

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 2006

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, 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. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O'Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham,
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning and Development & City Engineer,
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Community
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. P. Hourihan, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- O'Donnell family on the death of Patrick O'Donnell
- Porter family on the death of Edward Porter
- Cashman family on the death of Patrick Cashman
- Murphy family on the death of Jim Murphy
- Robinson family on the death of Joe Robinson
- Duggan family on the death of Eddie Duggan
- Ronahan family on the death of Lilly Ronahan
- Hanlon family on the death of Mrs. O' Hanlon
- Murphy family on the death of Hannah Murphy

1.(b) **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- St. Finbarrs Camogie Team on winning the Cork Senior Camogie Final.

1.(c) **COMMERATIVE MEDALS – ALL IRELAND TITLES**

An t-Ardmheara proposed and An Chomhairle unaminously agreed that a commemorative medal would be commissioned for the Cork Senior Ladies Football and Camogie Teams on winning the All-Ireland Titles.

1.(d) **DEED OF BRAVERY AWARDS**

An t-Ardmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that the late Jonathon O’Herlihy and Peter O’Keeffe be nominated for a Deed of Bravery Award. These men lost their lives whilst saving the lives of two people from drowning.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 25th September, 2006 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **CITY COUNCIL HOUSING**

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

- A. How many people on the City Council Housing list are also on the County Council Housing list and
- B. How many people on the City Council Affordable Housing list are also on the County Council Affordable Housing list?

The information requested is not currently available. Waiting lists for both social and affordable housing are maintained by both Cork City and County Councils and it is open to any individual to apply to either authority. The information sought will be compiled

3.2 **CENTRAL HEATING IN RENTED LOCAL AUTHORITY DWELLINGS**

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

To ask the City Manager regarding the provision of “central heating” in Rented Local Authority Dwellings Scheme including €2,800,000 for Cork City:

- A. Has the money been paid out?
 B. To give a breakdown per ward of the 600 dwellings to have heating installed?
- A. Approved payments in 2006 relation to central heating installations amounted to € 1,757,313.81 up to 30th of September 2006.
 B. Properties approved for central heating installation in 2006 per ward are as follows :

North West	:	106
North Central	:	152
North East	:	98
South West	:	73
South Central	:	131
South East	:	93
TOTAL	:	653

3.3 CARS ENTERING CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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

The volume of traffic which will be entering Cork University Hospital will increase by approximately 75,000 cars per annum once the new maternity unit opens. Would the Manager outline to Council how it is proposed to deal with this increase in volume of traffic and in particular as to what measures will be put in place both in respect of the control of traffic and the inadequate parking available in the hospital?

It is not clear where the figure of 75,000 cars per annum comes from but it should be noted that it is equivalent to approximately 200 cars per day, which is a tiny portion of the volume of traffic entering the hospital on a daily basis. Since 2000, when the CUH applied for planning permission for various new developments such as the new maternity unit, etc. they have been required to produce and keep updated a commuter mobility management plan.

The commuter plan has targets for:

1. Car Parking Management
2. Use of Public Transport Initiatives
3. Cycling Initiatives
4. Walking

CUH have made substantial progress:

- A Fulltime Commuter Plan Manager has been appointed.
- Public and staff parking have been segregated.
- Public car parking charges have been introduced.
- Park & Ride facilities being developed off-site in Bishopstown GAA car park.
- New bus and emergency access has been created at the Wilton Roundabout.
- Car sharing/pooling facilities are being promoted.
- Regular meeting are held with City Hall officials

The new maternity unit has over 100 basement parking spaces and an additional 200 spaces were recently created in the hospital grounds as a result of a new internal roads layout. Accordingly it is felt that the Hospital Authorities are making good efforts in dealing with the ever increasing demand for car travel in the area.

3.4 **ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR EACH COUNCILLOR AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

Can the Manager supply Council with an attendance record (including information on number of meetings held, number of meetings attended and percentage of meetings attended) for each councillor for the committees of which they are members for the period June 2004 to September 2006?

	No. of Meetings Attended	No. of Meetings to be Attended	% Attendance June to Dec. 2004
Mairin Quill	4	9	44.44%
Tim Brosnan	6	9	66.67%
John Kelleher	7	8	87.5%
Dara Murphy	5	12	41.67%
Annette Spillane	13	13	100%
Mick Barry	8	8	100%
Catherine Clancy	6	10	60%
Gary O'Flynn	2	10	20%
Damian Wallace	9	13	69.23%
Patricia Gosch	12	15	80%
Jonathan O'Brien	8	9	88.89%
Dave McCarthy	9	12	75%
Colm Burke	7	8	87.5%
Michael O'Connell	7	12	58.33%
Tony Fitzgerald	12	12	100%
Deirdre Clune	10	12	83.33%
Donal Counihan	10	11	90.91%
Chris O'Leary	12	12	100%

Denis O'Flynn	14	19	73.68%
Terry Shannon	16	19	84.21%
Jim Corr	11	13	84.62%
Con O'Connell	0	9	0%
Ciarán Lynch	11	12	91.67%
Sean Martin	LORD MAYOR	LORD MAYOR	LORD MAYOR
Tom O'Driscoll	12	16	75%
Denis Cregan	11	17	64.71%
Jerry Buttimer	12	12	100%
Fergal Dennehy	8	9	88.89%
Mary Shields	8	11	72.73%
Brian Bermingham	9	9	100%
Michael Ahern	7	9	77.78%

