

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2006

- PRESENT** An Leas Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Murphy in the chair,
subsequently An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Clune in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell,
T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon,
J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Ahern.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Cregan, B. Bermingham.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. T. Fleming, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation.
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. M. Fanning, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- Andrew Roche on the death of his mother Nora.
- The Tuohy Family on the death of Alan Tuohy.
- The Twomey Family on the death of Maurice Twomey.
- The Cremin Family on the death of Packie Cremin.
- Paddy Long on the death of his wife Rose.
- Larry O' Brien on the death of his wife Bernie.
- The O' Driscoll Family on the death of their mother Kathleen.
- The Dooley Family on the death of Paul Dooley.
- Richie Hewitt on the death of his wife Sandra.

- The O' Driscoll Family on the death of Cornelius O' Driscoll.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- UCC/Blue Demons on their victory in the Superleague Cup Final.
- The County Mayor Michael Creed and his wife on the birth of their daughter.
- The Cork Senior Football Team on winning the McGrath Cup.

1. (c) **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of a Civic Reception for:

- Jonathan Rhys Meyers on winning a Golden Globe Award

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 16th January, 2006 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **CCTV CAMERAS IN THE CITY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that there are 32 CCTV cameras in the City.

The installation and commissioning of the cameras were managed by the Garda Síochána and funded by the Department of Justice. Cork City Council allowed existing ducting where available, to be used and also made a financial contribution towards the project.

However, the care and maintenance of the camera system is controlled totally by the Gardaí and the City Council has no input into operational matters such as costs, etc.

The immediate plan is to convert the current system to digital format and the long term plan is to roll it out into other areas adjacent to the City Centre and into the suburbs.

3.2 **REMOVE GRAFFITI FROM GABLES ENDS – MOURNE AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that this work will be carried out within the next 4 weeks.

3.3 **SETTING UP OF A SPORTS COMMITTEE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that the matter of setting up a Sports Committee was referred to the Party Whips. There is no specific provision of €300,000 made in the 2006 Budget.

The City Council supports sports activities in a variety of ways. It has provided more than 67 pitches and continues to develop new pitches. It has provided swimming pools, all-weather pitches and, this year, is planning to provide a number of skateboard parks and four new multi-purpose sports facilities for tennis, basketball etc. New pitches are now under construction in Mahon.

Overall provision in the 2006 Budget for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep and provision of these facilities is approximately €1.7m.

3.4 **INSTALL GAS CENTRAL HEATING – HORGAN’S BUILDINGS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that of the 125 houses in Horgan’s Buildings, 103 have central heating installed either under previous refurbishment schemes or under the current installation scheme for elderly tenants.

All of the remaining 22 houses are included in the current list issued to Bord Gais for installation, and are thus scheduled for completion by April 2006.

3.5 **GREEN AREA – CHURCHFIELD PLACE WEST**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Burke, a written reply was circulated which stated that the green area was previously widened to provide extra parking space at Churchfield Place West and a further reduction in the size of the green space does not appear to be warranted at this time.

3.6 **SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, written reply was circulated which stated that the Scheme of Letting Priorities is only applied to housing applicants in determining their eligibility for Social Housing and therefore was not applied in this case. A Production Company requested use of the premises to allow filming of the series with emphasis on a number of Community Workshops for local residents taking place.

3.7 **NORTHSIDE FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENTS**

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

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No. A decision has not been made on how the €2 million allocated in Cork City Council's 2006 Budget for the Northside will be sent. A report will be brought before Council at an early date containing proposals for the consideration of the City Council.

3.8 **LAND DISPOSAL AT BANTRY PARK ROAD**

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

- (i) No.
- (ii) The development will be carried in accordance with the decision made by the Council pursuant to the Part 8 Planning Process.

3.9 **MEETINGS OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Barry, a written reply was circulated which stated that during 2005, 33 Council Meetings were held. Please find attached attendance list.

