

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT	An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir T. Shannon
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise & Environment. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. T. O’Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation. Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative 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 Gosch family on the death of Mrs. Gosch.
- The Sheehan family on the death of Timmy Sheehan.
- The Johnson family on the death of Harold Johnson.
- The O’Mahony family on the death of Breda O’Mahony
- The Walsh family on the death of Helen Walsh.

1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

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

- University College Cork on achieving 5 star rating in Q5 ratings and achieving top 100 university in the world.
- Ballyphehane GAA on the organisation of the Football festival for 2011.
- All involved in the organisation of Heritage Week.
- Damien O’Mahony and the staff of T.E.A.M. on Cork achieving Yahoo “Top 10 European City to Visit” list.

VOTES OF BEST WISHES

An Chomhairle extended Best Wishes to the following:-

- Donal Buckley, Porter of Cork City Council, on a speedy recovery.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

An tArdmhéara raised the following issues:-

1. 9/11 Ceremony, An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that An tArdmhéara would write a letter of to the U.S. Ambassador on ceremonies held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks.
2. An tArdmhéara wished to congratulate all staff in City Hall, who were involved in the organisation of the City Hall 75th anniversary celebrations.
3. An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to award a Civic Reception for the members of the Naval Service, Defence Forces and Gardaí.
4. An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to award a Civic Reception to Edith Wilkins on receiving the Rehab International Person of the Year Award.
5. A brochure for events taking place on Culture Night, September 23rd 2011 was tabled for the information of Councillors. At tArdmhéara advised Councillors that a programme of Civic Events were being staged at City Hall on the night and encouraged Councillors to partake actively in the programme.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the following meetings were considered and approved.

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th July 2011.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 5th September 2011.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th May 2011.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **MAHON SPORTS PROJECT**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th July 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Could the Manager respond to status of the Mahon Sports Project under the following points:

- a) What is the current demand on the Mahon Sports Project lands and facilities.*
- b) How far on is the Mahon Sports Project from its development plan which was undertaken in 2004.*
- c) How many clubs are currently facilitated under the Mahon Sports Project?*
- d) What disciplines and clubs are catered for currently housed at the Mahon Sports Project?*
- e) What criteria were and are used in deciding which clubs and disciplines were given pitches?*
- f) Did any of these clubs own pitches or lease pitches through any other party or Cork City Council?*

- g) *Was there any representation made on behalf of these clubs to be granted pitches at the Mahon Sports Project. If so, who made the representation?*
- h) *How many clubs are currently seeking to be granted pitches in Mahon Sports Project? If so, how far developed are these requests and applications at present?*
- i) *What representation has been made in these requests and applications and by whom?*
- j) *Do any of these clubs, own or have access to pitches. If so, where are these pitches, what rationale do the clubs make for seeking extra pitches?*

(a) All available pitches are in use at the Mahon Sports Project

(b)-(d) The past 5 years has seen completion of 9 new pitches at Mahon, by City Council and other sporting organisations

Cork Camogie Board	1 pitch
Cork Colleges Camogie Council	1 pitch
St Michaels Gaelic Football Club	1 pitch
Blackrock Nat Hurling Club	1 pitch
Ringmahon Rangers	1 pitch
Cork City Council	1 shared pitch St Michaels/Ballinure GAA 3 rugby/soccer pitches

The original plan, approved by Council at its meeting of 26th April 2004, also envisaged provision of 4 no All Weather Pitches and a Changing Pavilion to serve both the synthetic pitches and the grass pitches, which have not been advanced due to financial constraints.

Two of the Council pitches are now been used by Munster Rugby in recent months, as that organization agreed to surrender two rugby pitches developed by them at Carrigrohane Road, to accommodate the proposed new Park and Ride facility and associated preliminary site investigation works. The other Council pitch is being rented by Cork Constitution.

The new pitches complement the existing Council owned pitches leased by Ringmahon Rangers (2 soccer pitches) and Ballinure GAA Club (1 GAA pitch), giving a total number of 11 pitches at the Project.

- (e) The allocation of pitches is based on clubs/organizations making written submissions, having identified needs for facilities, with a number of local clubs, and different sporting codes as outlined above, now being accommodated at Mahon. The City Council is satisfied that Mahon Sports Project represents a model of best practice in terms of sporting provision, catering for a mix of sports, for local and wider sporting needs ,and catering for males/females wishing to participate in sport.
- (f) St Michaels Gaelic Football Club, Cork Colleges Camogie and Cork Co Camogie Board had no playing facilities prior to Council providing lands at Mahon. Ballinure GAA Club have a pitch at Mahon already, with Blackrock National Hurling Club having 2 other pitches nearby at Church Road. Any subletting of these pitches also requires the City Councils consent
- (g) All of the above made submissions to the City Council seeking pitches, with Council approving all leases.
- (h) Recently, Ringmahon Rangers made application for additional playing facilities at Mahon. One other club without a pitch of its own and Cork AUL have expressed interest in having pitches available as well.

A request has been received to accommodate another club on the present undeveloped lands, but it has agreed to await the completion of the Cork Recreational Needs Study Review later this year, with a view to maximizing the recreational use of this site, prior to making any decision

- (i) Apart from written submissions, no representations have been received.
- (j) Ringmahon Rangers have 2 pitches currently and request additional facilities to cater for demand.

3.2 **EXTINGUISHED - RIGHTS OF WAY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th July 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the Manager to give a list of lanes/thoroughfares whose rights of way have been extinguished since 2000 in the city plus give/attach their respective year of extinguishment.

The list of lanes/thoroughfares 2001 – 2011 whose rights of way have been extinguished under the Roads legislation is attached herewith sourced from the Roads Directorate records.

List of Extinguishments - Roads

Ref. No.	Project Title	Council Meeting Date	Council Approval
Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4
Ex 001	Inniscarra Road / Innishannon Road	10/09/2001	YES
Ex 002	Mount Farran Place / Farranclarey Place	10/09/2001	YES
Ex 003	Rowanville	13/04/2003	YES
Ex 004	4-5 Silversprings Court	13/05/2002	YES
Ex 005	70-71 Silversprings Court	/2001	YES
Ex 006	Parkway Drive to Leesdale	13/04/2003	YES
Ex 007	Loughmahon Drive / The Paddocks	10/11/2003	YES
Ex 008	Nutley Road Mahon	10/11/2003	YES
Ex 009	Avenue De Rennes/ Lakeland Avenue	13/10/2003	YES
Ex 010	56-57 St. John's Well - 2002	2002	YES
Ex 011	16 Seminary Road/O' Mahony's Square	08/11/2004	YES
	18-19 Seminary Road/O' Mahony's Square	08/11/2004	YES
Ex 013	Sarsfield Road underpass	13/01/2003	YES
Ex 015	Farifield Road & Farifield Green	13/04/2004	YES

