

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2006

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham,
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí M. Quill.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. Denis O' Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. Stephen Kearney, Director of Services, Housing
Ms. Liz Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads.
Mr. Finbarr Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. E. McCarthy, 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:-

- The O' Keefe Family on the death of Peter O' Keefe.
- The Herlihy Family on the death of Jonathon Herlihy.
- The Buttimer Family on the death of Nancy Buttimer.
- The O' Sullivan Family on the death of Nance O'Sullivan.
- The De Barra Family on the death of Eilish De Barra.
- The Wrenne Family on the death of Fr. Francis Wrenne.
- The O' Riordan Family on the death of Marcus O'Riordan.
- The Phelan Family on the death of Mick Phelan.
- The Vienny Family on the death of Mrs. Vienny.

- The McCarthy Family on the death of Sean McCarthy.
- The Reaney Family on the death of Marie Reaney.
- The Floyd Family on the death of Marion Floyd.
- The Callaghan Family on the death of Rita O'Callaghan.
- The Keohane Family on the death Paddy Keohane.
- The Goulding Family on the death of James Goulding.
- The Linehan Family on the death of Daniel Linehan.
- Rachel House, Tenant Liason Officer, Housing & Community on the death of her father, Roland John House.
- John Murray on the death of his brother, Paddy Murray.
- The Family of the late Ruth Clifford McCourt & daughter Juliana.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- The Cork Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland.
- Roy Keane on his new position as manager, Sunderland AFC.
- The Cork Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland semi finals.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24th July, 2006 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **5 MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE**

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

When will number 5 Mt. Pleasant Avenue be taken in charge?

The derelict property at 5, Mount Pleasant Avenue, has been identified as a priority site for compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

The required title investigation is currently in progress, and will be completed in the near future.

This site is accordingly on the derelict sites acquisition programme and will be acquired as soon as title investigation is finalised.

3.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – KILMORE ROAD**

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

Will the Manager please tell me what type of traffic calming measures are to be put in place on Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny?

Also when does the Manager expect this work to be completed?

In an effort to reduce traffic speeds along Kilmore Road, traffic islands have been constructed in the median area between both carriageways. To ensure that entrances to households across the median are clearly designated, reflective bollards will be erected to give clear definition to the openings. In addition mature trees will be planted within the traffic islands during the planting season to enhance the traffic calming effect.

The work is programmed to be completed within two months.

3.3 **29 AND 29 A SHEARS PARK**

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

Re: 29 and 29A Shears Park, Glasheen Road

A large amount of gravel deposited on the sloping driveways and gardens of the above houses has fallen out and continues to fall out onto the public footpath in front of the two properties. Because of the danger of pedestrians slipping or cyclists skidding on these high sloping footpaths and the unsightly look of the area I am asking Cork City Council what can be done to alleviate the situation?

Cork City Council have written to the owners of the properties requesting that the gravel on the public Footpath and Roadway be removed as a matter of urgency. In the event that the gravel is not removed a Violation Notice will issue to the property owners under section 13 of the 1993 Roads Act.

3.4 **WILTON GARDENS/WILTON ROAD**

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

The junction of Wilton Gardens/Wilton Road is the subject of numerous ` requests/motions by residents/councillors etc. over the years.

Residents are very eager to resolve this issue as the status quo is not acceptable due to the danger and fear in exiting Wilton Gardens and turning south on Wilton Road.

Manager, please look afresh with a view to arriving at an acceptable solution to the residents in the area.?

The present regime at the Wilton Gardens/Wilton Road junction was constructed as part of the Curraheen to City centre Green route project in late 2004. Following a request by the Wilton Gardens Residents' Association and various local representatives, we have requested our consulting engineers Messrs. Arups to re-examine the layout of the junction and in particular to address the safety issues pertaining to the residents in Wilton Gardens.

I would expect to have the results of such study available for the members consideration in the next few weeks.

3.5 **HOUSING ESTATE – SHERATON COURT, GLASHEEN ROAD**

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

Will the Manager please inform Council of the name and address of the individual or company who is the legal owner with charge of the small housing estate at Sheraton Court, Glasheen Road. This estate was built approximately 20 years ago and a number of apartments have also been built in recent years?

Sheraton Court was built under a permission, planning reference number 79/8499, granted on 13th July, 1979 to Sheraton Holdings, c/o Stephen Hyde, Architect, 22 Tuckey Street, Cork.

On 22nd January, 2001 an application to construct 8 apartments fronting Sheraton Court was received from Mr. Aiden Heffernan of Hitchmough Kinnear, Sheraton Court, Glasheen Road, Cork, Planning Reference No. 01/24922. Having considered this application the Planning Authority decided to refuse to grant permission on 20th March 2001.

This decision was appealed by the applicant to An Bord Pleanála who on 13th November, 2001 decided to grant permission.

This development commenced on 14th December, 2001 and was implemented by Mr. Liam Davis, DavCon Developments, Monahan Road, Cork.

3.6 **REFUSE/LITTER MANAGEMENT**

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

To ask the Manager if he will agree that a more targeted and different approach to refuse/litter management is needed to deal with dwellings of multiple occupancy and if so what an alteration does he propose to the existing system in respect of such dwellings?