Member of Council	Total number of Meetings Attended in 2005
Councillor D. Wallace	29
Councillor P. Gosch	21
Councillor J. O'Brien	27
Councillor D. McCarthy	26
Councillor C. Burke	28
Councillor M. O'Connell	26
Councillor T. Fitzgerald	30
Councillor D. Coughlan	31
Councillor C. O'Leary	32
Councillor D. O'Flynn	28
Councillor T. Shannon	29
Councillor J. Corr	30
Councillor C. O'Connell	9
Councillor C. Lynch	28

Councillor T. O' Driscoll	29
Councillor D. Cregan	21
Councillor J. Buttimer	29
Councillor M. Barry	32
Councillor M. Quill	29
Councillor J. Kelleher	28
Councillor G. O' Flynn	18
Councillor D. Murphy	29
Councillor C. Clancy	31
Councillor A. Spillane	28
Councillor T. Brosnan	27
Councillor M. Ahern	26
Councillor B. Bermingham	27
Councillor M. Shields	25
Councillor F. Dennehy	28
Councillor D. Clune	27
Councillor S. Martin	26

3.10 **APPLYING FOR RETENTION OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, it was agreed to defer question to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 13th February, 2006.

3.11 **"BLASK ASH RIVER" WALKWAY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Council intends to upgrade and extend the Tramore River Walkway in tandem with plans to provide a new flyover on the South Ring Road at Sarsfield Road in late 2006, early 2007.

The centre line of the Tramore River in places marks the boundary between the administrative areas of Cork City and Cork County.

Where the administrative boundary bisects infrastructure, making their maintenance or development impractical by both authorities, arrangements exist for one authority to assume primary responsibility.

In the case of the bridge over the Tramore River at Kinsale Road, Cork County Council are responsible for maintenance. One element of this, is monitoring and clearing the build up of debris in the river at the bridge. This is necessary, due to limitations of the flow capacity at the bridge. In extreme rainfall conditions debris accumulation can be quite rapid, causing localised flooding.

Cork County Council, have been endeavouring for a number of years to secure Exchequer funding to replace the bridge, increasing flow capacity and reducing incidence of flooding. To date these efforts have not been successful. At present the County Council are awaiting response to their most recent submission.

The City Council will continue to liaise with the County Council and convey the Councillors concerns and representations.

3.12 **FULL AND PARTIAL WAIVERS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that

2005 WAIVERS

Full Waiver of both fixed and tag charge	5,200
Full Waiver of fixed charge only	5,815
Partial Waivers	<u>1,573</u>
TOTAL	12,588

4. **2005 PROGRESS REPORT – CORPORATE PLAN 2004 – 2009**

An Chomhairle approved the report of City Manager dated 26th January, 2006 on the 2005 Progress Report – Corporate Plan 2004 – 2009.

ITEMS WHICH WERE DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 16TH JANUARY, 2006:-

5. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 9TH JANUARY, 2006**

5.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 5th January 2006 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended December 2005.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 05/409)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Spring Lane, Blackpool 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.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2006 Roads Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Cork Urban Freight Study was completed this year. The aim of the project was to undertake a comprehensive study to better understand freight delivery in the City and to compare this with best practice in managing freight elsewhere in Ireland and Europe. Strategies were developed which included a series of themes, freight operator partnerships, managing Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) Routing, HGV Management measures and the provision of HGV driver facilities.

Managing HGV routing refers to the design and installation of signage for lorries, etc. Preliminary designs have been done and contact has been made with the Department of Transport in order to get approval for a design, which will then be used nationally. These signs will be installed in areas with industrial estates such as Hollyhill Industrial Estate, which is adjacent to Blarney Road/Blarney Street.

It is proposed that signs such as the “Road Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles” sign on Blarney Road/Blarney Street will be replaced with a standard nationally recognised sign. It is planned that work on the installation of the new signs will start in 2006, subject to funding being available.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 05/413)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Castle Road, Blackrock 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.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2006 Roads Programme.

5.5 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 05/414)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this section of footpath will be included in our Work Programme for 2006.

