wish to have “Children at Play” signs erected in their area should contact the Traffic Division who will give whatever help is necessary to have the signs erected.

The road leading to Murphy’s Farm will also be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### 12.32 **PUBLIC LIGHTING REPAIRS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council review it’s method of dealing with the issue of public lighting repairs, such as renewal of bulbs, as at present it can take in excess five weeks to have such minor repairs carried out, thus creating great hardship, worry and danger, in particular, for our elderly citizens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/381)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the ESB carry out all maintenance and repairs on behalf of Cork City Council. Generally, repairs are carried out in far less than five weeks but it is known that this period can be exceeded in some situations.

The ESB is under going a fundamental structural change and is being broken up into separate and distinct organisations, i.e. supply, networks contracts, etc. It can happen that reports of faults sent to the “wrong” section may take an inordinate time to reach the proper division. This situation will improve once the changeover is consolidated and settled down.

In the meantime, all faults reported to the City Council are channelled to the correct area in the ESB and in these instances, repairs are carried out within a reasonable period.

13. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005**

13.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the months of October 2005.

13.2 **CENTRAL HEATING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the provision of Central Heating to City Council Housing Stock.

13.3 **DERELICT SITES IN MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council move immediately to purchase and or acquire via Derelict Sites the three vacant sites at Springfield Road, Lower Mayfield with a view to providing more housing for the elderly and also to help improve the general environment in this historic neighbourhood.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/344)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the sites in question are to be assessed by the Housing and Community Directorate to determine their suitability for housing purposes. If the feasibility of developing housing on the sites is determined the appropriate action can be initiated to progress acquisition. A further report is to issue to Members in due course.

13.4 **PROVISION OF SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING – HOUSING STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council recognising the increased demand for social and affordable housing in the City and in pursuit of the objectives of the Housing

Strategy would immediately discontinue the practice of using the following option, viz

(vi) a payment of such an amount as specified in the agreement to the planning authority, when entering Part V agreements with property developed under Section 96 of Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended in 2002.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/329)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by the Planning and Development Act 2002 provides the statutory basis for the provision of up to 20% of land by developers for social and affordable housing. The only statutory obligation on developers is to provide up to 20% of the site area (subject to certain exemptions) for this purpose. The City Council’s current position is that in negotiating with developers the following hierarchy of solutions to satisfy Part V applies:

- i. The provision of housing units on site
- ii. The provision of land on site
- iii. The provision of units off site
- iv. The provision of land off site
- v. A financial contribution

In urban areas the use of a financial contribution is primarily used where the existing land use is high and the provision of social and affordable housing is therefore not feasible. In such instances a combination of the above solutions may be applied or a financial contribution taken.

In entering such an agreement there is an obligation on the local authority to consider the following:

- (a) The proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the planning application relates.
- (b) The housing strategy and the specific objectives of the Development Plan which relate to the implementation of the strategy.
- (c) The need to ensure the overall coherence of the development to which the application relates, where appropriate, and
- (d) The views of the applicant in relation to the impact of the agreement on the development.

The report also stated that it would not be practical or indeed legal to exclude options made available under statute to satisfy the requirements of Part V.

Comhairleoir M. Barry requested that his objection to this report be noted.

### 13.5 **BOUNDARY WALL BETWEEN ST. JOHN'S TERRACE & BRANDON CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in the interests of the safety of children and privacy of residents would erect a secure boundary wall where St John’s Terrace, Old Youghal Road backs onto Brandon Crescent.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/330)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware that a post and wire fence was erected some time ago by Cork City Council as a boundary between the open space area in Brandon Crescent and the rear of properties in St. John’s Terrace. This fence was stepped back from the line of the existing rear boundaries of houses in St. John’s Terrace. The fencing has been removed in parts and does not act as an effective boundary either in terms of security or privacy. The erection of a boundary wall as is being suggested may not be a practical option. There is a significant difference in levels between the open space area and the rear gardens of the adjoining houses. This would make the digging of wall foundations along the existing fence-line difficult, a situation further compounded by the existence of mature trees. Accordingly different options for new boundary treatment, including concrete post and panel, are to be considered with a view to having the work carried out early in 2006.

### 13.6 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME – REMORTGAGING OF PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place the necessary legal mechanisms to facilitate people who availed of the affordable housing scheme and who now wish to remortgage their homes to avail of cheaper rates. Unfortunately they are currently prevented from doing so as the City Council cannot meet the reasonable requests of the various lending institutions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 05/342)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a procedure has recently been put in place whereby the owners of Affordable houses may redeem the City Councils mortgage and borrow from private lending institutions for whatever reason.