The following policy is operated by the City Council in relation to refuse services:-

1. If the service is provided in respect of a premises comprising of more than one dwelling unit, the charge is levied on the owner of the premises.
2. If, however, each dwelling unit within a premises of multiple occupancy receives an individual service, the charge is levied on each occupier.
3. In all other cases the occupier is liable for the charge.

This latter is in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1983, as amended by the Local Government Act 2000 which states that where a premises is not owned by a Local Authority and comprises more than one dwelling, the refuse collection charge is payable by and recoverable from the owner of the dwelling.

This general power has been extended by the Waste Management Act 1996 and the Protection of the Environment Act 2003. The Waste Management Act 1996 also provides for local authorities not collecting refuse where charges have not been paid. Cork City Council does not collect refuse from premises where waste accounts are not in order. If such waste is presented it is treated as litter under the Litter Pollution Acts.

In relation to litter management the City Council examines all complaints received and takes action where possible under the Litter Pollution Acts. It is to be noted that the latter provides as follows:

“the owner of any land appurtenant to a residence that is let in two or more dwelling units (not being separate hereditaments) shall, notwithstanding the obligation of an occupier under subsection (2) in relation to land, keep the land free of litter that is to any extent visible from a public place.

As such action can be taken against the individual causing the litter, where evidence can be obtained, or against the owner or landlord of the rented premises as described.

The City Council welcomes information in relation to littering from members of the public and all incidents reported are investigated with a view to enforcement action as described.

3.7 **WATER QUALITY – PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

What role does Cork City Council have in monitoring the Water Quality in Private Swimming Pools in the City?

Cork City Council has no role in monitoring water quality in private swimming pools.

3.8 **DUMPING OF WASTE FOOD**

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

Can the City Manager please confirm if it is allowable for processed waste food from commercial and domestic kitchens to be disposed of directly and in an untreated state into the River Lee. Would he not agree that such pollution if it is happening or capable of happening would constitute a crime against the environment. Finally, can he confirm if it is possible for City Council to draft and implement Bye Laws to ban such disposal and can he instruct the Law Agent to prepare draft bye laws for Council to review?

Under the Pollution Acts the discharge of untreated waste to a river is prohibited unless it is carried out in accordance with the provisions of a discharge licence issued by the local authority or an integrated pollution licence issued by the EPA. Both the Council and the EPA have relevant enforcement powers and they can and do prosecute in respect of unauthorised discharges to rivers.

It is however to be noted that in recent times food macerators are increasingly being promoted as a means for disposing food waste. Such macerators are designed to connect to the local authority sewer network rather than a surface water network which connects to rivers/ streams. They therefore facilitate the discharge of food material into the public sewer network and onto the Council’s sewerage treatment plant.

The disposal of food waste in this manner should not be supported by the City Council. The system bye-passes the existing controlled waste collection service and does not accord with the agreed policies and plans for the separation of biodegradable waste by the local authority or private waste collectors. In addition it increases the loadings and operational costs of the Councils drainage network

and treatment plant. It presents an increased risk for sewer blockages and for rodent/ odour problems. It also reduces the capacity available in the network and treatment plant. This capacity should be retained to facilitate the growth of the City - particularly for new housing and for employment opportunities.

The discharge of trade effluent to a public sewer is prohibited under the Pollution Acts unless it is authorised and effected in accordance with a discharge licence or integrated pollution licence. Whilst the matter would, most likely, be the subject of legal argument it is understood that the term trade effluent as defined would extend to cover macerated food where the premises was used for carrying on trade or industry. The position in relation to macerated food waste from domestic dwellings, mixed use properties and other properties outside the foregoing is less clear. This perhaps reflects the fact that the Pollution Acts and the provisions and definitions contained therein were not written with food macerators in mind. The Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government is aware of the problem and the need for legal clarity. It has been informally confirmed that the matter will be addressed in legislation and it is understood that this may be done under the proposed Water Services Act.

The City Council will be kept informed of legislative changes and other developments in this area.

3.9 **CLOSURE OF LANE-WAY – MURMONT ROAD**

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

Will the Manager inform Council why the proposed closure of the lane-way between numbers 50 and 52 Murmont Road, Montenotte has been postponed?

The extinguishment of the public right of way between numbers 50 -52 Murmont Road has not been postponed.

The land in question is not in the ownership of Cork City Council and must be acquired using the Derelict Sites legislation. This process has commenced.

3.10 **MCELHINNEY CEILINGS – NEW CIVIC OFFICES**

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

Regarding Sidney McElhinney Ceilings Ltd, a sub-contractor on the new Civic Offices project, can the Manager inform Council as to:

- (a) what checks were made by City Hall into the REA compliance record of this sub-contractor before he started work on such a prestigious project for the city?
- (b) whether the Cork Building Group of Unions were informed of the McElhinney

appointment in advance? (c) what steps, if any, has City Hall taken in the period since July 24 to clarify the REA compliance record of this particular sub-contractor?

The Development of the New Civic Offices is being carried out by Cleary Doyle Construction following public tender. Sidney McIlhinney Ceilings Ltd. was employed as a sub-contractor and the onus for ensuring REA compliance in relation to this project rests with the main contractor. The Cork Building Group of Unions were not informed of this appointment. Cork City Council requested the main contractor to confirm that this sub-contractor is compliant and he has confirmed this to be the case.