5.6 **RESURFACE ROAD – GLANMIRE ROAD AND CARRIGMORE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That money be provided in the roads budget to resurface the small road between the middle Glanmire Road and Carrigmore in Montenotte. The road is in such a

dangerous condition it is causing major concern to residents of Carrigmore and Merrion Court (For whom the road is a Public Right of way).’

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that this road is not public and would require to be taken in charge by Council prior to any works being carried out.

5.7 **PROPER PUBLIC LIGHTING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that a recent meeting was held in City Hall between the City Manager, the ESB and other City Council officials in order to discuss the various problems associated with the maintenance of the City’s public lighting system.

Many of these problems have become about as a result of the major restructuring of the ESB organisation. The restructuring has involved the break-up of the ESB into separate semi autonomous divisions in order to facilitate deregulation and privatization of the electricity market. In the last year or so, communications with the relevant departments has become more difficult with the result that faults, complaints, etc. have not been responded to as quickly as in the past.

The ESB at the meeting in City Hall, gave a commitment that the new systems now in place will result in improvement to maintenance and levels of service to the public. Extra resources have been allocated to the Public Lighting Division of the ESB to ensure a rapid improvement, and it is planned to reach a satisfactory level of performance within a short period of time.

5.8 **RESURFACING – SPRINGFIELD ROAD LOWER MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will consider the resurfacing of Springfield Road Lower, Mayfield and the reinstatement of the adjoining footpaths in the 2006 Roadworks Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/421)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will consider the resurfacing of Farranferris Green and Farranferris Crescent in the 2006 Roadworks Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that this area has been put on our Work Programme with work due to start early in the new year.

5.11 **RESURFACE – SARAHVILLE PLACE, POULADUFF**

Members considered amended Report of Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Sarahville Place will be considered for inclusion in our 2006 Resurfacing Programme.

5.12 **STREET FURNITURE – EMMET PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that works on the Emmet Place Scheme have been completed for some time. There is no budget for further works to Emmet Place. In general terms we are very careful where we provide seating in paved areas, as in some areas they do become a focus for unsocial behaviour. This can become a cause for concern for pedestrians, shoppers and business people.

In Emmet Place there are some problems in relation to skate boarders and the interference they cause to pedestrians. The provision of seats in this area could exacerbate the situation.

It is not recommended that seating be provided in Emmet Place.

5.13 **INSTALL FOOTPATH BETWEEN 26 – 28 POPHAM’S ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install a footpath between numbers 26 – 28 Pophams Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/418)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is not necessary to reconstruct the footpath outside nos. 26-28 Pophams Road. An Ecoflex surface will be considered as an alternative in the 2006 Roadworks Programme.

5.14 **2006 FOOTPATHS ESTIMATES – TRAMORE LAWN, DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths on Tramore Lawn, Douglas Road, would be repaired as a matter of urgency, as they are in very poor condition. Also that they would be included in the estimates for 2006.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 05/435)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Tramore Lawn will be considered for inclusion in our 2006 Footpath Programme.

5.15 **2006 FOOTPATHS ESTIMATES – ARDFALLEN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Ardfallen Estate, would be repaired as a matter of urgency, as they are in very poor condition. Also that they would be included in the estimates for 2006.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 05/436)

The report of the Director of Services stated that considerable concrete maintenance work was undertaken here in early 2004. However this estate will be considered for inclusion in our 2006 Asphaltic Overlay Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be identified for Spring Lane, Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 05/439)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Spring Lane, Blackpool 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.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2006 Roads Programme.

5.17 **ROADWORKS 2006 PROGRAMME – LEYCESTER’S LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the 2006 Roadworks programme for resurfacing the northern section of Leycester’s Lane from its junction with Murmont Avenue to Old Youghal Road and the reinstatement of adjoining footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/442)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the northern section of Leycester’s Lane road and footpaths are in reasonably good condition and need minor attention at present. However, they can be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Roadworks Programme.

