

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 14th APRIL 2008

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, M. Ahern.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer, Planning & Development.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. J. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

An tArdmhéara proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of late Dr. Patrick J. Hillery, former President of Ireland. The City Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff wished to be associated with this expression of sympathy. The motion was adopted with members standing in silence.

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

- The Lehane family on the death of Donal Lehane.
- The Conway family on the death of Cyril Conway.
- The O’Brien family on the death of Brendan O’Brien.

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

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

- Christy Conney, President Elect of the Gaelic Athletic Association wishing him well in his role.
- Minister Brian Cowen, Tánaiste, Minister for Finance on his election as Taoiseach designate.

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Members agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to discuss Cork Airport at the end of the meeting.

3. **MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 31st March, 2008 were considered and approved.

4. **QUESTIONS**

4.1 **NO. 6 FRIARY GARDENS**

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

What is the up to date position in relation to 13 Friary Gardens. Have all planning irregularities been dealt with?

Cllr. Marin has confirmed that the question relates to No. 6 Friary Gardens & not no. 13, as stated in the initial question as submitted.

Planning permission with conditions was granted by An Bord Pleanála (PL 28.127052 ; TP 01/25510) to CONSTRUCT FRONT PORCH, TWO STOREY & EXTENSION TO FORM GRANNY FLAT & SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, NEW PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE & VEHICULAR ENTRANCE at 6, Friary Gardens, in May 2002.

Following a complaint received on the 18th June 2007 that the development was in breach of the planning permission as the Granny Flat was being let out as a separate dwelling & that there was a larger car park area to the front of the property, a Planning Enforcement file (E 6401) was opened . Planning enforcement proceedings were initiated with the service of a Warning Letter on the 3rd July 2007.

Following a written response from the respondents on the 10th July 2007, the property was inspected by the Area Enforcement Officer on the 25th July 2007. Although there were some minor internal layout changes, these were deemed to be not material. However, although the ‘Granny Flat’ was occupied by a relative, and despite a case put forward by the respondent & his legal advisor, it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that it’s use was not in compliance with the permission.

An Enforcement notice was served on the respondents on the 15th October, 2007 with a specified compliance date of the 28th January 2008. As the requirements of the Enforcement Notice have not been complied with by the specified date, the Planning Authority has made a decision on the 31st March 2008 to refer the matter to the City Council’s Law Agent to institute prosecution proceedings for non –compliance with the Enforcement Notice. Subject to the satisfactory Service of Summons & available Court dates, it is anticipated that the matter will be before the District Court in the coming months.

4.2 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING – CASEY’S LAND**

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

To ask the City Manager when he expects that all snags will be completed in the affordable housing scheme in Casey’s Land. I submitted, on behalf of the residents, their outstanding snags to the Housing Department some six weeks ago – no works have been carried out since?

A number of works are still outstanding. The snag list has been forwarded to the developer for completion within the next four weeks.

4.3 **HOME FOR RARE AND ADMIRABLE COLLECTION OF TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC**

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

Request the Manager to find a suitable home for that extremely rare and admirable collection of Traditional Irish Music as collected by Chief O’Neill (fire chief in Boston). Such a home would be capable of traditional Irish concerts and events – an exciting place for native and visitors alike to visit and enjoy?

I arranged last year to purchase the Chief O’Neill collection on behalf of the City Council. I am putting together a proposal for the permanent exhibition of this collection and hope to be in a position to bring this before Council by the Summer.

4.4 **POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOUGH AREA**

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

To ask the Manager further to my question of 31st March regarding a potential development in the Lough area the following:

1. Can he clarify as to who presently has ownership of the site?
2. Was it the Council or a private company with ownership of the site that made the initial approach for this site to be developed as a Part 8?
3. How many tenders have been received in relation to the development of the site?
4. In the event of the land being currently privately owned is it the case that the present owner is one of the tenders?
5. Is he aware that both Cork City Council's Planning Department and An Bord Pleanála have previously made a ruling that the site is suitable for one single residence?

1. The Developer.
2. The Developer, subsequent to a public advertisement, came forward with a proposal to develop the site for social housing purposes for the Cork City Council. In this situation Part 8 would be the appropriate mechanism to bring the project forward.
3. None
4. As the developer owns the land, it would, if the development proceeded be a matter for the said developer to develop the site.
5. The Planning history of the site and its constraints would form part of the assessment of the development.

4.5 **REVENUE RECEIVED FROM PAY PARKING IN 2006 & 2007**

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

What revenue was received from Pay Parking in the City Centre in 2006 and 2007?

Revenue from on-street pay parking is as follows for 2006 and 2007 on a citywide basis:

	2006	2007
Parking Discs	€3,305,133	€3,189,831
Park by Phone	<u>€50,631</u>	<u>€92,901</u>
Totals	€3,355,764	€3,282,732

4.6 **PART 8 ON TANK FIELD**

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

Can the Manager please circulate Council with a copy of the Part 8 on the Tank Field together with relevant maps?

Attached please find copy Part 8 Report as approved by Council at its meeting of 27th February 2006.

4.7 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEMES**

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

Last Monday's Housing Functional Committee was informed that there are currently 13 affordable housing schemes being processed by the Housing Department. Four of them were categorised as WORK COMPLETED (Casey's Land, Holyhill Lane, Glenfields, Holyhill Lane II); 2 were categorised as CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED (Buckley's Field, Berlingford Drive) and 7 others were categorised as UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Can the Manager please inform Council as to what the estimated prices for the houses in each of these schemes will be?