	No. of Meetings Attended	No. of Meetings to be Attended	% Attendance Jan-Dec. 2005
Mairin Quill	14	20	70%
Tim Brosnan	14	22	63.64%
John Kelleher	18	21	85.71%
Dara Murphy	16	26	61.54%
Annette Spillane	23	28	82.14%
Mick Barry	18	22	81.82%
Catherine Clancy	19	23	82.61%
Gary O'Flynn	3	23	13.04%
Damian Wallace	24	28	85.71%
Patricia Gosch	22	32	68.75%
Jonathan O'Brien	14	21	66.67%
Dave McCarthy	18	26	69.23%
Colm Burke	17	22	77.27%
Michael O'Connell	17	29	58.62%
Tony Fitzgerald	22	27	81.48%
Deirdre Clune*	12	12	100%
Donal Counihan	25	27	92.59%
Chris O'Leary	21	28	75%
Denis O'Flynn	23	35	65.71%
Terry Shannon	31	38	81.58%
Jim Corr	20	28	71.43%
Con O'Connell	0	20	0%
Ciarán Lynch	23	27	85.19%
Sean Martin*	5	8	62.5%
Tom O'Driscoll	27	30	90%
Denis Cregan	18	33	54.55%
Jerry Buttimer	23	26	88.46%
Fergal Dennehy	18	23	78.26%
Mary Shields	16	27	59.26%
Brian Bermingham	17	22	77.27%
Michael Ahern	16	19	84.21%

* Cllr. Sean Martin was Lord Mayor from January 2005 to June 2005

* Cllr. Deirdre Clune was Lord Mayor from July 2005 to December 2005

	No. of Meetings Attended	No. of Meetings to be Attended	% Attendance Jan-Sept. 2006
Mairin Quill	12	14	85.71%
Tim Brosnan	10	14	71.43%
John Kelleher	12	13	92.31%
Dara Murphy	8	15	53.33%
Annette Spillane	14	15	93.33%
Mick Barry	13	13	100%
Catherine Clancy	12	13	92.31%
Gary O'Flynn	7	13	53.85%
Damian Wallace	13	16	81.25%
Patricia Gosch	13	18	72.22%
Jonathan O'Brien	10	13	76.92%
Dave McCarthy	15	17	88.24%
Colm Burke	10	13	76.92%
Michael O'Connell	12	16	75%
Tony Fitzgerald	13	15	86.67%
Deirdre Clune*	1	2	50%
Donal Counihan	11	14	78.57%
Chris O'Leary	12	16	75%
Denis O'Flynn	21	21	100%
Terry Shannon	20	21	95.24%
Jim Corr	16	18	88.89%
Con O'Connell	5	14	35.71%
Ciarán Lynch	15	17	88.24%
Sean Martin	13	16	81.25%
Tom O'Driscoll	11	18	61.11%
Denis Cregan	10	18	55.56%
Jerry Buttimer	16	17	94.12%
Fergal Dennehy	9	14	64.29%
Mary Shields	11	14	78.57%
Brian Bermingham	13	14	92.86%
Michael Ahern*	9	11	81.82%

* Cllr. Deirdre Clune was Lord Mayor from January 2006 to June 2006

* Cllr. Michael Ahern was elected Lord Mayor on 26th June 2006

3.5 **RE-ZONING OF LAND AT CHURCHFIELD**

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

Can the Manager tell me since the vote against the re-zoning of land at Churchfield for the construction of a Lidl supermarket

- (a) Have any further discussions taken place between Cork City Council and Lidl?
 - (b) What was the nature of these discussions if any?
 - (c) Are there plans to bring another re-zoning proposal before the Council this year?
- (a) No further discussions (further to a recommendation to refuse T.P. 05/29822) have taken place with Planning Officials in relation to the proposed construction of a Lidl Supermarket at Churchfield.
 - (b) N/A
 - (c) A planning application has been lodged with the City Council for a proposed Lidl Supermarket and neighbourhood shopping (ref T.P. 06/31139) and the recommendation of the Planning Authority is to proceed with a Material Contravention of the City Plan.

3.6 **REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAIN IN MENLOE GARDENS, BLACKROCK**

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

To ask the Manager when will he be in a position to replace the water main in Menloe Gardens, Blackrock?

Replacement of the water main in Menloe Gardens has been included in the preliminary report for Cork Water Conservation Phase 2, Watermain Replacement and Rehabilitation. The preliminary report has been submitted to the DoEHLG and the Consulting Engineer is currently preparing a response to a request for additional information sought by the Department. When the preliminary report is approved contract documents will be prepared and a contractor appointed to carry out the work.

3.7 **PUBLIC LIGHT POLE AT OLD FRIARY PLACE**

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

To ask the Manager to make a statement on a situation where a public light on pole no.2 at Old Friary Place (off Shandon Street) has been reported to Cork City Council as being out of order since May 2006 and it has not been repaired by the ESB?

Some time ago Cork City Council became aware of the long standing defective public lighting in Old Friary Place. The area was visited in order to ascertain the issues involved and a fresh order for repair was sent to the ESB.

This order for repair was again renewed last week and the matter will be pursued rigorously with the ESB to ensure the public light is repaired without further delay.

3.8 **LATCHKEY SCHEMES**

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

1. How many if any Latchkey Schemes have been delivered on schedule since the inception of this scheme?
 2. What has been the average delay in delivery of the Latchkey Scheme?
 3. Allowing for the lapse of time since the discontinuance of the direct labour scheme:
 - a. What is the unit price per unit of direct labour at today's prices compared to the cost per unit of Latchkey?
 - b. What has been the average cost per unit under both schemes?
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1. Cork City Council has purchased seventeen turnkey housing schemes which has delivered a total of 750 units to date. In general, all of these projects have been delivered on time on a fixed price basis.
 2. As stated above, in general all projects have been delivered on time.
 3. a. The City Council have engaged the services of a Quantity Surveyor to carry out this exercise and the information once compiled will be made available to Council.
 - b. The average cost per unit of delivering the 750 housing units was €152,100 inclusive of land cost.

3.9 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

To ask the City Manager to inform Council of the following details with regard to Affordable Housing:

How many Affordable Housing Schemes have been carried out by Cork City Council to date?

The size, description and period of allocation of each scheme (i.e. number of units, houses/apartments, no. of bedrooms etc.)?

The unit cost to Council to provide these homes under the Affordable Housing Scheme?

The sale price for each respective unit to applicants of the scheme?

How many of these units were developed under Part 8 and how many under Part 5?