5.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING SURVEY – MELBOURN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council requests the Manager to carry out a traffic calming survey on Melbourn Road (a major traffic route) report on same and make recommendations to be implemented early 2006.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. B. Bermingham, M. Shields, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, F. Dennehy 05/445)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Melbourn Road 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.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2006 Roads Programme.

5.19 **SHORT TERM PARKING – BLACK ASH, KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would consider the introduction of short term parking at the Black Ash, Kinsale Road Park and Ride for people using Cork Airport, and to ask Bus Éireann to extend the Bus Shuttle that serves the long term car park to include a pick up point at the Black Ash Park and Ride.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/449)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork Airport has over 2,800 car parking spaces in short term, medium term and long term car parks. The short term car park, which is adjacent to the Terminal Building, is designed to cater for motorists who drop off or pick up passengers. It is reasonably priced with the first 15 minutes free and then €2 per hour for the next two hours. The rates reduce dramatically for longer periods and twelve hours of parking can be obtained for €9.50.

For most users of the short term car park, using a bus to the Black Ash would not be an attractive option. Even if there was a cost saving involved, the extra time spent in waiting for and travelling in the bus would far out weigh any advantages. The Airport Bus, which is a direct link from the Airport to the City Centre, has a frequency of 30 minutes, which is too long to service a park & ride facility. If the bus called into the Black Ash Park & Ride site, this frequency may be reduced due the delays in accessing and picking up customers in the car park.

The option of using the Park & Ride facility for medium or long term airline passengers also is not appropriate. The Black Ash facility was designed to ease traffic congestion in the city and to provide additional options for commuters and shoppers to access the City Centre. During busy shopping periods such as Christmas and at weekends, there is little or no spare capacity in the car park, and allocating spaces for Airport uses would be contrary to the basic aims and objectives of the facility.

5.20 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will as a matter of urgency ensure that the traffic calming measures are put in place in Connaught Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/450)

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

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2006 Roads Programme.

5.21 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take charge of housing estates once they are completed to a satisfactory standard, where they are requested to do so by a majority of the residents of housing development, or by the developer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/448)

The report of the Director of Services stated that In accordance with the Roads Act 1993 and the Planning Act 2000, once a housing estate has been completed to a satisfactory standard and fulfilled all the planning requirements, Cork City Council will undertake the procedure to take the estate in charge.

5.22 **CLOSE LANEWAY – FAIRFIELD CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th January, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would take immediate steps to close off the laneway at Fairfield Crescent, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 05/447)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this will be added to our current list of requests for lane closures and considered for inclusion in our 2006 Programme.

6. **MOTION REFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 16TH JANUARY, 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 16th January, 2005:-

6.1 **BROTHER OF CHARITY SERVICES**

‘Cork City Council calls on the Brother of Charity Services to implement in full the recommendations of the Rights Commissioner in respect of the permanency rights of 65 workers at Lota in Glanmire.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/22)

7. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 23RD JANUARY, 2006**

7.1 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on Sanitary and Other Schemes for the year to the 31st December 2005.

7.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to 31st December 2005.

7.3 **MOTIONS**

7.3.1 **SEWERAGE PROBLEM AT CROAGHTAMORE SQUARE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council take immediate steps to rectify the sewerage problem at Croaghtamore Square, Denroches Cross junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 05/437)

The report of the A/Director of Services which indicated that Numbers 4 to 7, Croaghtamore Square, together with numbers 16 to 18, which front onto Glasheen Road are serviced by a private common drain was also considered. This drain runs to the rear of houses numbered 20 to 27 fronting on Glasheen Road before joining the public sewer. As these are private drains, Cork City Council does not have records of locations or connections etc. and are in any case the responsibility of the house owners. Following on receipt of complaints the main sewer was checked and no problems were found. Furthermore Bord Gais who had been operating in the area found that they had not damaged the drain. Two of the existing house owners have now applied to the City Council for a direct connection to the public sewer. This is also an option for the other householders.