The report also stated that Members would be aware that dwellings sold under the Affordable Housing Scheme are sold at a significant discount from market value and are sold subject to the claw-back of the value of the subsidy in the event of a re-sale. In view of this, the City Council in granting or refusing its consent to any re-mortgage of the house must ensure that the value of the potential clawback of the inherent subsidy is protected in the event of the resale of the house. For this reason, it will be necessary to condition the Councils consent by limiting the amount which may be borrowed from private lending institutions.

### 13.7 **REFURBISHMENT OF ROSALEE CLOSE, LOWER MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a complete refurbishment of Rosalee Close, Lower Mayfield as the appearance and environs of the buildings are a disgrace and it would also be appropriate in the same context to carry out a thorough review of anti social behaviour in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/343)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Rosalee Court comprises of 12 no. one bedroom flats and is located off the Northern Ring Road. The dwellings were built in 1990 and are in good structural condition.

There are difficulties of anti-social behaviour in the immediate environs of the flats. Much of this relates to the physical treatment of external areas which are prone to the occurrence of anti-social behaviour. It is proposed that an architect would now be engaged by the City Council to review and recommend as to what measures could be undertaken to improve the situation. Specifically the review shall include the consideration of options for improved boundaries, the proper sustainable treatment of the raised garden area to the front of the flats, and improved supervision and treatment of vulnerable areas. It is proposed that the physical appearance of the flats would also be improved as a part of the programme of work to be undertaken. It was also indicated that a further report will issue once the review has been completed.

### 13.8 **SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AT PARK OWEN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd November, 2005 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council look at Park Owen and come up with definite plans for sheltered housing for the elderly. The development would also help alleviate the anti social behaviour that occurs in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 05/353)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there are a number of vacant or disused plots of ground at Park Owen. The Housing and Community Directorate will review the lands in the City Council’s ownership at this location to assess the feasibility of providing new housing.

It was also indicated that a further report will issue to Members when this review is complete.

### 13.9 **DEVELOPMENT AT CHAPEL FIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd November, 2005 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that all necessary traffic calming measures be put in place in Presentation Road prior to the completion of the development in the Chapel Field and that the Roads Department also look at the possibility of putting a second entrance into the proposed development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/372)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware of the City Council’s proposals for the development of housing in the Chapel Field, Gurranabraher. These proposals have now been formally advertised under the Part 8 Planning Process. All aspects of the proposed scheme, including vehicular access and traffic calming measures, will be fully considered as part of this process and the appropriate Report will be submitted to Council in due course.

### 14. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005.**

#### 14.1 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR**

An Chomhairle noted the contents of the Monitor.

#### 14.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development on Housing Estates – Sept/Oct 2005 dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.



#### 14.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2005.

#### 14.4 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2005 – 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2005.

#### 14.5 **VOLUNTARY GROUPS IN KNOCKNAHEENY & HOLYHILL ARE TO BE SUPPORTED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle :-

‘That Cork City Council ensure that the existing voluntary groups in Knocknaheeny and Hollyhill are supported, financially and professionally by Cork City Council in the tremendous work they are engaged in and to ensure that the voluntary groups who do not have a permanent home and have sufficient funding for rent and running costs, be accommodated in the new town centre in either the community or commercial units.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 05/244)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council acknowledges the significant and important work undertaken over many years by existing community and voluntary organisations in Knocknaheeny and Hollyhill. Support for these organisations will continue as appropriate and in accordance with current and future programmes.

The new community facility to be developed in Knocknaheeny as part of Block D Regeneration will provide accommodation for existing community-based projects, some of whom at present do not have a permanent base in the area. The new building will need to be largely self-financing. The main source of income will be from rental and other charges related to the use of the building which will be run and managed by a management board made up of user groups with professional support from Cork City Council and other stakeholders.

Cork City Council has requested that the RAPID Area Implementation Team make recommendations on the use and management of the new community facility. Criteria are being established at present to ensure that space is allocated

on the basis of need, both for permanent space and for the support/services to the community, as well as sustainability issues. The impact of relocation by some organisations is also an important consideration.

There will be non-dedicated use and sharing of space where possible in the Community Centre. The building will be used to its fullest potential and will complement existing community facilities.

In relation to the commercial units adjacent to the community building, it is my understanding that all these units are allocated and that the organisations/agencies who will occupy them will deliver services from commercial units in their ownership.

15. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2005**

15.1 **WATER, SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for the months of September and October 2005.

15.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

15.3 **LITTER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would initiate a cross departmental cross community drive to rid the area of Mayfield identified in a recent survey as heavily littered of all litter and mobilise all the necessary resources to maintain a litter free environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 05/319)

The report of the Director of Services indicated that a draft proposal for environmental action is currently under consideration. The Environment Directorate is willing to participate in any cross Directorate initiatives.