NO. OF SCHEMES CARRIED OUT BY CORK CITY COUNCIL TO DATE

Fifteen schemes have been developed by Cork City Council to date as follows :

1	Glenview	-	52 Units
2	Lus na Meala	-	42 Units
3	Hollyhill Lane	-	21 Units
4	Glenfields	-	23 Units
5	Popes Road	-	6 Units
6	Berlingford	-	14 Units
7	Buckleys Meadow	-	32 Units
8	Caseys Land	-	53 Units
9	Shanakiel	-	233 Units
10	Ursuline Convent	-	51 Units
11	Hollyhill Lane II	-	28 Units
12	Ashmount	-	24 Units
13	Spring Lane	-	2 Units
14	Blackpool	-	20 Units
15	Susies Field	-	22 Units
	TOTAL		623 Units

SIZE, DESCRIPTION AND PERIOD OF ALLOCATION OF EACH SCHEME

1	Glenview	-	52 x 3 Bed Houses	2002
2	Lus na Meala	-	42 x 3 Bed Houses	2003
3	Hollyhill Lane	-	5 x 2 Bed Houses 15 x 3 Bed Houses 1 x 4 Bed Houses	2003
4	Glenfields	-	3 x 2 Bed Houses 10 x 3 Bed Bungalows 10 x 3 Bed Houses	2004
5	Popes Road	-	6 x 2 Bed Houses	2004
6	Berlingford	-	8 x 2 Bed Houses	2005

			6 x 3 Bed Houses	
7	Buckleys Meadow	-	7 x 2 Bed Houses 21 x 3 Bed Houses 4 x 4 Bed Houses	2005
8	Caseys Land	-	1 x 2 Bed Bungalow 10 x 2 Bed Duplex Apartment 14 x 2 Bed House 10 x 3 Bed Duplex 15 x 3 Bed House 3 x 4 Bed House	2006
9	Shanakiel	-	158 x 3 bed houses 43 x 2 bed houses 16 x 3 bed duplex 16 x 2 bed apartments	
10	Ursuline Convent	-	36 x 2 bed duplex units 15 x 3 bed apartments	
11	Hollyhill Lane II	-	14 x 2 Bed Houses 14 x 3 Bed Houses	
12	Ashmount	-	24 x 2 bed apartments	
13	Spring Lane	-	Not yet agreed	
14	Blackpool	-	20 x 3 bed houses	
15	Susies Field	-	21 x 3 bed houses 1 x 4 bed house	

UNIT COST TO COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THESE HOMES UNDER THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

1	Glenview	-	52 x 3 Bed Houses	133,900
2	Lus na Meala	-	42 x 3 Bed Houses	162,900
3	Hollyhill Lane	-	5 x 2 Bed Houses 15 x 3 Bed Houses 1 x 4 Bed Houses	161,415 168,713 174,713
4	Glenfields	-	3 x 2 Bed Houses 10 x 3 Bed Bungalows 10 x 3 Bed Houses	162,893 169,788 169,028
5	Popes Road	-	6 x 2 Bed Houses	155,000

6	Berlingford	-	8 x 2 Bed Houses	181,900
			6 x 3 Bed Houses	184,050
7	Buckleys Meadow	-	7 x 2 Bed Houses	144,000
			21 x 3 Bed Houses	164,000
			4 x 4 Bed Houses	171,000
8	Caseys Land	-	1 x 2 Bed Bungalow	176,516
			10 x 2 Bed Duplex Apartment	164,348
			14 x 2 Bed House	185,318
			10 x 3 Bed Duplex	189,318
			15 x 3 Bed House	189,318
			3 x 4 Bed House	193,290
9	Shanakiel	-	No cost to Cork City Council	
10	Ursuline Convent	-	No cost to Cork City Council	
11	Hollyhill Lane II	-	14 x 2 Bed Houses	215,000
	(Estimated)		14 x 3 Bed Houses	225,000
	(Estimated)			
12	Ashmount	-	No cost to Cork City Council	
13	Spring Lane	-	No cost to Cork City Council	
14	Blackpool	-	20 x 3 Bed Houses	€187,000
	(Estimated)			
15	Susies Field	-	21 x 3 Bed Houses	€260,000
	(Estimated)		1 x 4 Bed House	€270,000
	(Estimated)			

SALE PRICE FOR EACH UNIT TO APPLICANTS OF THE SCHEME

1	Glenview	-	52 x 3 Bed Houses	127,700
2	Lus na Meala	-	42 x 3 Bed Houses	135,500
3	Hollyhill Lane	-	5 x 2 Bed Houses	131,415
			15 x 3 Bed Houses	138,713
			1 x 4 Bed Houses	139,713
4	Glenfields	-	3 x 2 Bed Houses	137,893
			10 x 3 Bed Bungalows	139,788
			10 x 3 Bed Houses	139,028

5	Popes Road	-	6 x 2 Bed Houses	155,000
6	Berlingford	-	8 x 2 Bed Houses 6 x 3 Bed Houses	143,900 146,050
7	Buckleys Meadow	-	7 x 2 Bed Houses 21 x 3 Bed Houses 4 x 4 Bed Houses	144,000 164,000 171,000
8	Caseys Land	-	1 x 2 Bed Bungalow 10 x 2 Bed Duplex 14 x 2 Bed House 10 x 3 Bed Duplex 15 x 3 Bed House 3 x 4 Bed House	138,416 126,248 147,218 151,218 151,218 155,190
9	Shanakiel	-	2 Bed Apartment 2 Bed House 3 Bed House 3 Bed Duplex	- €175,000 - €205,000 - €235,000 - €235,000
10	Ursuline Convent (Estimated)	-	36 x 2 Bed Duplex	- €165,000
	(Estimated)		15 x 3 Bed Apartment	- €175,000
11	Hollyhill Lane II (Estimated)	-	14 x 2 Bed Houses	175,000
	(Estimated)		14 x 3 Bed Houses	165,000
12	Ashmount (Estimated)	-	24 x 2 Bed Apartments	- €175,000
13	Spring Lane (Estimated)	-	Not yet finalised	€165,250
14	Blackpool (Estimated)	-	20 x 3 Bed Houses	- 187,000
15	Susies Field (Estimated)	-	21 x 3 Bed Houses	- 210,000
	(Estimated)		1 x 4 Bed House	220,000