7.3.2 **TETRA-PACK MILK CARTONS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Because of the enormous cost and difficulty to school management in the disposal of Tetra-Pack milk cartons would it be possible for Cork City Council Environment Department to collect these cartons as part of the dry recyclable collection programme.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. M. Shields & C. Clancy 05/452)

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, which indicated that the provider of the dry recyclables collection from non-domestic customers is agreeable to extending the service to non-foil Tetra –Packs, which should be presented for collection separately from other recyclable material was also considered. Some schools are already availing of the dry recyclables collection.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 23RD JANUARY, 2006**

8.1 **TWINNING**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendations of the Twinning Committee from its meeting held on 23rd January, 2006.

8.2 **RENNES FAIR 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Chairperson of the Twinning Committee dated the 19th January 2006, on the preparatory visit to Rennes for the Rennes International Fair 2006. An Chomhairle further approved the participation of Cork City Council in the Rennes International Fair 18th – 26th March, 2006.

8.3 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer on Housing Estates – November-December 2005 dated 19th January, 2006.

8.4 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 19th January, 2006 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January, 2005 to 31st December, 2005. It was agreed that future reports would indicate retention applications as well as a breakdown of residential developments of greater than twelve units.

8.5 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 19th January, 2006 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January, 2005 – 31st December, 2005.

8.6 **NORTHPOINT BUSINESS PARK, COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 19th January, 2006 on the retail use at the Northpoint Business Park, Commons Road.

The Report of the Director of Services stated that following the Planning and Development Functional Committee meeting, the Director of Services, Planning and Development and his officials from the Planning Enforcement Section met on site with the landlord (Mr. J. Cleary snr. & Mr. J. Cleary jnr) and the tenant (Mr. G. Murphy) on Thursday 8th December 2005. The tenant and the landlord made the case that the unit, which is the Group Headquarters, was primarily used as a warehouse, distribution centre, customs clearance, administration, assembly

& repackaging, for the World of Wonder Group nationwide over the past 6 years. By written submission received on the 19th December 2005, Mr. Murphy furnished the following details in support of his claim :

Stock Assembly & storage, whereby many items are imported, assembled & stored prior to being distributed.

Stock Distribution to the 33 World of Wonder stores nationwide.

Mail Order (Toy Catalogues) whereby staff take telephone orders and arrange for their storage or later delivery/collection.

Internet Sales whereby staff take sales internet orders and arrange for their storage or later delivery/collection.

General Toys Showroom where all catalogue items (incl. WOW Club) are put on display & are assembled (if necessary) in the warehouse & dispatched directly to the customer's home.

WOW Club whereby club members may purchase 'special offer' items online or by telephone. These items are assembled in the warehouse, if necessary, & dispatched directly to the customer's home.

80% of their turnover occurs in the last 12 weeks of the year (i.e. Christmas related)

87% of the business at the North Point unit relates to the distribution to trade outlets in the World of Wonder Group/mail order/Internet/Corporate sales.

They currently provide employment opportunities for many locals and plan to expand their operation with the opening of another outlet in 2006.

In operation for the past 6 years.

Having considered the onsite inspection, the written submission and the proper planning & sustainable development of the area, the Director of Services Planning & Development has, by letter dated 13th January 2006, confirmed that the retail element is unauthorised and must be discontinued as soon as possible.

He has also confirmed that as the City Council is prepared to allow a reasonable period for him to arrange for the discontinuation of the retail activity, planning enforcement action under the Planning & Development Acts will be pursued through the courts, if the retail use is not discontinued by the 16th March 2006.

The matter will be monitored by the Planning Enforcement Section and enforcement proceedings will be commenced if the unauthorised use continues after the 16th March 2006.

The Planning Enforcement Section will now also inspect the other units in the North Point Business Park over the coming weeks and will also initiate planning enforcement proceedings where unauthorised use/ development is identified.