#### 15.4 **LITTER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to ensure that a thorough and complete Litter/Refuse collection service be delivered to the Mayfield area and that the City’s Litter Management Plan be hereby amended forthwith to facilitate the delivery of such service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/327)

The report of the Director of Services indicated that Cork City Council’s refuse and dry recyclables’ collection service is currently being examined with a view to maximising the efficiency and effectiveness of the service was also considered. The requirements of the Mayfield area will be incorporated in this process. The Litter Management Plan is also currently under review.

#### 15.5 **PROVISION OF LITTER BINS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would implement a policy of installing a litterbin and bus shelter at all new bus stops. In the case of the bus stops a review of the provision of such facilities would be carried out with a view to putting in litter bins and shelters where possible at key strategic locations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/375)

The report of the Director of Services which indicated that the estimated cost of providing one litter bin is in the order of €400 and the cost of providing a litter bin at each bus stop would be prohibitive was also considered. Funding provided for 2005 had been spent and request for funding had been made for 2006 which would be considered in the context of the 2006 Estimates.

#### 15.6 **LOW WATER PRESSURE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will carry out an examination of water pressure in the general area of Pearse Road & Lower Kent Road in Ballypheane and bring a report before Council on the matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/369)

The report of the Director of Services indicated that a small number of complaints in the area had been received during the year was also considered. Differences in pressure indicating problems with customers service pipes have been found. Two services have been cleared to date. Further investigations will be carried out if specific contact details are received.

#### 15.7 **GRID AT CULVERT IN BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a Grid would be put across the culvert that spans the River Bride adjacent to Blackpool Church.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/364)

The report of the Director of Services which indicated that the reasons associated with installing a grating at Blackpool Church are: protection of the Culvert from entry of large objects, thus preventing against internal blockage and prevention of casual entry to the Culvert was also considered. There are 3 existing grids in the general area and the provision of a fourth would be excessive. At this time it is not proposed to erect a grating at Blackpool Bridge. The situation will be kept under review and should circumstances change this decision can be revised.

#### 16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

#### 17. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following conferences:

##### 17.1 **THE WESTPORT EXPERIENCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the Westport Experience Annual Conference, 2005 on the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 in Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo.

17.2 **LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2005 – OWNING AND SHAPING YOUR FUTURE PROSPERITY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Local Economic Development Conference 2005 – Owning and Shaping Your Future Prosperity on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 in the Radisson Hotel, Limerick.

17.3 **PARTNERSHIPS FOR REDUCING SUICIDE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, C. Lynch, S. Martin, F. Dennehy & T. Fitzgerald at the Partnerships for Reducing Suicide Conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 in Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny.

18. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committees:-

18.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SPRING LANE, BLACKPOOL**

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at Spring Lane, Blackpool to prevent rat racing by motorists using Spring Lane as a short cut.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 05/409)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.2 **STREET FURNITURE – EMMET PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council provide street furniture (seating) on Emmet Place to add to the amenity of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/410)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

18.3 **REMOVE ‘ROAD UNSUITABLE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES’ – BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council remove the “Road Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles” signs on Blarney Street and replace them with the internationally recognized “Truck & 3t” signs to prevent the daily occurrence of Articulated trucks driven by foreign drivers having to reverse up Blarney Street causing a traffic hazard for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/411)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That Traffic Calming Measures would be placed on Castle Road, Blackrock, to slow down speeding traffic going through area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 05/413)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.5 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

‘That the footpaths on Ringmahon Road (on both sides of the entrance to Ballysheen Court) would be repaired as a matter of urgency, as one resident has already been injured on this street of pathway. Also that they would be included in the estimates for 2006.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 05/414)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.6 **RESURFACE ROAD – GLANMIRE ROAD AND CARRIGMORE**

‘That money be provided in the roads budget to resurface the small road between the middle Glanmire Road and Carrigmore in Montenotte. The road is in such a dangerous condition it is causing major concern to residents of Carrigmore and Merriem Court (For whom the road is a Public Right of way).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 05/415)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.7 **PROPER PUBLIC LIGHTING**

‘That acknowledging the fact that the provision and maintenance of proper public lighting in this city is far from satisfactory and not acceptable the City Manager would meet with the E.S.B. management in an effort to effect urgent improvements.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 05/416)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.8 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

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

‘That the Minister for the Environment be requested to close the legal loop-hole whereby houses built under the Affordable Housing Scheme can be sold shortly afterwards to property speculators and landlords.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/417)

18.9 **RESURFACING – SPRINGFIELD ROAD LOWER MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council make provision for the resurfacing of Springfield Road Lower Mayfield from Rosalee Close to its Junction with Colmcille Avenue and that adjoining footpaths also be reinstated as they are in constant use by the elderly residents of Kerry Lawn and Springfield Yard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/419)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.10 **DEMOLITION OF FLATS AT COMERAGH PARK & ARDERIN WAY**