3.11 **ASSISTANCE TO EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL**

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

In light of a number of attacks on Emergency Service Personnel, to ask the City Manager to outline to Council the role Cork City Council plays in providing assistance to Emergency Services Personnel?

The assistance available to Cork City Fire Brigade personnel in the course of their duties is as follows: all personnel are fully trained in procedures to be followed when involved in incidents which could present a risk of attack; Garda assistance is always available particularly in situations which occur annually such as Bonfire Night: all personnel are issued with Personal Protective Equipment which includes helmets; counselling is also available for personnel after an incident.

3.12 **WORK IN THE ENGLISH MARKET**

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

To ask the Manager:

1. What redevelopment work is taking place in the English Market specifically in the balcony area?
 2. What is the cost of the proposed new stain glass window?
 3. Is it proposed to change the Management Company, as suggested by the tenants, and if so, when?
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1. The proposal, for which a Part 8 application has been prepared, is to enlarge by 13.5 sq. m. the north section of the balcony (Farmgate Café) over the Princes Street area of the market (O'Sullivans).
 2. The contract price for the stained glass window is €66k.

3. It is intended to place the management of the English Market for public tender following the preparation of a new management contract in consultation with the English Market Traders Committee.

4. **ADOPTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs dated 1st September, 2006 and agreed to adopt the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 2006 on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham.

5. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CORK DOCKLANDS**

An Chomhairle approved the Progress Report of the Docklands Policy Committee dated 4th September, 2006.

6. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

6.1 **RAILWAY PROCUREMENT AGENCY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, regarding the Railway Procurement Agency Report dated 31st August, 2006.

6.2 **DISABILITY ACCESS AUDIT REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, regarding the Disability Access Audit Report.

6.3 **CORK URBAN FREIGHT MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, regarding Cork Urban Freight Management.

6.4 **BYE LAWS TO REGULATE USE OF NARROW SUBURBAN ROADS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion.

‘That Cork City Council draft Bye Laws to regulate the use of narrow suburban roads by heavy road vehicles in the interest of public safety and to protect the environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/339)

The report of the City Manager stated that The regulation or control of heavy goods vehicles using public roads is carried out by the positioning of regulatory signs at appropriate locations near the entrances to the areas to be controlled. The signs are provided by the City Council under Section 37 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 and there is a requirement that the Garda be consulted beforehand. Local authorities can only enact bye-laws in relation to pay parking controls, taxi ranks and speed limits, and all other traffic and parking matters are governed by national legislation. There are some regulatory signs in the City which control the movement of heavy goods vehicles at particular locations. Other locations will be considered in the context of our urban freight policy. However, when selecting locations for these signs the following factors have to be considered:

The locations for the controls comply with the policies and objective of the City's urban freight strategy.

The areas concerned are environmentally sensitive to heavy goods vehicles and there are alternative appropriate routes for these vehicles.

The Garda are satisfied with the provision of the signs and are committed to enforcing them.

The number of locations for the controls have to be limited as a proliferation of such signs will quickly lead to the impossibility of them being properly enforced by the Gardaí, with the consequent undermining of them through the lack of compliance by truck drivers, etc.

7. **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.

8. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the months of July and August, 2006.

8.2 **REFURBISHMENT OF NOONAN'S ROAD/ST. FINBARR'S ROAD/FORT STREET**

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

‘That Cork City Council would put a plan in place to carry out a complete refurbishment of Noonans Rd., St. Finbarrs Rd., and Fort St. The plan to look at

- (1) Landscaping
- (2) Appearance and environment of building external and internal

- (3) Traffic calming
- (4) Laneway closures
- (5) Anti Social behaviour

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/120)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the members were aware that the City Council has been considering different options to further improve the living environment at the flat complexes at Noonan's Road, St. Finbarrs Road and Fort Street. The Council has now carried out an examination of the flat complexes and the immediate environs.

It is proposed to upgrade these schemes to:

- Improve the general environmental amenity of the area.
- Upgrade the fabric of the building
- Reduce the possibility of anti-social activities occurring in and around the dwellings
- Improve the security of the dwellings and their associated gardens and sheds
- Upgrade the fixtures and fittings within the dwellings.

The following schedule includes a range of possible interventions proposed to be considered and a selection of them that are considered appropriate will be brought forward as a concrete proposal for implementation. The works will include:

1. External boundary railings and gates to enclose and secure semi-private areas in front of the dwellings
2. Hard & soft landscaping to these semi-private areas
3. "Internalising" the ground floor porticos and access passages and first floor balconies and landings providing secure access lobby doors to each group of four dwellings.
4. Replacement of downpipes, gutters and soffits.
5. Replacement and upgrading of insulation and timber sheeting on top floor external walls.
6. Tenants to be offered different options for the replacement of kitchen and bathroom fittings.
7. Traffic calming where deemed appropriate.

8.3 **PART 5 SETTLEMENTS WITH DEVELOPERS**

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

'That a mechanism be put in place to inform Council of all proposed Part 5 settlements with Developers.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/221)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members are currently informed of all Part V agreements by way of circulation of the relevant Manager's Order.