**HOW MANY OF THESE UNITS WERE DEVELOPED UNDER PART 8
AND HOW MANY UNDER PART 5?**

Part V

Popes Road	-	6 Units
Ursuline Convent	-	51 Units
Ashmount	-	24 Units
Spring Lane	-	2 Units

Part 8 / Part 10

Glenview	-	52 Units
Hollyhill Lane	-	21 Units
Berlingford Drive	-	14 Units
Caseys Land	-	53 Units
Buckleys Meadow	-	43 Units
Shanakiel	-	233 Units
Hollyhill Lane II	-	28 Units
Blackpool	-	20 Units
Susies Field	-	22 Units

3.10 **PART V - PLANNING ACT**

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

- A. Under Part V of the Planning Act how much money did Cork City Council receive from developers in lieu of providing social or affordable houses in the years 2003/2004/2005?
- B. How many housing units did Cork City Council acquire from developers under Part V in the year 2003/2004/2005?

The following table sets out the information requested:

YEAR	MONEY RECEIVED	UNITS ACQUIRED
2003	0	0
2004	€390,728	0
2005	€1,175,200	83

3.11 **ST LUKES PLAN**

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

Can the Manager please update me in relation to the St. Lukes Plan and explain why the draft plan was not published as promised by the end of July for review by residents and businesses? This plan is awaited for almost 20 years and should be delayed no longer?

A mini - action plan is now in preparation for the St Lukes Cross area. It will include inputs from planning, conservation, road design and traffic sections and aims to improve the living and business environment of the area. Due to a number of other schemes being progressed there was some delay in progressing this scheme. However, it is hoped that a number of options for reconfiguration and upgrading of the area can be finalised and made available for public comment over the next few months.

3.12 **GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION TO DEVELOPERS**

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

Notwithstanding the long held precedent of an applicant needing to show that they have either ownership of, or an interest in lands they wish to develop, will the Manager outline in full the circumstances surrounding the granting of planning permission to the developers of:

1. 6 townhouses at the tennis court, Manakin, T.P. 04/28805
2. To knock the large house Manakin, Well Road and develop 13 apartments 3 storeys over basement, T.P. 05/30379

when neither developer could show that they had any interest or ownership of the lands, trees, boundary wall they wished to knock and cross to gain access to their development site.

Could he outline Council policy in respect of this planning situation?

An applicant does not have to be the owner in order to make a valid application for permission.

Article 22(i)(d) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 requires an applicant to state his or her legal interest in the land to be developed.

In the case of planning application 04/28805 Permission for the construction of 6 no. 2 storey dwelling houses and associated site works at Lake Lawn, Douglas, the applicant stated he had a contract to purchase the site. Given the relevant policy context provided by the City Development Plan, it was considered that

subject to a number of conditions the proposed development would be acceptable and would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

This decision was then appealed to An Bord Pleanála who on 16th September, 2005 also granted permission subject to 15 conditions. Condition No. 3 provides that “Prior to commencement of development, details of the number of trees to be removed in order to facilitate the proposed vehicular access to the site and the treatment of the extended driveway between the site and the public road shall be submitted to and have received the written agreement of the Planning Authority.”

The applicant of 05/30379 stated he was the owner of that particular site. The subject site is located on the junction of Well Road and Lake Lawn near Douglas Village. There is an existing two storey dwelling within the site and faces onto the Well Road.

It is proposed to demolish the existing house and to construct a 3 storey apartment block consisting of 14 no. 1, 2 and 3 bed units. The proposed site layout indicates that the footprint of the block shall run parallel with the public road. Vehicular access is located on the North West corner of the site and leads to a basement car park. This car park shall facilitate 28 no. parking spaces and a bin storage area for each of the apartments.

The site lies within an area zoned for the purpose of “Residential, Community and Local Services” within Fig. 10.3 of the Cork City Development Plan 2004. When viewed from the adjoining roadway the sites are effectively screened by a row of evergreen cypress trees growing outside the western boundary wall. Beyond these existing trees is a grass margin that abuts the roadway at Lake Lawn.

However a person is not entitled to carry out the development permitted solely by reason of a permission having been granted (s.34(13)). This provision is particularly important where there may be a dispute in relation to land ownership or rights of way. In such instances the Planning Authority need only be concerned with an applicant demonstrating “reasonable interest in the land to make an application”.

3.13 **KENLEY CLOSE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

Due to the removal of trees from the green/amenity areas in the above location, these areas are now very uneven making it impossible to cut the grass properly and they also look unsightly. When will these areas be reseeded and restored?

A number of shrubberies at the above location were removed at the request of local residents to discourage unsocial gatherings. Final reinstatement of these areas is scheduled for early spring when ground conditions firm-up.

4. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- a) The Cork Senior Camogie Team and the Cork Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland titles.
- b) For the crew of L.E. Emer.
- c) Cork Intermediate Hurling Team on winning the All Ireland Hurling Final.
- d) St. Finbarrs Camogie Team on winning the Cork Senior Camogie Final.

5. **SPORTS CHALLENGE WEEKEND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan and C. Clancy at the “Lagan to the Lee” Sports Challenge Weekend in Belfast on 20 – 22 October, 2006. The third nominee would be advised to the Meetings Administrator.

6. **EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2005**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager dated 25th September, 2006 on the European Capital of Culture 2005 which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 25th September 2006.

7. **PARTY WHIPS MEETING – 2ND OCTOBER 2006**

7.1 **NEW ARCHIVES BUILDING, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of An t-Ardmhéara that the new Archives Building, Blackpool be named after Seamus Murphy, RHA Sculptor. An t-Ardmhéara further recommended that this be referred to the Arts Committee to be carried out in 2007 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Seamus Murphy.

8. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER**

8.1 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

8.1.1 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 14th September, 2006 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January, 2006 – 31st August, 2006.