8.7 **MINUTES OF RAPID AITS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Councillors be circulated with Minutes of Rapid AITs relevant to their wards’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/441)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the co-ordinator of each of the four RAPID areas (i.e Knocknaheeny/ Churchfield, Togher/Mahon, Glen/Blackpool/Mayfield and Faranree/ Fairhill/Gurranabraher) will put in place structures to ensure that minutes of the appropriate Area Implementation Team are circulated to each councillor within the relevant wards. Minutes will be circulated within one week of their approval by the AIT.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the West Merriman Winter School Conference on the 27th – 29th January, 2006 in the Westport Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo.

10.2 **MEDIA SKILLS FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan and T. Fitzgerald at the Media Skills for Councillors Conference on the 28th January, 2006 in the Clarinbridge Court Hotel, Galway.

10.3 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the Local Government Planning Service Conference on the 3rd – 4th February, 2006 in the Clonea Strand Hotel, Clonea, Co. Waterford.

10.4 **AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy and T. Brosnan at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2006 on the 10th – 11th February, 2006 in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

10.5 **17TH COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL 2006 – “ARE SPECIAL INTEREST PRESSURE GROUPS UNDERMINING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN IRELAND”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn and P. Gosch at the 17th Colmcille Winter School 2006 – “Are Special Interest Pressure Groups Undermining Democratic Government in Ireland” Conference on the 24th – 26th February, 2006 in Colmcille Heritage Trust, Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

10.6 **THE REGION AND THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007 – 2013**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn, P. Gosch and J. Kelleher at the Region and the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 Conference on the 16th – 17th February, 2006 in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare.

10.7 **CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCIL’S**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Counihan at the Conference of Association of County & City Council’s on the 9th – 11th March, 2006 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

10.8 **CELTIC TOURSIM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Celtic Tourism Conference on the 15th & 16th February, 2006 in the Marriot Druids Glen Hotel and Country Club, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

10.9 **NAPS SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUM**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the NAPS Social Inclusion Forum Conference on the 15th February, 2006 in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ORCHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put traffic calming measures in place on Orchard Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/438)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **REFURBISH HOUSES IN KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That all houses in Knocknaheeny be refurbished as a matter of urgency due to dampness.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/455)

Housing Functional Committee

11.3 **ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY – SPRING LANE**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would do a Road Traffic study of Spring Lane Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/457)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SPRING LANE**

‘That Traffic Calming Measures would be put in place to deal with the excessive traffic using Spring Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/458)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.5 **ROAD RESURFACING – SCABEG, CURRAGH ROAD, EVERGREEN**

‘That the T Junction comprising Scabeg, Curragh Road, Evergreen be properly resurfaced and that (b) the footpaths running up the left hand side of Scabeg to Capwell Road be immediately resurfaced and (c) the footpaths running from Scabeg to Mercier Park be also refurbished.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/03)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **CORK CITY COUNCIL TO EMPLOY TWO FACILITATORS/ROAD INSPECTORS**

‘That Cork City Council employ two facilitators or road inspectors whose only function is to liaise with the various utilities who open our roads and to organise road openings in a proper fashion which would dovetail with the various road resurfacing programmes that are on going.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/04)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 **BUS LANES/GREEN ROUTES**

‘That Cork City Council introduces that all Bus Lanes/Green Routes are in full operation on a permanent basis. (24 hour/7 days a week).’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 06/27)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 **LIVE BROADCASTING OF ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

‘That Cork City Council introduces live broadcasting of all City Council meetings/special meetings which are open to the public to go out on web casting from Cork City Council web site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 06/28)

Refer to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

11.9 **GATE AT THE TOP OF STEPS IN EASON’S AVENUE, SHANDON STREET**

‘That Cork City Council erect a gate at the top of the steps on Eason’s Avenue, Shandon Street to alleviate the ongoing problem of anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 06/30)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.10 **REMOVE GREEN AREA IN FRONT OF HOUSES 45, 46 & 47 CHURCHFIELD GARDENS**

‘That Cork City Council would remove the small green area in front of houses 45, 46 and 47 Churchfield Gardens in order that residents can gain access to their properties and also to facilitate car parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/31)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.11 **LOADING BAYS FOR THE SHOPPING CENTRE**