8.4 **REGENERATION OF COURTYARD AREA IN ARD BHAILE**

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

‘That Cork City Council Housing Directorate carry out a renewal/regeneration of the courtyard area in Ard Bhaile in order to enhance the area for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/316)

The report of the Director of Services stated that proposed works on the area in question will commence in September 2006 following consultation with local residents.

8.5 **BREAKDOWN OF NUMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING**

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

‘That Council requests the Housing Directorate to give a statistical breakdown of the numbers of eligible applicants for Social Housing by category (i.e. overcrowded, medical, financial, etc.) in future housing reports.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/325)

The report of the Director of Services stated that comprehensive information on all aspects of the operation of the Housing Directorate is circulated to members via a monthly and quarterly report on housing activities. Should Council request this additional information it will be made available.

8.6 **DISPOSALS**

Members approved the following Disposals with Comhairleoir M. Barry dissenting in relation to Property Disposal (e).

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- a) Disposal by way of Lease of property at 2 & 3, Grand Parade to Hilser Brothers Limited at an annual rent of €50,000.
- b) Disposal of interest in unit at Mahon Industrial Estate to Hoermann Electronics Limited for the sum of €17,000 plus costs of €1,500.
- c) Disposal by way of Lease of Stall 21, Grand Parade Market, to Kathleen Noonan and Pauline Mulcahy.

- d) Disposal of Plot Approximately 60sqm in area adjacent to 5, Congress Road, Turner's Cross, Cork To Bernard O'Keeffe And Diane O'Keeffe for the sum of €100.00 plus costs.
- e) Disposal of site comprising 4.72 acres at Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, to the Commissioners for Public Works/ Minister for Education, for the sum of €1.95 million.
- f) Disposal by way of exchange of approx 386 sq metres situated at Hollyhill, Cork to Cope Foundation.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situate and known as No. 7 Kinvara Close, Ballyvolane, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated 1st March 2001 to Denis Sharpe and Yvonne Sharpe for the sum of €121,680.93.

FEE SIMPLE

- a) Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in premises known as No. 16, East View Terrace, Quaker Road to the said Peter O'Callaghan and Norma O'Callaghan c/o Martin A. Harvey & Co., Solicitors, Parliament House, 9/10, George's Quay, Cork for the sum of €100.00 together with costs.

9 **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of Assistant City Manager dated 31st August, 2006, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended July, 2006.

9.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ASHWOOD, RINGMAHON ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, regarding the Taking in Charge of Ashwood, Ringmahon Road, Cork.

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed, Comhairleoir Jim Corr, seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

“Resolved that pursuant to the provisions of section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Ashwood, Ringmahon Road, Cork , be taken in charge”.

9.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE ROADWAY LINKING MERRION COURT WALKWAY TO MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager dated 31st August, 2006, regarding Taking in Charge of the roadway linking Merrion Court Walkway to Middle Glanmire Road, Cork.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed, Comhairleoir Wallace, seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

“Resolved that pursuant to the provisions of section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that Carrigmore Avenue, the Roadway linking Merrion Court Walkway to the Middle Glanmire Road, Cork , be taken in charge”.

9.4 **NUNS WALK, CLAREVILLE TO POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Nuns Walk, Clareville to Pouladuff Rd. be included in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/116)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Nuns Walk, Clareville to Pouladuff Rd. will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.5 **PRESENTATION PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Presentation Place “cul de sac” end be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/117)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Presentation Place “cul de sac” end will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.6 **TRAFFIC ISLAND AT RHODAVILLE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a traffic island would be put in place at the top of Rhodaville Estate to stop traffic entering this park from the main Douglas Road, which they do on a regular basis even though this is a one way system.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/267)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, access to Rhodaville Estate/Rathmore Lawn is prohibited from the Main Douglas Road. The roadway itself is two-way, i.e. residents or motorists who park there can travel in either direction. The prohibition on entry from Douglas Road is provided for by the use of regulatory signs and it is an offence to disregard or disobey these, and motorists who do so are liable to prosecution and the incurring of penalty points. The provision of a traffic island at the mouth of the roadway would make it more difficult for motorists, particularly for right turners from Douglas Road to access the roadway. Preliminary design for the No. 7 Bus Green Route on the Douglas Road is currently being finalised and I will arrange that the consultants for the scheme will check the feasibility of constructing a traffic island at the location and if appropriate, the provision of which will be part of the construction project.

9.7 **ST. MICHAEL’S ROAD, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council’s Roads Department would resurface St. Michael’s Road, Farranree as it is in poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/299)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, St. Michael’s Road is presently in reasonable condition and does not require resurfacing at this time. It will be considered for resurfacing for the 2007 Roads Programme. In the meantime the Roads Maintenance Division will attend to any minor defects.

9.8 **BALLYMACTHOMAS STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would erect a name plate in Ballymachthomas Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/300)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the request for the Ballymachthomas Street Nameplate will be included in the 2007 Name Plate Programme.