8.1.2 **PRESERVATION ORDER TREES – WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 14th September, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the mature trees in Wellington Road would be given the protection of a preservation order and additionally that the E.S.B. be required to put its overhead lines underground and desist from any further destruction of trees in this area – an area of special character and conservation (City Development Plan 2004).

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 06/370)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Tree Preservation Order legislation is generally used to protect trees on privately owned land rather trees in public places. I will refer the matter of the condition of the trees to the Parks Department for report. I understand that the ESB has powers to cut back trees where they interfere with overhead lines. The issue of the undergrounding of lines could be considered in the future by the Roads Department if extensive pavement refurbishment works are being undertaken.

9. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 9 p.m.

10. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2ND OCTOBER 2006**

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community for the month of September, 2006.

10.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community for the quarter ended 28th September, 2006.

10.3 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BAKER’S ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Bakers Road, off Blarney Street, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 28th September, 2006 thereon and agreed to approve the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that access to the proposed development will be via Baker’s Road and Mount St. Joseph’s Close.

Details of the house types proposed in the advertised scheme are as follows:

- 6 No. 3 Bedroom Two Storey Townhouses
- 6 No. 3 Bedroom Two Storey Semi-Detached Houses

The development described above was advertised as a development proposed to be carried out by Cork City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on the 14th September, 2006.

No submissions/observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development.

The site of the proposed development is shown on the accompanying map and a plan showing the advertised project is also attached.

There is substantial demand for housing across the entire city. The proposed scheme will provide much needed quality accommodation and will help to meet these demands for affordable housing.

The proposal has been considered by the Planning & Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and the inputs of the various Directorates have been considered in the advancement of the project. Members will appreciate the great need for housing which exists in the City. The proposed development will deliver affordable housing accommodation on Cork's North-side for 12 no. households.

10.4 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CONNOLLY PLACE/CONNOLLY GREEN AND O'RIORDAN'S CRESCENT**

Comhairleoir F. Dennehy declared his interest in the proposed development at Connolly Place/Connolly Green and O' Riordan Crescent. An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Connolly Place/ Connolly Green, Ballyphehane and at O'Riordan's Crescent at the junction of Pouladuff Road and Tramore Road, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 28th September, 2006 thereon and agreed to approve the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposed infill developments consist of the construction of 2 dwellings and associated site works on sites at Connolly Place/Connolly Green, Ballyphehane and at O'Riordan's Crescent at the junction of Pouladuff Road and Tramore Road in the City of Cork.

Details of the house types proposed in the advertised schemes are as follows:

Connolly Place/Connolly Green, Ballyphehane :

- 1 no. infill two bedroomed two storey house

Access to the proposed development will be via Connolly Green.

O'Riordan's Crescent at the junction of Pouladuff Road & Tramore Road :

- 1 no. two bedroomed detached bungalow suitable for disabled persons with car parking space. Access to the proposed development will be via Pouladuff Road.

The developments described above were advertised as a development proposed to be carried out by Cork City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on the 11th August, 2006.

No submissions/observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development.

The sites of the proposed developments are shown on the accompanying map and a plan showing the advertised projects are also attached.

The proposals have been considered by the Planning & Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and the inputs of the various Directorates have been considered in the advancement of the projects.

10.5 **PROPOSED JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENT AT 107/108 DOUGLAS STREET, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed Joint Venture Development at 107/108 Douglas Street and the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 29th September, 2006 thereon and agreed to approve the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposed development would consist of:

- Adult Literacy Centre at Ground Floor level No. 107 Douglas Street
- Office / Administration space and associated facilities at Ground Floor level No. 108 Douglas Street.
- 5 No. 1 Bedroom Apartments and 5 No. 2 Bedroom Apartments on first, second and third floor level at 107/108 Douglas Street.
- Single storey Crèche of 485 sq. metres with associated facilities to the rear of 107/108 Douglas Street and Langford Mills Apartments.
- First Floor Student Services Centre to the rear of 107 Douglas Street

There will be access to the development, and to the St. John's Central College complex, from Douglas Street.

The development described above was advertised as a scheme proposed to be carried out by Cork City Council in partnership with City of Cork Vocational Educational Committee and Sophia Housing Association. The site of the proposed development is shown on the accompanying map and a site layout plan, as well as an elevational drawing, showing the proposed scheme are also attached.

The proposed development will consist of a Crèche, Adult Literacy Centre, Office and Administration space, Student Services Centre and residential accommodation, on a site measuring 1,435 Sq Metres (0.14ha), which is in the ownership of City of Cork Vocational Educational Committee. The V.E.C. has agreed to make available to the City Council the site for residential accommodation and the office/administration space and the Council has, in turn, agreed to act as lead agency in developing this mixed use project. The residential units will be used for social housing purposes and will be managed for the Council by the Sofia Housing Association. The location of the accommodation and the availability of child-care facilities will provide a unique opportunity for residents to avail and partake in education and training. In this manner the proposed project will support and add to existing residential programmes being undertaken and supported by the City Council for vulnerable groups.

Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions/objections were to be made ended on September 28th, 2006.

No submissions were received in relation to the proposed development.

There is substantial demand for social housing across the entire city. The proposed scheme will provide much needed accommodation and will help to meet this demand. As well as this the proposed development will secure the rehabilitation of an important inner city site which has been derelict for many years, will provide a valuable addition to the social infrastructure of the area and will have the further benefit of opening up and improving access to the St. John's Central College complex. As stated above, this partnership project will compliment and add to the existing programmes and activities of the City Council and will provide a valuable resource and opportunity for residents of the proposed dwellings.

The proposal has been considered by the Planning & Development Directorate, Roads and Transportation Directorate, Environment Directorate and Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and no objection has been raised to the proposed development. The proposal is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan.

10.6 **LOCATE INFILL HOUSING – GLENCREE CRESCENT AND ARD BHAILE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 28th September, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council locate infill housing in the disused ground between Glencree Crescent and Ard Bhaile.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/416)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the site in question is one of a number which were identified for attention at a recent meeting between Housing staff and Ward Members. This and the other sites will now be assessed by the Housing Directorate over the coming weeks and will be reported on to Ward Members at a further meeting scheduled for December next.