Ref. No.	Project Title	Council Meeting Date	Council Approval
Ex 016	64-65 Ardcullen	11/10/2004	YES
Ex 017	81-83 Ardcullen	11/10/2004	YES
Ex 018	94-95 Ardcullen	11/10/2004	YES
Ex 019	42-46 Ardcullen	11/10/2004	YES
Ex 020	Churchfield gardens / 60/62 Churchfield Avenue	11/10/2004	YES
Ex 021	127-128 Leesdaie	28/07/2003	YES
	97-114 Arderin Way, The Glen	14/03/2005	YES
	78 Arderin Way, The Glen	14/03/2005	YES
Ex 022	55-72 Comeragh Park The Glen	14/03/2005	YES
Ex 023	73-90 Comeragh Park The Glen	14/03/2005	YES
Ex 024	96 Comeragh Park The Glen	14/03/2005	YES
Ex 025	19 Ferney Grove/Eden Grove, Mahon	09/05/2005	YES
Ex 026	Castle Close/Eden Grove, Mahon	09/05/2005	YES
Ex 027	Castle Court/Ferney Grove	09/05/2005	YES
Ex 028	Mount Brosna/Avonmore Park, Old Youghal Rd.	13/06/2005	YES
Ex 029	Ashboro, Shanakiel Road	12/09/2005	YES
Ex 030	Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield Terrace East	13/06/2005	YES
Ex 032	Donscourt Bishopstown	13/06/2005	YES
EX 033	Murmount Crescent/Iona Road	11/12/2006	YES
EX 034	Frankfield View, Old Youghal Road	11/12/2006	YES
EX 036	79/81 Glenthorn Drive, Dublin Hill	08/05/2006	YES
EX 037	Kerryhall Road, Fairhill	08/05/2006	YES
EX 038	Stannards Grove, Bessboro Cross, Skehard Road	08/05/2006	YES
EX 039	Patrick O'Donoghue Place/Edward Walsh Road	08/05/2006	YES
EX 041	52/50 Murmount Road/Murmount Crescent	08/05/2006	YES
EX 042	Gearneys Boreen/Commons Road/Fairhill Drive	08/05/2006	YES
EX 043	28 Boyces Street, Blarney Street	08/05/2006	YES
EX 044	9/10 Murmount Crescent/50 Murmount Road, Mayfield	28/11/2005	YES
EX 045	Thomas Davis Street/North Ring Road	13/02/2006	YES
EX 046	91/94 Curraheen Drive	10/09/2007	YES
EX 047	47/58 Curraheen Drive	10/09/2007	YES
EX 048	Curraheen Drive/Lawn	10/09/2007	YES
EX 049	78/94/95/96 Curraheen Drive	10/09/2007	YES

Ref. No.	Project Title	Council Meeting Date	Council Approval
EX 050	56/58/65/68/69 Curraheen Drive	10/12/2007	YES
EX 051	Faulkner's Lane	10/12/2007	YES
EX 052	Bantry Park Road/Upper Fairhill	10/12/2007	YES
EX 053	Churchfield Green/Killala Gardens	10/12/2007	YES
EX 054	Loughmahon Road/Loughmahon Close	10/12/2007	YES
EX 055	St. Mary's Place, Spriggs Road/Templeacre Avenue	11/02/2008	YES
EX 056	Pathway between 71 and 72 Bridevalley View	11/02/2008	YES
EX 057	Liffey Park/Lagan Grove, Mayfield	11/02/2008	YES
EX 058	Doyle Road/Mount Pleasant Avenue	11/02/2008	YES
EX 059	Kyrl's Street	10/03/2008	YES
EX 060	Youghal Old Road/ Murmount Circle	12/01/2009	YES
EX 063	Bakers Road/Presentation Road	09/06/2008	YES
EX 065	Steps between Spriggs Road/St. Mary's Avenue	14/07/2008	YES
EX 067	Berlingford Drive/Clontarf Estate	28/07/2003	YES
EX 071	Hazel Road	12/06/2000	YES
EX 076	Connolly Place/Connolly Road	13/02/2006	YES
EX 079	Clarkes Road/Lower Friars Walk	08/07/2002	YES
EX 092	Knockpogue Avenue/Fairfield Crescent	08/09/2008	YES
EX 093	Youghal Old Road/Avonmore Park	09/01/2009	YES
EX 094	The Orchard, Mahon (Oral Hearing)	23/02/2009	YES
EX 095	152-153 Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road	08/09/2008	YES
EX 096	173-174 Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road	08/09/2008	YES
EX 098	Gillabbey Street/St. Finbarre's Road	08/09/2008	YES
EX 099	Lough Villas	27/10/2009	YES
EX106	Sugán Lane	27/10/2009	YES
EX110	The Grove, Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road	27/10/2009	YES
EX111	Ballinsheen court/Ballinsheen Mews, Mahon	27/10/2009	YES
EX112	Ville View Terrace, Strawberry Hill and Shanakiel Road	27/10/2009	YES
EX 123	(Part of the) Ballinure Road, Mahon	26/04/2010	YES

3.3 **COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th July 2011, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Will the Manager outline the outside organisations involved managing Council's housing stock and the costs involved?

At present a number of Council housing units are managed under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SHLI) and Rental Accommodation Scheme by the following Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) :

1. **Unsold Affordable Stock** :

a) Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SHLI) :

- 61 units by Tuath on a temporary 5 year lease.
- Tuath is responsible for the management of the tenants & maintenance of the units.
- Tuath retain differential rent received from tenants.
- Cork City Council do not pay any management fees to Tuath.
- DECLG recoup HFA loan costs to Cork City Council.

b) Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) :

- 22 units by Threshold on a temporary 4 year lease.
- Threshold is responsible for the management of the tenants & maintenance of the units.
- Cork City Council recoup from DECLG costs of rent supplement entitlement for each tenant & the administration fee €200- €300 per unit per annum..
- Management costs of €850 per unit per annum are paid to Threshold.

2. **Social Housing Stock** :

a) Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) -- Threshold :

- 30 units by Threshold on a temporary 4 year lease..
- Cork City Council recoup from DECLG costs of rent supplement entitlement for each tenant & the administration fee €200- €300 per unit per annum..
- Management costs of €850 per unit per annum are paid to Threshold

The cost of 2 tenancy support workers for all **Social Housing Stock and Unsold Affordable** units managed by Threshold for a 2 year period are recouped from the DECLG - €48,000 per support worker per annum.

b) Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) -- Sophia :

- 10 units by Sophia on 3 year lease
- 10 units on a 99 year lease
- Costs of 1 tenancy support workers for all units managed by Sophia for a 2 year period are recouped from the DECLG -- €48,000 per Support Worker per annum.
- Cork City Council recoup from DECLG costs of rent supplement entitlement for each tenant & the administration fee €200- €300 per unit per annum for 10 no units

3.4 **INTRODUCE TRANSPARENT, POINTS-BASED HOUSING LIST**

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

Can the Manager report to the Council on what steps he intends to take to introduce a transparent, points-based housing list, as previously agreed by the Council?

The Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 which came into effect on 1st April 2011, prescribes in detail the procedures for households to apply to housing authorities for social housing support and the conduct and review of social housing assessments.

The Allocations Scheme (in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and Social Housing Allocations Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 198 of 2011), was approved by Council on 13th June 2011. This prescribes the order of priority for allocation of dwellings to households qualified for social housing support and households in receipt of such support that have applied to transfer to other social housing. It also prescribes the manner in which dwellings to households will be allocated. Under the guidance documentation issued with these regulations, Local Authorities are precluded from providing any indication to applicants of the type of housing support they are being considered for or their place on the waiting list.

3.5 **STAFF FROM REFUSE COLLECTION DEPARTMENT**

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

Could the Manager tell the Members where the staff at present working in the Refuse Collection department will be redeployed in the event these staff stay with City Council?

How many staff are involved and at what grade?

Will they remain in the Environment Directorate or moved to a new Directorate, a new position, a new job or a new roster.

Will these employees receive any new training, support or payment for loss of earning?

On foot of the Councils withdrawal from delivering a refuse collection service the following are the staff redeployments:

Supervisory Grades – 2 No. to Recreation & Amenity – Street Sweeping, Litter Control and Environmental Enforcement.

General Operatives and Drivers – 3 to Water Services Department

- 1 to Drainage

- 8 to Recreation and Amenity – Street Sweeping, Litter Control and Environmental Enforcement

Staff who will suffer losses of earnings as a result of the redeployment will be eligible to compensation under the terms of the agreement.

The agreement has facilitated the smooth transfer of the Refuse Collection system to the independent operator and generated significant savings to the Council by way of the elimination of the significant losses the provision of the service entailed.

3.6 **PLANNING AUTHORITY IN CORK CITY**

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

Who exactly is the Planning Authority in Cork City?

I confirm in reply that Cork City Council is the Planning Authority for the City of Cork. In this regard, Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2010 provides as follows:

‘planning authority’ means -

- a) in the case of a County, exclusive of any Borough or Urban District therein, the Council of the County,
- b) in the case of a County of other Borough the Corporation of the Borough and
- c) in the case of an Urban District, the Council of the Urban District, and references to the area of the planning authority shall be construed accordingly and shall include the functional area of the Authority.

3.7 **CHARTER OF RIGHTS FOR COUNCIL TENANTS AND HOUSING APPLICANTS**

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

Can the Manager give a report to the Council on his plans to introduce a Charter of Rights for Council tenants and housing applicants as previously agreed by the Council?

The Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 which came into effect on 1st April 2011, prescribes in detail the procedures for households to apply to housing authorities for social housing support and the conduct and review of social housing assessments.

The Allocations Scheme (in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and Social Housing Allocations Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 198 of 2011), which was approved by Council on 13th June 2011) prescribes the order of priority for allocation of dwellings to households qualified for social housing support and households in receipt of such support that have applied to transfer to other social housing. It also prescribes the manner in which dwellings to households will be allocated. The scheme also includes the Council’s Refusals Policy.

The Tenancy Agreement for a Dwellinghouse is a legal agreement between Cork City Council and each of its tenants. This agreement together with Cork City Council’s Tenant Handbook details the responsibilities of Cork City Council to its tenants and vice versa. Prior to signing a Tenancy Agreement, tenants are given the opportunity to

seek legal advice on the agreement. A declaration to this effect is signed by them prior to signing the Tenancy Agreement.

3.8 **COPPINGERS ACRE, BANTRY PARK ROAD, CORK**

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

Would it be possible to obtain the structural drawings to the houses at Coppingers Acre, Bantry Park Road, Cork, if they are available.

The unit in question was privately sold by the Developer to the purchaser. The relevant documents/drawings would have been available to the private purchasers and should have been available to their solicitors as part of the closing documents etc.

This matter has been the subject of correspondence with a firm of solicitors representing a house owner in Coppinger's Acre. The Council advised if the relevant documents could not be secured, the Council could furnish a copy of the Architects drawings of the layouts of the different house types, being the only drawings in our possession, subject to appropriate conditions. To date we have not had any response to our letter.

3.9 **HOUSING LIST**

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

Will the Manager outline:

- a) *Total number of applicants on the Housing List.*
 - b) *Number of Irish (National) applicants.*
 - c) *Number of EU applicants.*
 - d) *Number and breakdown by country of origin all other applicants.*
 - e) *Number of Single Parent applicant.*
 - f) *Number of Single Person applicant.*
- a) Total number of applicants on the Housing List – 8915.
 - b) Number of Irish applicants – 6790.
 - c) Number of EU applicants – 1599 (Number of non EU applicants – 825).
 - d) The breakdown by country of origin is not accessible from the housing applications database as applications are not categorized in this format.
 - e) Number of Single Parent applicants – 1699.
 - f) Number of Single Person applicants – 5182.

3.10 **TRANSITION FROM COUNCIL REFUSE/ RECYCLING COLLECTION TO PRIVATE OPERATORS**

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

Can the Manager update Council on the transition from Council refuse/recycling collection to private operators, particularly with regard to any operational problems experienced by the new collectors and the status of “contaminated waste” and whose responsibility it is; can he also inform Council as to whether or not additional bottle recycling trucks have been purchased/leased from outside the Council and if so, the cost of same.

The transfer of Cork City Council’s waste collection service to Country Clean Recycling took place with effect from Monday 15th August 2011.

A number of meetings between representatives from Country Clean Recycling and Cork City Council staff took place in the weeks prior to the 15th August 2011 to ensure that the transfer of waste collection service took place as smoothly as possible.

A small number of operational problems arose in the first week which were addressed promptly by Country Clean Recycling.

The disposal of any contaminated waste collected in the branded recycling bags is a matter for Country Clean Recycling. We have no knowledge of any new Glass Recycling Vehicles operated by Third Parties. The Council does not operate such vehicles.

3.11 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOCKLANDS**

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

Bearing in mind that the population of the city has continued to fall, and that huge challenges face us in trying to develop the Docklands, will the Manager inform Council if he is very concerned at plans by the County Council to build a new town at Monard/Rathpeacon, and if we should convey our concerns on the matter to the County Manager?

The objective to develop a new settlement at Monard / Rathpeacon to the north of Cork City goes back to the original *Cork Area Strategic Plan 2001-2020*. This formed a key component of the original CASP concept, which aimed to:

- Regenerate the City Centre and Docklands as the major development area in the region; and
- Rebalance the development of the city / metropolitan area by promoting development on its northern / eastern side along the railway corridor at key locations.

Significant growth of the city / metropolitan area will be achieved by the development of Cork City Centre / Docklands, Middleton / Carrigtwohill and the Monard / Rathpeacon and Blarney areas, all of which are supported by the provision of the Middleton – Mallow rail corridor.