‘That Cork City Council expedite the demolition of the flats at Comeragh Park and Arderin Way, The Glen as in their present condition they are a serious firehazard and are in a dangerous condition and should be condemned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/420)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.11 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME – FARRANFERRIS CRESCENT AND FARRANFERRIS GREEN**

‘That Cork City Council would include Farranferris Crescent, and Farranferris Green in next year’s roads resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/421)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.12 **SECOND AIR BRIDGE FOR CORK AIRPORT TERMINAL**

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

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Martin Cullen to instruct Dublin Airport Authority that the second Air Bridge for Cork Airport Terminal as agreed last April at a cost of €350,000 should be an integral part of the overall development of Cork Airport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/422)

18.13 **RESURFACE JUNCTION BETWEEN GREEN LAWN AND KINSALE ROAD**

‘That the raised area at the junction of Green Lawn and Kinsale Road be resurfaced as it is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/423)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.14 **RESURFACE – SARAHVILLE PLACE, POULADUFF**

‘That the inner part of Sarahville Place, Pouladuff be resurfaced as it is in extremely poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/424)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



18.15 **INJUNCTION AGAINST MR. JOHN O' MAHONY**

‘That Cork City Council advises Onslow Gardens Residents Association if injunction taken out against Mr. John O’Mahony is still in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 05/425)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.16 **REPORTING PROCEDURE OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC PARKS**

‘As part of the agenda at meetings of the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee, a reporting procedure will be put in place, which will provide details of reported incidents/complaints of anti-social behaviour in public parks, along with actions taken in response to these incidents/complaints by Cork City Council.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. C. Lynch & J. Buttimer 05/426)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

18.17 **DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS**

‘That Cork City Council will:

1. Ensure that double glazing is the set standard in all social and affordable housing which is built on the Councils behalf.
2. Ensure that any future replacement of windows in the present housing stock will be replaced with double glazed windows.
3. Request that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government establish a scheme by which local councils are financially assisted to replace single glazed windows with double-glazing in its social housing stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/427)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.18 **HOST A PARADE OF CHAMPIONS**

‘To honour its victorious sporting champions in an extraordinary year of sporting endeavour that Cork City Council would host a parade of champions of all its National winning teams and individuals to coincide with the closing ceremonies of Cork City of Culture 2005.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/428)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

18.19 **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

‘That Cork City Council given its concern regarding anti social behaviour would establish and implement a strategic plan to deal with Anti Social behaviour.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer & C. Lynch 05/429)

**Corporate Policy Group**

18.20 **ALLEVIATE FLOODING – MELBOURNE, ALLENDALE, ELTON LAWN & UAM VAR IN BISHOPSTOWN**

‘Because of repeated flooding in Melbourne, Allendale, Elton Lawn and Uam Var I am requesting that costing is done and application made to the Department of the Environment for the appropriate necessary funding to install a relief storm water system to alleviate the flooding problem in the above areas as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 05/430)

**Environment Functional Committee**

18.21 **DONATIONS TO CORK 2005**

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

‘Council notes with concern the comments of the City Manager to the effect that he approached property developers for donations to Cork 2005. Irrespective of the intentions behind the approaches Council believes that this was not a course of action the City Manager should have taken. Accordingly, Council would ask the Manager to issue a public statement indicating that he accepts an error of judgement to have been made and stating that he will immediately and henceforth cease any and all fundraising approaches to property developers.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Barry & C. O’ Leary 05/431)

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed and seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke seconded that the motion be amended as follows:

“That Cork City Council thanks and commends the City Manager for his active involvement in helping to shape, support and promote the cultural programme prepared by Cork 2005 in celebration of Cork’s designation as European Capital of Culture 2005 and also acknowledged the support of all the community and voluntary sector, individuals, businesses and property developers who supported the cultural programme either financially or with Benefit in Kind, as this contribution has helped to ensure that the cultural year has been an outstanding success.”

A vote was called on the amended motion where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern **(19)**

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

**ABSTAINED:** Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary

An tArdmhéara declared the vote in favour of the amended motion carried and the original motion lost.

## 19. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 4 no. tenders for extension at 35 Lakeview Lawn, Mahon.
- 4 no. tenders for extension at 38 The Crescent, Curraheen Estate.
- 3 no. tenders for extension at 48 Boyne Crescent, Mayfield.
- 3 no. tenders for extension at 20 Carbery Grove, Knocknaheeny,
- 5 no. tenders for 18 houses at Mahon, consisting of 15 at Ferney Grove, 2 at Inchera Park and 1 at Avenue de Rennes, Mahon.

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**IRISH FERRIES**

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

‘That Cork City Council expresses both its concern and its objection to the current management strategy of Irish Ferries.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. C. Lynch & Cllr. D. O’ Flynn)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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