10.7 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- (a) Disposal of land by way of Sporting Lease approximately 0.229 hectares situated at “Inch Field”, Lee Road, Cork, to The Trustees of the Phoenix Kayak Club, Cork, c/o Valentine Turnbull, 33/34, Washington Street West, Cork, subject to a nominal rent of €5.00 per annum.
- (b) Disposal of derelict site approximately 0.16 hectares at Beasley Street, South Mall and No. 18 Parnell Place, Cork to Michael Corbett and Kevin Corbett, 9 Henry Street, Cork for the sum of €75,000.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 250, Pouladuff Road, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated 19th May 1994 to Loretto Corcoran for the sum of €33,255.27.
- (b) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 13, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 27th May 1999 to Breda Dineen for the sum of €35,799.90.
- (c) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 15, Grangewood Court, Grange, Cork, held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 19th March 2002 to Ian Chesby and Edel Chesby for the sum of €90,928.02.

FEE SIMPLE

- (a) Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in premises known as No. 49A, Old Market Place, Cork, to Patrick Murray and Jeremiah Murray, c/o Stokes & Co., Solicitors, 20, Grand Parade, Cork, for the sum of €4,000.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00.

10.8 **REPORT TRAVELLER FAMILIES AND THE HOUSING LIST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 31st August, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out an up to date report on the amount of traveller families currently residing in halting sites in the City and that they would also do a report on the number of traveller families that have been housed from the housing list in the last twelve months.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/366)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there are presently 46 number families resident in Halting Sites. 12 number Traveller families have been allocated houses from the Housing List from the 1st August 2005 to the present time. 3 number houses were purchased for Traveller families in the last 12 months. The unit costs of these houses were €265,000 for two of the properties and €272,500 for the remaining property.

11. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2ND OCTOBER 2006**

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 28th September, 2006, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September, 2006.

11.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – CONNOLLY RD., FRIARS WALK, TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Connolly Road from Friars Walk to Tory Top Road be included in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme and the programme should allow for residential parking on the margins adjacent to the Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/161)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Connolly Road from Friars Walk to Tory Top Road will be included for consideration in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme. The provision of residential parking on the margins adjacent to the carriageway will be considered when the road is being resurfaced.

11.3 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – CONNAUGHT AVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide additional public lighting on the inner footpath in the park on Connaught Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/162)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it was agreed at the Ward Meeting held in early 2006 to fund the provision of additional lighting along this green area from the 2006 public lighting ward fund. To this end a design was drawn up and a price for the works was sought. The ESB have supplied Cork City Council with an estimated project cost and it is now intended to proceed with the works. It is planned to have the installation of the lights completed by the end of 2006.

11.4 **GREENHILLS COURT – 2007 TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road be included in the 2007 Traffic Calming programme, and that in the meantime a traffic count be carried out, to establish the speed and volume of traffic passing through the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/334)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined to fully determine the speed and volume of traffic passing through the estate. If the warrants for the provision of traffic calming works are met, the area will be put forward for consideration when determining the 2007 Programme for traffic calming areas.

11.5 **HAWTHORN VILLAS, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Hawthorn Villas, South Douglas Road in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme. This Cul de Sac area should have been done with the South Douglas Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. Martin & Cllr. T. Shannon 06/348)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hawthorn Villas, South Douglas Road will be included for consideration in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

11.6 **CLOSURE OF ALLEYWAY BETWEEN UPPER FAIR HILL AND BANTRY PARK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the alleyway between Upper Fair Hill and Bantry Park Road be closed immediately in order to put a stop to the ongoing antisocial behaviour and to allow the residents of the area live in peace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/379)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway between Upper Fair Hill and Bantry Park Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 laneway closure programme.

11.7 **REPAIR WALL DIVIDING ST. MARY’S ROAD & FARRAN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the wall dividing St. Mary’s Road and Farran Street be repaired as a matter of urgency to avoid it collapsing and causing serious injury to someone.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/380)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council’s Road Maintenance Department will carry out repairs on the wall dividing St. Mary’s Road and Farran Street.

11.8 **CLOSURE OF ALLEYWAY BETWEEN UPPER FAIR HILL & BANTRY PARK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council close off the alleyway between Upper Fairhill and Bantry Park Road as petitioned by the residents and supported by the Gardaí because of the serious anti social behaviour in the alleyway.

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 06/389)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway between Upper Fair Hill and Bantry Park Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 laneway closure programme.

11.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – EDEN GROVE, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place at Eden Grove, Blackrock to slow down traffic entering this park.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/391)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined to fully determine the extent of speeding and traffic volumes in the area. If the warrants for the provision of traffic calming measures are met, the area will be put forward for consideration in the 2007 Roads Traffic Calming Programme.

11.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – AVENUE DE RENNES, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be placed as a matter of urgency in Avenue de Rennes, Blackrock to stop speeding traffic on this stretch of road. This road is used by a large young population as it is accessible to two schools in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/392)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined to fully determine the extent of speeding and traffic volumes in the area. If the warrants for the provision of traffic calming measures are met, the area will be put forward for consideration in the 2007 Roads Traffic Calming Programme.

11.11 **RESURFACE – PRESENTATION CLOSE, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Resurface the road in Presentation Close, Gurranaברה.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/394)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the road surface at Presentation Close is in good condition and does not require resurfacing at this time. There are, however, some minor defects and these will be rectified in the 2006 Roads Maintenance programme.

11.12 **FOOTPATH – 31 – 40 FAIRFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Renew the footpath outside the houses 31-40 Fairfield Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/395)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will renew the footpath between nos. 31 and 40 Fairfield Road. This will be done in the 2006 Roads Maintenance programme of works.

11.13 **PARKING PERMITS – PLACING NAMES ON ELECTORAL REGISTER**

An Chomhairle referred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

‘That the requirement for a person seeking a parking permit to place his/her name on the electoral register for the area in question be removed. This requirement is a major reason why the register is very inaccurate in areas close to the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/397)

11.14 **SPEED RAMPS – CHERRY TREE ROAD, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That speed ramps be constructed at Cherry Tree Road, Togher to provide a measure of safety and to prevent its use as a ‘rat run’, and that junctions with Hazel Road and Earlwood be clearly marked and lined so as to avoid the traffic ‘free for all’ occurring there currently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/399)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined to fully determine the extent of speeding and traffic volumes in the area. If the warrants for the provision of traffic calming measures are met, the area will be put forward for consideration in the 2007 Roads Traffic Calming Programme.