The rebalancing of the city remains a key component of the overall strategic plan for the city embodied in the *CASP Update 2008*, which is a joint Cork City and Cork County strategy. The objective to develop Monard / Rathpeacon is also embodied in

the *South West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022* and the *Cork County Development Plan 2009*, both of which are statutory plans.

The CASP strategy for the development of the greater Cork region is supported by both the City Development Plan and the County Development Plan.

3.12 **FINAL COST TO CORK CITY COUNCIL OF THE SKY GARDEN**

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

To ask the Manager if he can state:

- (i) *What is expected to be the final cost to Cork City Council of the so-called Sky Garden designed by Mr. Diarmuid Gavin and which is currently in storage at the former Showgrounds and if he can put a date on when this figure will be known.*
 - (ii) *To explain in what way disclosure of information in relation to Mr. Diarmuid Gavin's sky garden would be contrary to the public interest as stated by the council in response to the Irish Examiner's recent Freedom of Information application.*
 - (iii) *If he can state if there will be additional cost in relation to the installation and maintenance of the so-called Sky Garden at its future location, including additional landscaping, access and ongoing insurance and security cost.*
- (i) The detail of the final product of this tourism development project is currently being finalised in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland. I therefore expect to be in a position in the near future to bring to Council a full brief on the project prior to moving ahead with arrangements to deliver the final overall project at the Mardyke, Cork. This will include information on costs.
- (ii) Disclosure of information under recent FOI requests at this juncture in the project development would be likely to seriously compromise the Council's position in relation to negotiating the Phase 2 contract, not least in relation to value for money, which would clearly not have been in the public interest. The Council has no issue whatsoever with full disclosure once this contractual arrangement is executed. The Freedom of Information Act provides for this and also for non disclosure of commercially sensitive information, a category under which this project currently falls.
- (iii) The overall final cost of the garden will be inclusive of installation and all associated works, again 17% of which will be borne by Cork City Council.

The ongoing costs such as insurance, maintenance etc are common to any public asset procured or built by the Council, and will be absorbed as such. The maintenance of the final product will be incorporated into the Parks Department resources.

3.13 **NEW LIBRARY AT HOLLYHILL**

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

Can the Manager inform me of the current status of the administration of the new library at Hollyhill, following the recent government allocation of funding. Will Cork City Council be in a position to provide matching funding as expected, and what would be the projected time table for the commencement of works and completion of building.

The Council approved the City Manager's proposal to further progress the Hollyhill Library project, subject to Departmental funding, as part of the Capital Expenditure programme 2011-2013. In July 2011 the Council was allocated €1.5 million by the Department of the Environment, Community, & Local Government for Hollyhill Library. The project is costed at €3.3 million.

The Hollyhill Library project received Part 8 planning approval in June 2010. Tender documents are currently being prepared by the City Architects Dept, with a view to inviting tenders at the beginning of 2012. Construction is expected to begin in late spring 2012, subject to total funding, and should take 18 months approx.

Once tenders are received, a better picture will be available as to the required match funding and the Council's capacity to fund same.

3.14 **PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS**

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

Does Cork City Council assist local Engineering Consultants and other professional service providers to be successful in obtaining public sector projects?

Under European and National procurement rules we are required to award our own contracts in a transparent and fair manner. Any assistance given to local consultants to be successful in obtaining public sector projects and not their competitors elsewhere in the country could affect our ability to award our own contracts in such a manner and accordingly would not be appropriate.

The City Council does make available details of how public sector projects are procured and typically Engineering Consultants have invested very significant resources in developing expertise in the public tendering process. .

3.15 **MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF STREAMS AND WATERWAYS**

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

To ask the City Manager who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of streams and waterways, in particular the streams that flow adjacent to Sandymount Avenue and Glendale Grove and if he can give a commitment to cut back trees and hedgerows on the banks of those streams as necessary?

The maintenance of streams and waterways is the responsibility of the riparian owner/s ie owners whose property includes , touches or abuts the waterway . The City Council does not have a role as the river or waterway authority. No funding is set

aside in the annual budget to cater specifically for river, stream or waterway maintenance.

However where a serious danger of flooding causing risk to life arises, and in particular upstream of culverts, the City Council via the Drainage Section has intervened to remove obstructions. In the case of streams or waterways adjoining public open space, the Parks Department have, within available resources, carried out maintenance and cleared obstructions.

In the particular locations mentioned, Parks have previously been involved. Major clearances of the Glasheen, including these locations have been carried out twice in the last thirty years.

Inspection of the stream will be carried out to ascertain conditions and risks.

3.16 **SPRIGG'S ROAD REGENERATION WORK**

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

Has the Contractor been appointed?

What is the start up date for work to begin?

What is the time scale/date for completion of the Sprigg's Road Regeneration?

Are the 2 houses at the corner of St. Mary's Place/Templeacre Avenue due to be refurbished in the same time frame?

When will the houses/sites be secured/sealed off to prevent ongoing illegal dumping?

Appointment of Contractor is likely to be made within next 2/3 weeks.

Construction work will be likely to commence within 2/3 weeks of appointment of contractor subject to completion of standard contractual matters.

Contract duration is estimated at 18 months.

Yes, the two properties are to be refurbished in the same time frame.

The site will be secured as soon as contract signing is completed.

3.17 **MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME – CITY NORTH WEST REGENERATION SCHEME**

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

Can the Manager indicate if there will be a specific maintenance programme to address areas within the City North West Regeneration Scheme, issues include houses with leaks and structural problems, will there also be a temporary scheme to address homes without central heating?

There will be a maintenance programme to ensure that those houses that will remain in-situ until the latter stages of the regeneration programme are maintained to appropriate standards.

4. **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

Following from the Special Meeting held on 5th September 2011, An Chomhairle considered the nomination by Cork City Council of Mr. Seán Gallagher as a candidate for the Presidential Election and the adoption of the required resolution as set out in the Agenda.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called for to approve the nomination where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, M. Shields, H. Cremin. - 13

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, L. Kingston, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. - 8

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, J. Corr, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham. - 8

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the adoption of the resolution approved as follows:-

“**RESOLVES THAT** under section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993, Cork City Council hereby nominates Mr. Seán Gallagher to be a candidate for the Presidential Election.”

5. **FILLING OF VACANCY – MEMBERSHIP OF RECREATION AMENITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Tom Walsh as representative of the Community Forum on the Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Mr. Maurice MacCarthy.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th JULY 2011**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH JUNE 2011**

The Corporate Policy Group considered the Financial Statement to 30th June 2011.