9.9 **WATERFALL ROAD TO DUNVILLE CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That given it’s very bad surface, the section of road from Waterfall Road to no. 6 Dunville Crescent, be included in the road-works programme for 2007.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 06/302)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the section of road from Waterfall Road to no. 6 Dunville Crescent will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.10 **SPEED RAMPS IN MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That speed ramps would be installed in Mary Aikenhead Place because of high speed traffic using the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr P. Gosch 06/306)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Mary Aikenhead Place is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be

provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.11 **RAMPS AT RICHMOND ESTATE, BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps would be put in place at Richmond Estate, Blackrock Road, to slow down speeding traffic going through this park, especially in light of the new major developments now taking place in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/307)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Richmond Estate is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.12 **RESIDENTS OF GLENVIEW PARK PARKING ACCESS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a system that would allow the residents of Glenview Park to access parking outside their homes. At the moment this is proving difficult due to cars illegally parked at both sides of these entrances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 06/311)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The Report stated that, a recent daytime survey showed that there appeared to be no obvious parking problems in the park. There were few cars parked on the roadway during the survey period. If particular residents have parking problems (which may also occur at evening times), they should contact the Traffic Division in order to arrange a meeting in the estate in order to discuss the issues, and to identify any possible mitigation measures.

9.13 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON GERALD GRIFFIN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines be placed on Gerald Griffin Street on both sides of its junction with Farran Street in order to eliminate the parking of cars there in view of the fact that motorists exiting from Farran Street have reduced visibility with the result that there have been a number of near accidents at that junction because of the lack of visibility for exiting motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/313)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, double yellow lines were recently installed at the junction of Farran Street and Gerald Griffin Street and this should improve visibility and road safety at the junction.

9.14 **WARNING SIGNS ON GLASHEEN ROAD/SCHOOL AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reviews, as a matter of urgency, the safety precautions on Glasheen Road/School Avenue, in the interest of pupils attending Glasheen Boys and Girls National Schools. That particular attention be given to the approach from the Western side, as vision is almost totally obscured and a number of dangerous accidents have highlighted the need for earlier – and clearer – warning signs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/321)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, there is a full traffic light pedestrian crossing facility on Glasheen Road at the junction with School Avenue. A school warden also operates at this location and she combines with the push button traffic light facility to provide a safe crossing facility for the school children. There are flashing lights with warning signs for the school crossing facility on Glasheen Road on the eastern approach from the City Centre. On the western approach, there is a high wall and no footpath where normally warning signs, etc. would be located. However, although not ideal, it may be possible to locate warning signs either further west of the high wall or on the other side of the roadway (on the southern side adjacent to Flannery’s Pub). This area will be revisited and if possible warning signs will be located somewhere west of the crossing facility at Glasheen Road/School Avenue.

9.15 **HEIGHT AND WEIGHT RESTRICTION SIGNS ON CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the HGV, height and weight restriction signs from Church of the Real Presence, Curaheen Road to the entrance from the Rise Estate on to the Waterfall Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/322)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the weight restriction signs on Halldene Villas on the roadway from Curraheen Road to The Rise were installed in conjunction with the provision of the ramps in the estate in order to deter heavy goods vehicles from using the area as a rat run. The area was used as a convenient link to the South Ring Road for traffic coming from the Ballincollig direction assessing the South Ring Road at the Bandon Road Roundabout. This traffic has drastically reduced since the opening of the Ballincollig By Pass. The issue will be discussed with the Gardaí to determine if they agree with the continuing maintaining of the signs. Their consent is critical as they are the agency who is charged with enforcing the signs.

9.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place in the section of Connolly Road around the green area which is opposite Morning Star School. At present an ongoing difficulty for residents is that it is been used by motorists who are both dropping off and collecting children at school times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/326)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the purpose of traffic calming measures is to reduce or control the speed of traffic or to prevent, restrict or control access to a public road. The problems around the green opposite the Morning Star School obviously do not relate to speed and any measures to restrict or prevent access will also impact on the local residents. The parking problems adjacent to the Morning Star School are common to all schools in Cork, i.e. very large amounts of indiscriminate parking during the opening and closing periods of the school. This is an unfortunate symptom of the modern age where an average of 66% of children are now driven to school. However, the area will be visited in

conjunction with the Gardaí to examine any possible measures that could be provided to alleviate the parking problems in the area.

9.17 **LANE CLOSURE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the laneway between Upper Doyle Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue be closed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/327)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway between Upper Doyle Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 laneway closure programme.

9.18 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council immediately install a Pedestrian Crossing on Togher Rd. near its junction with Ardmanning Ave. thus allowing those living in the area safe access to the Shopping Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/118)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The area adjacent to the junction with Ardmanning Avenue (opposite the Shopping Centre) has been identified as a location where a pedestrian crossing facility is required. It is on the current list of locations where pedestrian crossing facilities are to be provided and it is marked as a priority. An application for a road opening licence is being processed and it is planned that work will begin on the installation of the facility in the near future.

9.19 **RAMPS – ORCHARD COURT, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps would be put in place at the entrance to Orchard Court, Blackpool to slow down traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/250)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Orchard Court, Blackpool will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.20 **PRESENTATION CLOSE GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council remove the green section from Presentation Close, Gurrabraher and provide car parking for residents in its place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/301)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Various works will be carried out in Presentation Road/Close Gurrabraher, in connection with the adjacent Chapel Field new housing development. The works include improved parking facilities in the area, new footpaths, traffic calming and tree planting. The result of these works, which are due to start later on in the year, will improve the parking facilities for the residents in the area.