11.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ORCHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That, in the interest of public safety, traffic calming ramps or other traffic calming measures be provided as a matter of urgency at Orchard Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/401)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined to fully determine the extent of speeding and traffic volumes in the area. If the warrants for the provision of traffic calming measures are met, the area will be put forward for consideration in the 2007 Roads Traffic Calming Programme.

11.16 **LANEWAY – BYFIELD COURT WITH ROSELEE COURT BE CLOSED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That, in order to deal with anti-social behaviour and to improve the area generally, the lane-way connecting Byfield Court with Roselee Close, Lower Mayfield be closed at the earliest possible date.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/407)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway between Byfield Court and Roselee Close, Lower Mayfield will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 laneway closure programme.

11.17 **INSTALL TRAFFIC LIGHTS – BOHERBOY ROAD AND SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install traffic lights at the junction of Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane in order to allow drivers from the Silverheights and Lotabeg areas an opportunity to exit right onto Silversprings Lane.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/415)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that when proposals for the Green Route network were being formulated, the provision of traffic lights along Silversprings Lane and all its junctions was considered. To provide traffic lights at the Boherboy Road junction was deemed inappropriate as lights were also being upgraded at both the Colmcille Avenue and Old Youghal Road junctions. To provide lights at the intermediate junction would have significantly impacted on the carrying capacity of the main roadway and caused queue back through each of the other two junctions. However, to facilitate cars exiting from the Silverheights and Lotabeg areas, a yellow junction box was installed to give drivers an opportunity to exit onto Silversprings Lane.

11.18 **CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER – CUL-DE-SAC**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would make Churchfield Way Upper a cul-de-sac at the Kilmore Road end. This road is totally unsuitable for two-way traffic as cars and particularly vans are unable to pass each other. As a result railings have been damaged and walls have been cracked because the road is too narrow.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/417)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area has been examined in response to the request to effectively make the roadway one-way. Our experience to date has shown that where one-way traffic routing has been provided, it has encouraged the use of the roadway as both a rat run and also facilitated increased traffic speeds. In addition, it has invariably caused difficulty for those living at the far end of the restriction because they are now obliged to travel through the surrounding road network to enter the roadway from its far end. Consequently we would not recommend that this area be made a Cul-de-Sac roadway.

11.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – BRIDEVALLEY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place traffic calming measures in Bridevalley Park to try and stop the continuous joy-riding and dumping and burning out of cars which has led to serious anti-social behaviour in Bridevalley Park.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/418)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined to fully determine the extent of speeding and traffic volumes in the area. If the warrants for the provision of traffic calming measures are met, the area will be put forward for consideration in the 2007 Roads Traffic Calming Programme.

11.20 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME – ELTON LAWN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Elton Lawn Bishopstown in the next roads resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/421)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Elton Lawn Bishopstown will be included for consideration in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

11.21 **PLAQUES ON PAVEMENT AT BARRACK STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 28th September, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As part of rejuvenating the area, Cork City Council will put in place a series of plaques on the pavement of Barrack Street to signify the various lanes which once existed and presently remain on the street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/419)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that as part of the Street Renewal Scheme for the lower section of Barrack Street, the provision of plaques marking the laneways will be considered as part of the scheme.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

13. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

13.1 **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Building Sustainable Communities Conference held at Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway on the 28th September, 2006.

13.2 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at The Local Government Environment Service held at The Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal, Co. Cork on the 29th – 30th September, 2006.

13.3 **ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN COMBATING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and C. Lynch at The Role of Local Government in Combating Anti-Social Behavior held at The Carraig Hotel, Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary on the 27th/28th October, 2006.

13.4 **LAMA WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Lynch at the LAMA Winter Seminar held at The Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow, Co. Wicklow on the 10th/11th November, 2006.

13.5 **NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Lynch at The National Tourism Conference held at The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 24th/25th November, 2006.

14. **MOTIONS**

14.1 **SPORTS AS SUBJECT ON THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was deferred from meetings of An Chomhairle held on 24th July, 11th September and 25th September, 2006.

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Minister for Education to enquire if it would be feasible to add a sports subject to the Leaving Cert syllabus.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/260)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace An Chomhairle agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Minister for Education to enquire if it would be feasible to add physical education as a subject to the Leaving Cert syllabus.’

An Chomhairle approved the amended motion.

14.2 **OPPOSITION – 25% INCREASE IN GAS PRICES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred from the meetings of An Chomhairle held on 11th September, 2006 and 25th September 2006.

‘Cork City Council states its opposition to the 25% increase in the gas prices due on October 1 and calls on the Government to provide Bord Gais with a subsidy that would allow it to cancel this draconian price hike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/413)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

14.3 **OPPOSITION – GOVERNMENT POLICY – AER LINGUS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th September, 2006 and 25th September 2006.

‘Cork City Council states its total opposition to Government policy regarding privatisation of the national airline, Aer Lingus.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/414)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

14.4 **REVIEW OF THE CURRENT PART 5 PROCESS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 25th September, 2006.