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th JULY 2011**

7.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

7.1.1 **REQUEST FOR FUNDING – CORK LITERARY REVIEW U.S. BOOK TOUR**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the International Relations Committee on the applications from Bradshaw Books for funding of the San Francisco launch of the Cork Literary Review as part of a three city launch tour in the U.S.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Committee that a grant of €3,000 be awarded to Bradshaw Books with a recommendation that the launch of the Cork Literary Review take place in the United Irish Cultural Centre in San Francisco and that the group advise the centre to advertise the event on the centres local database.

7.1.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13th July, 2011 on Housing Estates for period 1st January to 30th June, 2011.

7.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13th July, 2011 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1st January to 30th June, 2011.

7.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13th July, 2011 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January to 30th June, 2011.

7.4 **DEVELOPER AT DENNEHY'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13th July, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council engage with the Developer of the development at Dennehy’s Cross and or those now in charge of this development and on filing a derelict notice proceed to complete the public areas of the sites both on the west and east of Dennehy’s Cross paying particular attention to:

- The poor state of the pavement and
- The almost non-existent proper permanent lighting, rendering this “*development*” a major health safety issue
- The virtually no public lighting between Dennehy’s Cross and the College/Magazine Road and the path has been left so unfinished it is dangerous

Further I again request Council to take ownership of the site on the west of Dennehy's Cross to develop a small urban park facilitating sight of the Church and a quite peaceful area for residents to enjoy the surroundings amidst a very busy junction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/156)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Kieran Wallace of KPMG was appointed Receiver of Oakdon Limited and their development at Dennehy's Cross during 2010.

7.5 **DENNEHY'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 13th July, 2011 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council would immediately call on Developers to finish off the public realm aspect of the works on the North eastern quadrant at Dennehy's Cross without delay.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/112)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Kieran Wallace of KPMG was appointed Receiver of Oakdon Limited and their development at Dennehy's Cross during 2010.

8. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th JULY 2011**

8.1 **WATER, SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 11th July 2011, on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for the Year to 30th June 2011.

8.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 11th July 2011, on Environmental Matters for the year to the 30th June 2011.

8.3 **DRAINAGE SYSTEM FROM HOUSES 3 – 29 LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 11th July 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That City Council would investigate the drainage system from houses 3-29 Leesdale, Model Farm Road as there is constant flooding problems after a downpour of rain.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 11/191)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council's complaints systems were examined and showed no significant problems in this area.

The storm sewers in Leesdale have been checked and were found to be clear and running free however some of the gullies in the area (outside nos 69,65 & 29) need cleaning and details have been forwarded to the Roads & Transportation Directorate for follow up.

9. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 18th JULY 2011**

9.1 **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY GRANTS**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendations of the Community Development Committee from its meetings held on 18th July 2011 and 12th September 2011 and agreed to approve the awarding of grants amounting to €142,500 to Community Associations and grants amounting to €39,240 to community and voluntary groups for small projects and programmes.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2011**

10.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the City Manager dated 1st September, 2011 in relation to the following property disposals:

Property Disposals:

- a) Disposal of an area of ground approximately 8 square metres in area at Market Gardens, Togher Road, Togher, Cork for a nominal fee of €1.00 plus costs (plus VAT if applicable) to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal was approved.

- b) Disposal of property at 67 and 68 Shandon Street, Cork to O'Connor Bros. of Cork Limited, c/o O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork for the sum of €15,000.00 plus legal costs (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer the disposal was approved.

10.2 **SHANBALLY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 1st September, 2011 in relation to a loan facility for Shanbally Housing Association Limited – Project at Buckleys Field, Rope Walk, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €2,070,741 be granted to Shanbally Housing Association Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

10.3 **COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE**

The report of the City Manager dated 12th September 2011 on Community Warden Service was tabled for consideration and was noted by An Chomhairle with Councillors welcoming the further continuation of the service.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 11th JULY 2011**

11.1 **REPORTS CONSIDERED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7th July, 2011 regarding a review of Cork City Parking Bye Laws.

11.2 **SHORT TERM PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 7th July 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Given the recession times, that Cork City Council rethink the objective of promoting short term parking and restricting long stay commuter parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/056)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the objective of short term parking is to enhance accessibility to promote the economic vibrancy of the centre of the city. It is essential to ensure a turnover of spaces so that customers with disposal income can have a reasonable possibility of securing a parking space, hence avoiding congestion in the search for a parking space. The relaxation of our policy on commuter parking would result in turning the city centre into a long stay car park and adversely affect the economy of the city centre and creating unnecessary congestion. Commuter parking is adequately provided for outside the City Centre and in particular in the Park & Ride at the Black Ash.

A prerequisite to facilitating future growth in Cork is achieving a significant shift in modal share. Without this modal shift the capacity of the city to grow and develop will be severely constrained and will affect the city’s competitiveness.

The objectives of promoting short term parking and restricting long stay commuter parking supports both of the vital goals outlined above. Consequently a change in policy is not proposed at this point.

11.3 **FREE PARKING MORNING OR EVENING**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council along with the private car park owners initiate in a pilot basis a designated Free Parking Morning or evening in Cork City Centre. The period could be for three or four hours on a weekend day. We need to take a number of initiatives in relation to promoting City Centre shopping.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/057)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, there are eight multi storey car parks in Cork City, only two of which (Paul Street and North Main Street) are operated by Cork City Council, representing approximately 1/3 of available off street parking spaces. The City Council cannot oblige private car park owners to join in any ‘free parking’ initiative. It is likely that any such promotion involving only the Council’s own car parks would potentially lead to congestion in the environs of the car parks, as customers queue on the street while waiting for a space to become available, rather than paying for parking in another location.

The financial implications also need to be considered – providing free parking on the weekends, which tend to be the busiest time of the week, would result in a serious loss of income to the City Council. It is also difficult to see how the success or failure of such a pilot initiative would be assessed by the business community, in the absence of an objective measurement system (e.g. footfall counters at key locations).

For these reasons, the proposal is not recommended.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, a vote was called for on the report of the Assistant City Manager where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, J. Corr, E. O’Halloran, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. - 5

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, L. Kingston, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin. - 20

An tArdmhéara declared the vote “Against” the Report and the report of the Assistant City Manager rejected.

Comhairleoir S. Martin then moved his motion which was duly seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham. A vote was called for on the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons. - 24

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle. - 1

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

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 beyond 8.00 p.m.

12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th JULY 2011**

12.1 **PROPOSED UPGRADE WORKS TO JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of Senior Engineer dated 19th July 2011 on the Proposed Upgrade Works to Jack Lynch Tunnel.

13. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2011**

13.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for the months ended July and August, 2011.

13.2 **SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAWS AT SPECIFIED SCHOOLS – SECTION 9 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 2004**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011 on the Speed Limit Bye-Laws at Specified Schools.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011 on the Passive Fire Protection Improvement Works 2011-2012 for the Jack Lynch Tunnel.