9.21 **CLEAN UP – MADDEN’S LANE, BALLINLOUGH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would clean up and resurface Maddens Lane, Ballinlough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/330)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Madden’s Lane, Ballinlough will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme. We would clean up the lane before any resurfacing work would take place.

9.22 **TRAFFIC SURVEY – SOUTH LODGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic survey, re: speed and volume of traffic on South Lodge with a view to installing traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/331)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that South Lodge will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.23 **TRAFFIC CALMING – BANTRY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council’s Roads Dept install Traffic Calming measures in Bantry Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/336)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council is developing a new housing scheme at Bantry Park. The provision of traffic calming measures in Bantry Park will form part of the development works for the scheme. These works will be carried out later this year or at the start of next year.

9.24 **RESURFACE ROADS IN FAIRHILL AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurface the roads in the Fairhill area of St. John’s Well from Fairhill Upper to Gearney’s Boreen and from Glenwood Drive to Oakville Drive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/340)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will consider the roads, in the Fairhill area of St. John’s Well from Fairhill Upper to Gearney’s Boreen and from Glenwood Drive to Oakville Drive, for resurfacing in the 2007 Roads Programme.

9.25 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN HILLVIEW DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Traffic Calming measures are put in place in Hillview Drive and Parkwood Close, Commons Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/341)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hillview Drive and Parkwood Close, Commons Road Blackpool will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.26 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – PEARSE PLACE, 2007 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at Pearse Place as part of the 2007 Roadworks Programme. Such an initiative would also reduce traffic through Fr. Dominic Rd and Killeenreendowney Avenue.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/358)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Pearse Place will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.27 **REPAIRS – DEANWOOD AVENUE/TOGHER PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That necessary repairs be carried out to footpaths at Deanwood Avenue/Place, Togher and that they would be included in this years footpath programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/361)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we have recently carried out localised repairs at Deanwood Avenue. Deanwood Avenue and Deanwood Place will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Footpath Programme.

9.28 **ROAD LAYOUT – WILTON ROUNDABOUT & BISHOPSTOWN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a review of the road layout from Wilton roundabout to where it meets the Bishopstown Road, and to change the traffic light set up at Bishopstown Road/Wilton Ave. with a view to putting in a filter light.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 06/364)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the current road markings on Bishopstown Road between Wilton Roundabout and the Bishopstown Bar were installed as part of the recent No. 8 Green Route project. The main change from the previous layout was the introduction of right turning storage lanes for outbound traffic wishing to turn right into Wilton Avenue, Bishopscourt and

Merlyn Lawn. The original arrangement was two lanes outbound with the outer second lane being shared by straight ahead and right turning traffic. The purpose of the change was to improve road safety, reduce excessive traffic speeds at off-peak times and to streamline traffic more efficiently. There is no room at the junction of Wilton Avenue and Bishopstown Road to provide a left turn amber filter light for traffic exiting Wilton Avenue. In order to provide this arrow there must be an acceleration lane on Bishopstown Road to allow traffic to 'filter' onto the main road. It may be possible to provide a right turn 'indicative' arrow for traffic on the main road turning right into Wilton Avenue and this issue will be examined. A factor to be taken into account is that the presence of a right turning arrow here may result in more traffic in Wilton Avenue, i.e. motorists who access the area via Merlyn Lawn, Firgrove Gardens, etc. may opt to use the convenience of the right turn arrow facility.

9.29 **CLEAN UP – ROUNDABOUTS AT BANDON ROAD, SARSFIELD ROAD.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council, The NRA and or Cork County Council would eliminate, cut, clean up the roundabouts at Bandon Road, Sarsfield Road which are full of ragwort and other obnoxious weeds.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/365)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this issue will be discussed with the other bodies involved (NRA and Cork County Council) and any actions deemed to be required will be undertaken.

9.30 **FEASIBILITY STUDY ON LUAS LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM – CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would implement and undertake a feasibility study on a Luas Light Rail System which would operate from the City Centre to suburbs around the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O' Leary 06/362)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in the preparation of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) the feasibility of a light rail system for Cork was examined. At the time (in 2000), it was found that the traffic forecasts did not

justify the provision of light rail, however the report stated that the CASP mid term review should re-examine the issue. This major mid term review is likely to occur within the next year or so. In the meantime, CASP stated that all new development such as new roads, Green Routes etc. should consider the possibility of light rail in the planning of such schemes. A major review of the Docklands Strategy is currently being undertaken by consultants at the request of Cork City Council and the provision of a light rail system for the area linking to the City Centre is being considered. This review will assess the economic and social benefits of the provision of such a light rail system as part of the Docklands Strategy. The report of this study is due to be completed later this year and the provision of a light rail system or at least the provision of corridors for a future light rail system may form part of the recommendations.