‘That Cork City Council call on the Minister for the Environment to carry out a review of the current Part 5 process pertaining to new housing developments with a view to closing off many anomalies in the system which are causing difficulties to Local Authorities throughout the country and affecting the successful acquisition of Social Housing from this process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/435)

14.5 **HSE HOME HELPS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 25th September, 2006

‘Cork City Council opposes the new rules for calculating HSE home helps income when assessing eligibility for medical cards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/442)

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a local area development plan for Ballyphehane and that it would consult with relevant bodies and organisations in the parish in order to formulate an integrated plan for its future development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/166)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

15.2 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN BARRACK STREET**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a local area development plan for Barrack Street and that it would consult with relevant bodies and organisations in the parish in order to formulate an integrated plan for its future development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/167)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

15.3 **BUILDING PROGRAMME – BUNGALOW TYPE HOUSING**

‘Given the increased demand for bungalow type housing in the city, I propose that Cork City Council put a building programme in place for such housing as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/398)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

15.4 **INSTALL PARK AND DISPLAY MACHINES IN THE CITY**

‘To facilitate both residents of Cork and visitors to our city I propose that Cork City Council install “Park and Display” machines in the City to complement or replace the scratch card system.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/400)

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

15.5 **SURVEY – IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS – SPRING LANE, BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department carry out a survey with the view to improving pedestrian access and widening the footpaths in Spring Lane, Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/412)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT BLARNEY ST. JUNCTION**

‘That a pedestrian crossing would be put in place at the junction of Blarney Street and Shandon Street, near Irwins Chemist Shop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/430)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **FENCE BETWEEN NO’S 66/67 LARCHFIELD**

‘That a fence be put on the wall at the rear of the green area between No’s 66/67 Larchfield to stop people having access to the back of the houses in Park Lawn, Parklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/437)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional

15.8 **SPRING LANE**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department consult with the Gardaí with the view to having Spring Lane regulated as a street not suitable for heavy goods vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/438)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **SURVEY – SUNNYSIDE, BELMONT, BALLINLOUGH**

‘That this Council would survey Sunnyside, Belmont, Ballinlough with a view to reducing the speed and volume of traffic using this route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 06/446)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **YELLOW BOX – SHANAKIEL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put in place a yellow box on Shanakiel Road at the junction of the road leading to Ashboro and also at the junction of Strawberry Hill.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/448)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **SCOIL PADRE PIO, CHURCHFIELD – LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL HALL/GYMN**

‘That this City Council would discuss with Scoil Padre Pio, Churchfield, the possibility of donating the land adjacent to the school for the construction of a School Hall/Gymnasium.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 06/451)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

15.12 **INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

‘That this City Council would install Smoke Alarms free of charge in all of its residential properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 06/452)

Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee

15.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MARDYKE**

‘That Cork City Council should put in place traffic calming measures on the Mardyke in view of the fact that the speed of traffic using the roadway has increased and in addition the volume of traffic has tripled in the last few years due to access to the U.C.C. Sports Ground being made available from Mardyke Walk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/453)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.14 **RESURFACE – CAHERGAL AVENUE – 2007 ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES**

‘That Cork City Council resurface the remainder of Cahergal Avenue and Cahergal Lawn in 2007 and that it make appropriate provision for this work in the 2007 Estimate of Expenses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/454)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.15 **RESURFACE – BELLEVUE PARK 2007**

‘That Cork City Council resurface the remainder of Bellevue Park in 2007 and that it make the appropriate provision in the 2007 Estimate of Expenses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/455)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.16 **ALTERNATIVE HEATING SYSTEMS – OLD AGE PENSIONERS**

‘That Cork City Council would in view of the recent massive increase in the price of gas which is to be passed on to the consumer from the start of October that City Council would look at alternative energy heating systems and not force their tenants to take gas only and also that they would carry out a survey of all tenants who have received gas central heating to see if they would be interested in a more effective and cost efficient system and in particular that they would make contact with tenants who’s only income is old age pension as a matter of urgency to make sure that they can afford the new price structure as to avoid a situation where older people will not be able to afford heating over the winter months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/456)

Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee

15.17 **UPGRADING FOOTPATHS – SILVERCOURT**

‘That the upgrading of the foot-paths and the road in Silvercourt, North Ring Road, Silversprings, be including in the programme of works for the coming year.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/462)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.18 **FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN CORK CITY.**

‘That Cork City Council would invite the Affordable House Partnership to address a joint meeting of the Housing Functional Committee and Housing Strategic Policy Committee to discuss ongoing and future affordable housing development in the Cork City area.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/463)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

15.19 **TENANT PENSIONERS – NO CHARGE**

‘That Cork City Council will no longer charge tenant Pensioners who have become widowed the differential amount of rent for the six week period after their spouse has deceased, as the current practice of adding this amount to the total rent sum is drawn from a short-term social welfare payment, which sets out to assist people in times of hardship and should therefore not be taken into account when setting the rental rate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/464)

Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee

15.20 **ELTON LAWN, UAM VAR ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN – ON STREET PARKING ISSUES**

‘In light of extreme difficulties being experienced by residents of Elton Lawn, Uam Var estate Bishopstown, in gaining access egress from their residences due to chronic on street parking and in the interests of health and safety, Cork City Council would designate them as priority areas in need of urgent assistance to alleviate the on street parking issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/465)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.21 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME – ASHFORD ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would include Ashford Estate in its road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/466)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

15.22 **PLANNING DIFFICULTIES – ALLIED IRISH BANKS – WATERCOURSE ROAD, BLACKPOOL.**

‘That Cork City Council immediately enter into discussion with Allied Irish Banks in order to resolve the planning difficulties surrounding their present location at Watercourse Road, Blackpool which resulted in their decision to close down that Branch and relocate to the Blackpool Retail Park – a move which will seriously undermine Cork City Council’s efforts to retain the village character of Blackpool, as well as affect the residents and business people of the area.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/467)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

15.23 **CHILDCARE FACILITIES – NO RATES**

‘Cork City Council resolves that all city-based childcare facilities be charged no rates for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/468)

Corporate Policy Group

15.24 **GARDA SIOCHANA – SHELL OIL GAS REFINERY**

‘Cork City Council opposes the decision to mobilise approximately 200 members of the Garda Siochana, including Gardai from Cork, to assist the Shell Oil corporation in implementing their plans for a gas refinery in North Mayo.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/469)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

15.25 **GREEN MAN CROSSING ON SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council install a green man crossing and other traffic calming measures on the Skehard Road adjacent to Brickfields and Douglas Hall Mews. The cost of such works can be easily found in the development charges gathered from this new development.

(Proposers: Cllr. S. Martin and T. Shannon 06/471)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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