‘That loading bays would be provided for the shopping centre adjacent to the Gurrabraher Parochial Hall, the Sam Allen Complex and the Churchfield Swimming Pool in view of the traffic congestion there because of the lack of loading bays and parking for the shopping centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/32)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.12 **STATE OF THE ART COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE MAYFIELD AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would actively promote and support the construction of a purpose built state of the art community centre for the greater Mayfield area to include a comprehensive suite of facilities for young people and the elderly in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/33)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.13 **REVIEW OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE VARIOUS SITES OPPOSITE THE ORCHARDS, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Planning officers carry out a review of building/construction activity in the various sites opposite (south of), The Orchards, Middle Glanmire Road with a view to establishing if all Planning regulations are being observed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/34)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.14 **YELLOW BOX – NORTH RING ROAD**

‘That a ‘yellow box’ be provided on the North Ring Road at the Junction with Boherboy Road, Mayfield, in order to improve the No. 8 Bus Service and assist with traffic flow.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/37)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.15 **UPGRADE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE LOUGH**

‘That the standard of public lighting at the Lough be upgraded in view of the increasing number of people availing of this excellent amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/38)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.16 **PARKING AREA FOR CARS & TOUR BUSES**

‘That the City Council provides a parking area for cars and tour buses at a suitable vantage point near the City so as to provide visitors with a panoramic view of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/39)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.17 **SUITABLE SITE FOR LIBRARY IN KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council would identify a suitable site in Knocknaheeny to facilitate the construction of a purpose built branch of the City Library to cater for the people of Knocknaheeny – Hollyhill and the surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/40)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.18 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

‘That Cork City Council would consider as part of its response to combat anti-social behaviour appointing community wardens to work alongside An Garda Síochana and report anti-social behaviour incidents to the local authority and An Garda Síochana and also to act as professional witnesses in court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/41)

Corporate Policy Group

11.19 **ROAD RESURFACING & TRAFFIC CALMING – ARDMANNING AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council will as a matter of urgency carry out road resurfacing work and put in place necessary traffic calming measures at Ardmanning Avenue as part of its 2006 Road Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/42)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.20 **ROAD RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC CALMING AT THE GREEN AND HILLVIEW ESTATE.**

‘That Cork City Council will in light of the lane closure taking place this year between Connolly Place and The Green, ensure that necessary road works are carried out and traffic calming measures are put in place at The Green and Hillview Estate, as part of its 2006 Road Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/43)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.21 **CRAWFORD COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council calls on the Cork Institute of Technology [CIT] to engage with Cork City Council to ensure that the Crawford College of Art & Design remains in the inner City at its present site or at Cork Docklands.

It, with the New School of Music will add enormously to the cultural wealth of Cork City Centre so essential to the successful legacy of Cork the European Capital of Culture 2005”.

(Proposer: Cllrs. B. Bermingham & J. Buttimer 06/45)

11.22 **ENGINEERING SURVEY OF CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council carries out an engineering survey of Curraheen Estate and Leesdale with a view to closing off alleyways that are a location and source of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/46)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.23 **ENGINEERING SURVEY OF ALL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

‘That Cork City Council carries out an engineering survey of all pedestrian crossings, in particular on Curraheen Road, Glasheen Road and Melbourn Road along with those in areas adjacent to schools in the city with a view to increasing the time allowed for pedestrians to cross and to enforce the no parking on these Pedestrians crossings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/47)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.24 **REDUCE FEE FOR APPLYING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

‘That Cork City Council would reduce the fee for applying for the city's affordable housing lists from 65 euro to 35 euro.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/48)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

12. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 6 no. tenders for the proposed extension at No. 77 Laurel Ridge, Shanakiel, Cork
- 4 no. tenders for the proposed extension at No. 3 Ardculen, Hollyhill, Cork
- 5 no. tenders for the proposed extension at No. 40 Leesdale, Model Farm Road, Cork.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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