9.31 **TRAFFIC SURVEY – LAKE LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic survey, re: speed and volume of traffic on Lake Lawn, with a view to installing traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/332)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Lake Lawn is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.32 **FOOTPATH REPAIRS – PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That road resurfacing works along with necessary footpath repairs be carried out on the section of Pearse Road between the junctions with Connolly Road and Friar’s Walk.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/352)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the section of Pearse Road between the junctions with Connolly Road and Friar’s Walk is included in the

2006 Road Resurfacing Programme. The footpaths on this road will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Programme.

9.33 **TRAFFIC SURVEY – BLARNEY STREET AND BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency undertake a complete traffic survey, on Blarney Street and Blarney Road with a specific focus on a number of areas where the road narrows and the Northern End of Blarney Street (The Longest Street in Cork) near the gate of Mt. St. Joseph’s as the speed of traffic is causing upset to a considerable number of residents and take immediate steps to address the issue by placing new signs and road markings on the street.

(Proposer: Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald 06/354)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Blarney Street and Blarney Road are already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme. The area will also be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and any immediate steps such as appropriate road marking and signage will be provided.

9.34 **MARYVILLE, BALLINTEMPLE – 2007 ESTATES RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Maryville, Ballintemple in the 2007 Estates resurfacing programme, as the estate road Carriageway is in a dreadful state of dis-repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/333)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Maryville, Ballintemple will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.35 **REPAIR FOOTPATH HOLLYVILLE/ HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpath from 97 Hollyville Hollyhill descending down to the bus stop on Harbour View Road with a view to making it wheelchair friendly and remove the weeds and make it accessible for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

(Proposer: Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald 06/359)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Road Maintenance Division will attend to the footpath from no. 97 Hollyville to Harbour View Road. This work will be included in the Programme of Maintenance Works for 2006 and will be carried out at the earliest available time.

9.36 **ESTATES RESURFACING PROGRAMME – BOHERBOY CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Boherboy Close in next years Estate resurfacing programme as the roadway is not in good condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/368)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will consider Boherboy Close for resurfacing in the 2007 Roads Programme.

9.37 **SPEED RAMPS – CATTLE MARKET AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That speed ramps be installed as soon as possible on Cattle Market Avenue as there are a lot of children and elderly people in the area’.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/372)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cattle Market Avenue will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received.

Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

9.38 **CLOSING THE LANE BETWEEN NO. 51 & 53 UPPER FAIR HILL AND BANTRY PARK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Council resolves to give serious consideration to closing the lane between no’s 51 and 53 Upper Fair Hill and Bantry Park Road at the earliest possible opportunity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/374)

The report of the City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway between No’s. 51 & 53 Upper Fair Hill and Bantry Park Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 laneway closure programme.

9.39 **ELM ROAD TOGHER – ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Elm Road Togher be put on the road surfacing programme and that repairs be carried out immediately to the bottom of the Road, at the side of the Lidl, which was never fully surfaced.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/377)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Elm Road Togher will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime any remedial works considered necessary will be carried out.

9.40 **HAZEL ROAD TOGHER – ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Hazel Road, Togher be put on the road surfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/378)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hazel Road, Togher will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.41 **REPAIR AND REPLACE – KERBING IN BENVOIRLICH ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would repair and replace the kerbing along the green in Benvoirlich Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/382)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will repair the kerbing along the green in Benvoirlich Estate.’

9.42 **NUMBER 3 BUS SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st August, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council calls on Bus Eireann to provide an adequate and satisfactory No. 3 bus service to the Blackpool/ Farranree area as the present service has remained unsatisfactory, despite representations and delegations to Bus Eireann on the matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/296)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Bus Eireann have been invited to attend the Functional Committee Meeting to be held on 2nd October 2006. A reply to this request has not yet been received.

9.43 **DISABLED PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31st August 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council along with the relevant bodies, conduct an audit of the disabled parking permits in circulation with a view to establishing

- (a) How many permits are currently in circulation
- (b) How many are valid
- (c) To whom are they allocated to

- (d) Revoking all permits and re-issuing new permits with permit numbers and annual expiry dates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/222)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council does not issue disabled person’s parking permits in the Cork area. The two bodies who do (and are prescribed in national parking legislation to do so) are:

- 1) The Disabled Drivers Association
- 2) The Irish Wheelchair Association

Current information is that The Disabled Drivers Association has issued approximately 3000 permits in the general Cork Area and The Irish Wheelchair Association has issued a further 2000 permits. Cork City Council does not have access to the names of people with permits and obviously we are not in a position to have any permits revoked. The two bodies above set their own criteria for permit applicants (e.g. certificate from a doctor, etc.) and the format and layout of the permits is governed by EU legislation, as permits are valid for use in all EU countries. Cork City Council has engaged in consultation on this issue with the statutory organisations involved in issuing permits as well as the Cork Access Group. These discussions are continuing. The recommendations of these consultations will be implemented as soon as the discussions are concluded.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

11.1 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR RURAL/URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the Local Government Planning Service as an instrument for rural/urban development Conference held at the Baltimore Harbour Hotel, Baltimore, Co. Cork on the 6th July – 8th July 2006.

11.2 **PERCEPTION OF WOMEN IN POLITICS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Clune at the Perception of Women in Politics Conference held at University College Cork on the 7th July 2006.