13.4 **SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAWS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011 on Speed Limit Bye-Laws. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Cork City Council having obtained the consent of the National Roads Authority to the making of the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2011; having consulted with the Garda Commissioner and considered his written submissions; having complied with the provisions of section 9(4) of the *Road Traffic Act, 2004* and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the City Manager’s Report and the written objections with respect thereto,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to make the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2011 in accordance with the draft attached hereto subject to the amendment of Article 2 thereof being amended to read:-

These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the 16th day of November 2011.”

13.5 **ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2012**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Marie Ville, off Pouladuff Road be included in the 2012 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/070)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Marie Ville is not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.6 **FATHER DOMINIC ROAD INCLUDED IN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2012**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include Father Dominic Road at its junction with Lower Pouladuff Road and Plunkett Road. App 99/86 Father Dominic Road in the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/071)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Fr.Dominic Road is not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.7 **INCLUDE KILLALA GARDENS IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include Killala Gardens in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/166)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Killala Gardens is not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. It will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.8 **INCLUDE ARDCULLEN ESTATES IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include ArdculLEN Estates in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/167)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that ArdculLEN is not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. It will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.9 **TRAFFIC SURVEY – COLMCILLE ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council conduct a traffic survey to determine if further traffic-calming measures, such as a pedestrian crossing, are needed on Colmcille Road GurranaBRAHER.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 11/177)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic ramps on Colmcille Road, GurranaBRAHER were the first ramps installed in Cork City. They were constructed to old specifications and are higher than ramps currently provided. Traffic speeds on Colmcille Road are kept very low by the traffic ramps and no further traffic calming measures are required there.

Colmcille Road will be surveyed to determine if there is a demand for a pedestrian crossing in the area. If the pedestrian facility is deemed to be warranted it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

13.10 **CLEAN UP APPROACH ROADS TO CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the City Council work with Cork County Council to clean up the approach road’s vegetation on the Silverspring’s dual carriageway just beyond the City boundary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/183)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the maintenance of road vegetation beyond the City boundary is a matter for Cork County Council. However, the condition of the roadside vegetation within the City boundary at the Silversprings dual carriageway will be inspected and any necessary works will be carried out.

13.11 **SIGNAGE ON DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council erect signage on Dublin Hill to make aware both national and international arctic drivers the height of the railway bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 11/187)

It was agreed to refer the motion back to Committee for further consideration.

13.12 **SURVEY OF THE ROAD ALIGNMENT ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of the road alignment on Togher Road at the junction of Togher Road and Pearse Road to determine if a dedicated right turn lane can be incorporated for traffic turning right off Togher Road onto Pearse Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/188)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Road Design Division are currently looking at several junctions in the City to determine if operational capacity can be improved by the addition of right turn lanes etc. The junction of Togher Road/Pearse Road is one of these junctions and if it is determined that it is feasible to provide a right turning lane on Togher Road for Pearse Road movements, the project will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

13.13 **RESURFACE NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would resurface Nano Nagle bridge as it is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 11/190)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that tender documents are currently being prepared for the cycling routes and the upgrading of the surface at Nano Nagle

Bridge will be included in the contract. The surfacing on this bridge should be completed by middle of 2012.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Plunkett Road is not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.15 **INCLUDE ASHFORD ESTATE IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ashford Estate is not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.16 **NORTH WEST WARD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Dunmore Gardens and Dunnycove Crescent are not in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme. They will be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Programme.

13.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON KILMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the repainting of the road lining and the replacement of the traffic signs associated with the traffic calming measures at Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny will be inputted into the road painting and signing work programmes and will be carried out in the coming weeks.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

1. MacCurtain Street is a national primary road (N8) and has been a major traffic route with relatively large traffic volumes for several decades. The relationship between traffic volumes on the street and impact on business would require a major study and is beyond the scope of this report.
2. For Environment Directorate
3. A comprehensive fingerpost signage scheme for major attractions, places of interest and key buildings was provided in Cork City approximately six years ago. They are brown high quality signs on stainless steel poles and can be seen throughout the City Centre. If there are issues in relation to a particular key building or place of interest that is not signposted, they can be investigated to determine if it is feasible to provide additional signage. However, the provision of additional signage will be subject to funding been available.

4. On the southside of MacCurtain Street and the eastside of Bridge Street, there is a combination of loading bays and disc parking areas. On the northside of MacCurtain Street and on the westside of Bridge Street there is a bus lane which operates during the periods 07:30 – 09:30 and 16:30 – 18:30 Monday to Friday. At other periods these areas are controlled by single yellow lines which facilitate deliveries to local businesses. There is good parking supply availability in the area, e.g. on-street parking, off-street surface and multi-storey car park on St. Patrick's Quay and a multi-storey car park in the adjacent Carroll's Quay.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council can arrange to close MacCurtain Street during peak festival activities during the Jazz Festival weekend. However, this will depend on:

- A traffic management plan agreed between Jazz Festival organisers, Gardaí and Cork City Council. Bus Éireann will also have to be consulted because of the large number of buses using the street.
- A public consultation process with local and city centre traders.
- All costs of diversion signage, public notices, etc to be borne by the Jazz Festival organisation.

The Jazz Festival organisers should contract the Transportation Division with a view to investigating the road closure proposal and to progress it further, if it is deemed to be feasible and appropriate.

13.20 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME – BRIDEVALLEY VIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

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

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

13.21 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN BRANDON CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

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

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

13.22 **BUS STOP ON SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the location of the bus stop adjacent to Supervalu on Skehard Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and Bus Éireann, and if it is deemed appropriate, arrangements will be made to have the bus stop relocated further west. However, as there is a bus shelter at the current location any costs associated with moving the bus shelter will have to borne by Bus Éireann or the provider of the bus shelter.

13.23 **FOOTPATHS IN BENOIRLICH ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that repairs will be carried out at these locations in the near future.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that all roads within Cork City except for a few major national roads on the approaches to the City have a default speed limit of 50 kph. The 50 kph zone is signposted at the entry points to the City and motorists, either through the Rules of the Road or the signage, should be aware of speed limits in urban areas.

However, there are speed limit repeater signs on some roads in Cork City on a very selective basis to remind motorists to slow down. These signs have to be provided on a very carefully selective basis to ensure that motorists are not confused on other roads that may not have repeater speed limit signs.

Discussions will be held with the Gardaí in relation to using repeater speed limit signs on Model Farm Road and if it is deemed appropriate and funds are available, the signs will be installed in the coming months.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

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

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

13.26 **ADEQUATE PUBLIC LIGHTING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st September, 2011, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put adequate public lighting in place in Woodlands Demense Housing Estate on Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/148)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that an inspection of the public lighting in Woodlands Demense Housing Estate on Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte will be undertaken.

Any identified measures that need to be undertaken will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Minister for Justice & Equality dated 2nd August 2011.
- Letter from Cobh Town Council dated 11th July 2011
- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 3rd August 2011.
- Letter from Donegal County Council dated 6th July 2011.
- Letter from Limerick County Council dated 22nd July 2011.

15. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr. John Kelleher – The MacGill Summer School & Arts Week – 24/29 July 2011-Glentias, Co. Donegal
- Cllr. John Kelleher – Local Government Promoting Renewable Energy – 19/21 August 2011 –Tralee, Co. Kerry.
- Cllr. Catherine Clancy –Leadership Skills Development Conference– 15/17 July 2011 – Bunratty, Co. Clare
- Cllr. Patricia Gosch –Leadership Skills Development Conference– 15/17 July 2011 – Bunratty, Co. Clare.
- Cllr Michael O’Connell - Leadership Skills Development Conference– 15/17 July 2011 – Bunratty, Co. Clare.
- Cllr. Michael O’Connell –The Effect on Local Government of Employment – Equality Legislation Conference– 18/19 July 2011 – Galway
- Cllr. Michael O’Connell –The Councillor & The Local Government Environment Service – 22/23 July 2011 – Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare
- Cllr. Michael O’Connell –A Briefing for Local Authority Members: Current issues in Education– 25/27 July 2011 – Galway.
- Cllr. Michael O’Connell –Local Government Health & Safety, Risk Assessment & Insurance – 29/31 July 2011 – Galway.
- Cllr. Michael O’Connell – Parnell Summer School 2011 – 14/19 August 2011- Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

- Cllr. Joe O’Callaghan –Leadership Skills Development Conference– 15/17 July 2011 – Bunratty, Co. Clare.
- Cllr. Joe O’Callaghan –The Councillor & The Local Government Environment Service – 22/23 July 2011 – Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare.
- Cllr. Joe O’Callaghan –A Briefing for Local Authority Members: Current issues in Education – 25/27 July 2011 – Galway.
- Cllr. Joe O’Callaghan –Local Government Health & Safety, Risk Assessment & Insurance – 29/31 July 2011 – Galway.
- Cllr. Laura McGonigle –Leadership Skills Development Conference– 15/17 July 2011 – Bunratty, Co. Clare.
- Cllr. Laura McGonigle – The MacGill Summer School & Arts Week – 24/29 July 2011-Glentias, Co. Donegal
- Cllr. Jim Corr – Mayors International ECAD Conference – 10/13 May 2011 – Varna, Bulgaria
- Cllr. Jim Corr – The MacGill Summer School & Arts Week – 24/29 July 2011- Glentias, Co. Donegal
- Cllr. Jim Corr – Parnell Summer School 2011 – 14/19 August 2011- Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.
- Cllr. Emmet O’Halloran –Leadership Skills Development Conference– 15/17 July 2011 – Bunratty, Co. Clare.
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Time Management, Media & IT Skills – 08/10 July 2011 - Rosscarbery, Co. Cork
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Irish language Course for Councillors – 15/17 July 2011- Gweedore, Co. Donegal
- Cllr. Ger Gibbons – The Councillors and the Government Environment Services – 22/23 July, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda items 16 & 17 and also items tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. Kavanagh, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (9)

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:-

16. **SEMINARS**

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

Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at “A Briefing for Local Authority Members: Current Issues in Education” training seminar, held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway, on the 25th – 27th July 2011.

16.2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE**

Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the “Local Government Health & Safety, Risk Assessment and Insurance” training seminar, held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway, on the 29th – 31st July 2011.

16.3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the “Local Government Promoting Renewable Energy” training seminar, held in the Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 19th – 21st August 2011.

16.4 **LAMA AUTUMN SEMINAR 2011 “THE ROLE OF TOURISM IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY”**

Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, K. O’Flynn, L. Kingston, E. O’Haloran, B. Bermingham, S. Martin and C. Clancy at the LAMA Autumn Seminar 2011 “The Role of Tourism in Economic Recovery”, held in Clonea Strand Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 23rd – 24th September 2011.

16.5 **2011 LA TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR “LOCAL DEMOCRACY – A VISION FOR THE FUTURE”**

Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, L. McGonigle and E. O’Halloran at the 2011 La Touche Legacy Seminar “Local Democracy – A vision for the future”, to be held in the Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 30th September 2011.

16.6 **GETTING A GRIP 2011 – “SUBSTANCE MISUSE – A HEALTH OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUE”**

Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher and J. O’Callaghan at the Getting a Grip 2011 – “Substance Misuse – A Health or Criminal Justice Issue”, held in The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 6th – 7th October 2011.

16.7 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

Comhairleoirí E. O’Halloran and L. McGonigle at the Local Government Planning Seminar for Councillors, to be held in the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 7th – 9th October 2011.

16.8 **“NEW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND HOW THEY AFFECT THE DOMESTIC HOME” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the “New Government Regulations and how they affect the Domestic Home” – training Seminar, to be held in The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 7th – 9th October 2011.

16.9 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COUNCILLORS “DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP – 21 WAYS TO WIN WITH PEOPLE”**

Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh at the Professional Development for Councillors “Developing Leadership – 21 ways to win with people”, held in the Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo on the 14th – 16th October 2011.

17. **CONFERENCES**

17.1 **98TH ANNUAL AMAI CONFERENCE**

Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, M. O’Connell, M. Shields and K. O’Flynn at the 98th Annual AMAI Conference, held in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath, on the 8th – 10th September 2011.

17.2 **ENHANCING PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL & MS OFFICE TROUBLESHOOTING**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the “Enhancing Promotional Material & MS Office Troubleshooting” conference, held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork, on the 2nd – 4th September 2011.

17.3 **THE NATIONAL ENTERPRISE CONFERENCE**

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the National Enterprise Conference, held in Clonmel Park Hotel, Poppyfields, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on the 29th – 30th September 2011.

17.4 **FEDERATION FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE NATIONAL CONFERENCE “VICTIMS OF CRIME – THE COST TO THE COMMUNITY”**

Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham and J. O’Callaghan at the Federation for Victim Assistance National Conference “Victims of Crime – The Cost to the Community”, to be held in Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 14th – 16th October 2011.

17.5 **NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE “TOURISM – THE POTENTIAL FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH”**

Comhairleoir L. McGonigle at the National Tourism Conference “Tourism – The Potential for Economic Growth”, to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 24th – 26th November 2011.

18. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 11th JULY 2011**

18.1 **INTRODUCTION OF WATER METERS**

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

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

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

19. **MOTIONS**

To approve the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

19.1 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

‘That Cork City Council increase the Community Development Grant from 190,000 to 250,000 in the 2011 estimates.