11.3 **FORGOTTEN HERO: MICHAEL DAVITT AND IRISH DEMOCRACY – PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Forgotten Hero: Michael Davitt and Irish Democracy – Parnell Summer School Conference held at Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on the 13th – 18th August 2006.

11.4 **SPORT AND LEISURE DEVELOPMENT – THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch, Comhairleoir J. Kelleher and Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Sport and Leisure Development – The Role of the Local Authority Conference held at Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare on the 31st August – 1st September 2006.

11.5 **AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy, Comhairleoir S. Martin and Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell at the AMAI Annual Conference 2006 to be held at the Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan on 14th – 16th September 2006.

11.6 **KERRY LIFE EDUCATION – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, Comhairleoir P. Gosch, Comhairleoir C. Lynch, Comhairleoir C. Clancy and Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell at the Kerry Life Education – Questions and Answers Conference to be held at St. Mary’s Parish Hall Offices, St. Annes Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 5th – 6th October 2006.

11.7 **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – THE UNTAPPED RESOURCE OF OUR REGIONS.**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O’ Flynn at the Sustainable Energy – The Untapped Resource of Our Regions to be held at The Radisson SAS Hotel and Spa, Ballincar, Rosses Point Road, Sligo on the 6th October 2006.

11.8 **WHAT IS REPUBLICANISM?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O’ Flynn at the What is Republicanism Conference to be held at Letterkenny Institue of Technology, Co. Donegal on the 13th – 14th October 2006.

11.9 **LAMA WINTER SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn at the Lama Winter Seminar to be held at Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow on the 10th – 11th November, 2006.

11.10 **WOMEN'S HEALTH AND SUICIDE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O' Connell at the Women's Health and Suicide Conference to be held at the West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare on the 29th – 30th September, 2006.

12. **MOTIONS**

SPORTS AS SUBJECT ON THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

‘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)

13. **MOTIONS**

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

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

‘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)

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13.2 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – CONNAUGHT AVE**

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

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

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.5 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN – HAMMOND LANE/GOULDINGS SITE IN BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council put in place a Development Plan for The Hammond Lane/Gouldings sites in Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 06/375)

Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 **DERELICT PROPERTY MAHONYS SQ., GREAT WILLIAM O’ BRIEN ST.**

‘That Cork City Council’s Property Department pursue the owner of the derelict property Ref 1530 D.S. in Mahonys Square off Great William O’ Brien Street to make good the site as its condition and appearance is an ongoing concern to local residents.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/385)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

13.9 **NEW EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – TINKER’S CROSS, MAYFIELD**

‘That Community facilities be incorporated into the proposed new educational services which are to be built at Tinker’s Cross, Mayfield.

(Proposer: Cllr J. Kelleher 06/388)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.13 **CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF MICHAEL DAVITT**

‘To mark the centenary of the death of Michael Davitt, one of the foremost Irish figures of the nineteenth century and founder of the Land League, Cork City Council will consider an appropriate way of perpetuating the memory of a patriot who was instrumental in giving the Irish people back their land and who fought injustice to better the lives of his fellow men at home and abroad.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 06/393)

Corporate Policy Group

13.14 **RESURFACE – PRESENTATION CLOSE, GURRANABRAHER**

‘Resurface the road in Presentation Close, Gurranaברה.’

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.15 **FOOTPATH – 31 – 40 FAIRFIELD ROAD**

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ORCHARD ROAD**

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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

13.21 **OPPOSITION – GOVERNMENT POLICY – AER LINGUS**

‘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

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Housing and Community Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.25 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – BRIDEVALLEY PARK**

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.26 **PLAQUES ON PAVEMENT AT BARRACK STREET**

‘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)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.27 **CORK AS A FAIRTRADE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council will set about the process of becoming a Fairtrade City and in pursuit of this goal set out to achieve the following objectives within a specific timeframe:

- Establish a Fairtrade steering group with relevant agencies/stakeholders to ensure that Cork City meets all requirements to be registered as a Fairtrade City and to ensure a continued commitment to maintaining its Fairtrade status.
- Council to pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade.
- Council to encourage relevant business within the City to have Fairtrade products.
- Council to erect street signs declaring Cork as a Fairtrade City and produce a Fairtrade Directory advising people where Fairtrade products can be bought.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/420)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.29 **REPLACEMENT/ENLARGEMENT OF SEWER PIPES – UAM VAR AVENUE**

‘Given that the capacity of the two sewers on Uam Var Avenue and Uam Var Drive has reached maximum capacity or is close to it, That Cork City Council would in the estimates programme for 07 provide for complete replacement/enlargement of the pipe.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/422)

Environment Functional Committee

14. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

18 no. tenders for extensions:-

1. 4 no. tenders – 40 Mahon Drive, Mahon.
2. 3 no. tenders – 119 Greenhills Court, Douglas.
3. 3 no. tenders – 27 Nutley Rd., Mahon.
4. 2 no. tenders – 133 Leedale, Parkway Drive, Model Farm Rd., Cork.
5. 4 no. tenders – 77 Mourn Ave., Cork.
6. 1 no. tender – 22 Iona Green, Mayfield.
7. 1 no. tender – 199 Greenhills Court, South Douglas Rd., Cork.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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