The additional money is necessary because of the widening brief to include core administration activity as well as capital Funding Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/106)

Finance Functional Committee

19.2 **SPORT COMMITTEE**

‘That Cork City Council allocate 400,000 to the Sport Committee in the 2011 Estimate. This committee has suffered the greatest in Council cutbacks. Yet sport has no equals when it comes to integrating youth or developing a holistic outlook to life.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/107)

Finance Functional Committee

19.3 **REPAIRS TO THE ROAD SURFACE – BLARNEY ROAD AND HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of urgency undertake repairs to the road surface at the junction of Blarney Road and Harbour View Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/181)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.4 **INCLUDE BRIDEVALLEY VIEW IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Bridevalley View in the traffic calming programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 11/192)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ADELAIDE PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council take charge of Adelaide Place and put in public lighting as a matter of urgency in the interests of Health and Safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 11/195)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

19.6 **WATER MAIN AT SUNMOUNT, MILITARY HILL, ST. LUKES**

‘That a new water main be provided for the houses at Sunmount, Military Hill, St. Lukes, where poor water pressure is a major problem for some households.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 11/214)

Environment Functional Committee

19.7 **RIGHT HAND FILTER LIGHT**

‘That Cork City Council would install a right hand filter light for traffic travelling from Victoria Avenue onto Boreenmanna Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 11/215)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.8 **REDUCTION IN RATE FOR DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

‘That this Council request the Manager to facilitate a reduction in the rate for development charges in an effort to stimulate the local economy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 11/216)

Finance Functional Committee

19.9 **‘WELCOME TO CORK’ SIGN AT POPHAMS ROAD, DELANY ROAD JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council erect a large welcome to Cork signage on the Junction of Popham’s Road, Brothers Delany Road and the N20 Commons Road close to the Blackpool shopping centre, and also a clear indication and direction to Blackpool Village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 11/219)

Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

19.10 **TRIM SHRUBBERY ON BLACKPOOL FLYOVER**

‘That Cork City Council has all shrubbery trimmed and tidied on the Blackpool flyover and the pedestrian walk way to Blackpool village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 11/220)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.11 **HOMES NOT COVERED BY KNOCKNAHEENY REGENERATION PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council recognizes that there are a substantial number of homes in Knocknaheeny not covered by the Regeneration Plans and agrees to ensure that any necessary improvements to these houses and area will be a consideration and priority for Council, also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 11/224)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

19.12 **CLOSURE OF KYLE STREET**

‘That the concerns of rate-paying business operators in the North Main Street and surrounding areas, following the closure of Kyle Street, be accommodated and strategies deployed by Cork City Council to ensure that this road closure is remedied and that it does not exacerbate already challenging trading conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 11/225)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.13 **NANO NAGLE BRIDGE AND MANGAN’S CLOCK**

‘That previous commitments to refurbish Nano Nagle Bridge and to restore Mangan’s Clock on Patrick Street be honoured without even further delays.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 11/226)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.14 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARDYKE WALK**

‘That Cork City Council provide a pedestrian crossing to facilitate people using the Mardyke Walk where they have to cross the Western Road to continue onto the Lee Fields. There are currently railings on either side of the road which is a very busy traffic route. We should make sure that people can cross the road safely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 11/228)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.15 **ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO BUXTON HILL AND UPPER JANEMOUNT IN SUNDAY’S WELL**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with the Emergency Services, The Gardaí, and Residents of Buxton Hill and Upper Janemount in Sunday’s Well to try to overcome the difficulties of access for the emergency services and also the ongoing difficulties with the Old Good Shephards Site which is of concern to the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 11/229)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.16 **HORSE TROUGH ON THE WATERCOURSE ROAD**

‘That the House trough on the Watercourse Road, Blackpool, be planted up and maintained on a seasonal basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 11/230)

Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Functional Committee

19.17 **SUBSIDY FOR ANNUAL JUNIOR CERT RESULTS DISCO**

‘That Cork City Council provide an Annual subsidy to facilitate the holding of an Annual Junior Cert results disco at City Hall.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/232)

Corporate Policy Group

19.18 **DEVELOPING ALLOTMENTS IN MURPHY’S FARM**

‘That Cork City Council would explore the feasibility of developing allotments in Murphy’s Farm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/234)

Recreation Amenity & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

19.19 **PRIVATELY RENTED ACCOMMODATION**

‘That Cork City Council would adopt a proactive and preventative approach to the management of privately rented accommodation in areas adjacent to large educational facilities and that ‘rogue’ landlords would be held accountable and responsible for the maintenance of their properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 11/235)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

19.20 **INCLUDE BANTRY PARK ROAD IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME FOR 2012**

‘That Cork City Council would include Bantry Park Road in the traffic calming programme for 2012.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 11/236)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.21 **NOISE AND SOUND BARRIERS ALONG THE N25**

‘That Cork City Council erects Noise and Sound Barriers along the N25 South Ring Road Interchanges on the approaches to Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road Interchanges with priority at Westside Estate side, as it is the nearest/ closest to the New Interchange and which does experience the increased levels of Noise and Sound.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 11/238)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.22 **SPEED LIMIT ON THE MARINA**

‘To ask the Council to examine the speed limit on The Marina with a view to reducing the speed limit to make it more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/239)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.23 **SPEED RAMPS OR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE MARINA**

‘To ask the Council to consider placing speed ramps or traffic calming measures on The Marina.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 11/240)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

20. **MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

20.1 **MOTION REFERRED FROM COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘This Council deplores the failure of the recently elected Fine Gael / Labour Party coalition government to allocate funding this year for essential works and alterations on the homes of people with disabilities who are local authority tenants. We note that while €2.7 million has been allocated to this council for similar works on those living in privately owned accommodation, a sum of €900,000 promised for such works in local authority housing has not been forthcoming. Council considers the disparity in such funding between private and local authority housing to be discriminatory in the extreme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 11/146)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, a vote was called for on the above motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, C. O’Leary, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. - 10

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. Kavanagh, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. - 12

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy. - 3

An tArdmhéara declared the vote defeated and the motion rejected.

21. **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

21.1 **EXPENSES INCURRED BY EACH COUNCILLOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Corporate Affairs Department would furnish the Council quarterly with the expenses and total cost incurred by each Councillor attending Conference/ Seminars.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 11/209)

21.2 **USE OF SHANNON AIRPORT BY U.S. TROOPS**

In the absence of Comhairleoir M. Barry, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council support’s the Irish Peace Movements campaign to terminate the use of Shannon Airport by US Troops to and from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 11/231)

21.3 **SCRAP INDIVIDUALISATION**

In the absence of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to scrap individualisation introduced by McCreevy and to allow stay at home spouses transfer a full tax credits to their working partner/ spouse.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 11/233)

21.4 **UNIVERSAL SOCIAL CHARGE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council notes with concern the huge financial burden being placed on families, as the introduction of the Universal Social Charge and the proposed flat rate Household and Water charges are of particular concern to those on low incomes, the unemployed and particularly to families.

This Council opposes the imposition of these charges and calls on the Government to examine other options for reducing the deficit that do not disproportionately hurt low-income families.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 11/237)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a vote was called for on the motion, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, M. Shields, M. Ahern, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons. - 17

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. Kavanagh, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, J. Corr, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham. - 8

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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