	HOUSE TYPE		
SCHEME NAME	3 BED HOUSE	2 BED HOUSE	2 BED DUPLEX
Caseys Land	€151,218	€126,248	€126,248
Blackpool	To be determined	To be determined	
Hollyhill Lane	€138,713	€131,215	
Buckley's Field	€164,000	€144,000	
Berlingford Drive	€146,050	€143,900	
Hollyhill Lane Phase Two	€186,595	€172,010	
Shanakiel Phase One – Four	€230,000	€205,000	
Nursery Site	To be determined	To be determined	
Banduff	To be determined	To be determined	
Market Gardens, Togher	€230,500	€205,500	

Bakers Road	To be determined	To be determined	
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4.8 **REDEVELOPMENT OF THE DEANROCK SITE IN TOGHER**

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

Could the City Manager provide an updated account of plans and proposals for the redevelopment of the Deanrock site in Togher?

The City Architects Department is currently working on advancing the design for a development scheme on the Deanrock site with a view to advertising the formal Part 8 Planning Process in June / July 2008.

4.9 **KILMORE ROAD LOWER AND DUNNYCOVE CRESCENT**

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

- A. Can the Manager tell me when does he expect to have an agreement with the Residents of Kilmore Road Lower and Dunnycove Crescent whose houses Cork City Council are proposing to demolish?
- B. Can he also tell me if all tenants are to be relocated to The Meadows in Knockacullen?
- C. Can the Manager also confirm that Cork City Council will pay compensation to the residents and also will Cork City Council be paying the removal costs for residents?
- A. No timescale has been agreed.
- B. If agreement is reached, the Meadows may form part of the solution to relocating tenants.
- C. No. However, should the proposal proceed the City Council would facilitate relocation of tenants.

4.10 **TOW AWAY AND CLAMPING COMPANY AT FITZ’S BOREEN**

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

In relation to the tow away and clamping company based at Fitz’s Boreen,

- A. Are the company paid a fixed price?
- B. What is the cost to Cork City Council?
- C. What is the income to Cork City Council from clamping and tow away?

Does the amount of cars clamped/towed away in any way reflect the payment due to the company?

- A. The tow away and clamping are paid a fixed price based on the tender sum
- B. Cost per year is approximately €1.336 million per year
- C. Income per year is approximately € 1 million per year

The number of cars clamped/towed away does not affect the payment to the contractor.

4.11 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT RINGMAHON HOUSE**

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

To ask the Manager to update City Council on the housing development at Ringmahon House.

The number of units being provided and for whom?

What space if any is being given over to other activities such as youth services and community services?

The construction phase of the housing development is now substantially complete?

The Ringmahon Housing Project consists of 16 no. apartments (14 no. one bedrooomed apartments and 2 no. two bedrooomed apartments) over two floors. This facility has been designed as a sheltered housing complex for elderly persons, including individuals who wish to participate in the City Councils Downsizing Scheme.

Major refurbishment / restoration work has been carried out to the adjoining Ringmahon House. It is intended that the refurbished Ringmahon House would be given over to the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee for youth, education and community services.

5. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2008**

5.1 **JOINT RETAIL STRATEGY FOR CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 27th March 2008 on the Joint Retail Strategy for Cork.

5.2 **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO 8) OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – TALL BUILDINGS POLICY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 4th March, 2008 on the

proposed Variation (No 8) of the Cork City Development Plan 2004 Tall Buildings Policy.

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th APRIL 2008**

6.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of February 2008.

6.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 31st March, 2008

6.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT DEERPARK ROAD, FRIARS WALK FOR COPE FOUNDATION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the provision of a loan facility to COPE Foundation in respect of the development of 38 no. residential units at Deerpark Road, Friars Walk under the Capital Assistance Scheme on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €7,966,899.00 be granted to the COPE Foundation subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme and the approval of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government”.

6.4 **PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SKIDDY’S CHARITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the provision of financial assistance to Skiddy’s Charity and on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a grant not exceeding €389,200 be made to Skiddy’s Charity of 26a, Marlboro Street, Cork subject to the dwellings continuing to be used to meet social housing needs.”

6.5 **INSTALL ELEVATORS IN COUNCIL OWNED FLATS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to install elevators in all Council owned flats.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/040)

The report of the Director of Services stated that under the current Building Regulations there is no requirement to provide lifts in residential dwellings up to and including three storeys. Equally it would not be feasible or practical to retrofit lifts into flats where the access and internal layouts were never designed for lift access.

6.6 **WALL BETWEEN HOLLYVILLE ESTATE AND HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the wall between Hollyville Estate and Hollyhill Lane be repaired and a gate be put in place which local residents have agreed to take responsibility for opening and closing of same. That this work should be carried out as matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/096)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the necessary works will be assessed in the coming weeks and the required work will be carried out thereafter.

6.7 **LAND DISPOSALS BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council establishes the market value of land to be disposed of by the Council, and that this statement is made available to Elected Council each time disposals are moved before Council on the matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/085)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council appoints an independent valuer to establish market value on property disposals. The value is stated on the Section 183 Notice as the best consideration reasonably obtainable. Where a disposal is not for the best consideration, then a report is attached for the consideration of members outlining the reason for the disposal.

6.8 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS – INCREASE IN CEILINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the ceilings presently in place for the disabled persons grant be changed to the following:

€25,000	90% or €20,000
€25,000 to €35,000	75% or €15,000
€35,000 to €45,000	50% or €10,000
€45,000 to €55,000	40% or € 8,000
€55,000 to €65,000	30% or € 4,000

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/111)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the disabled persons grant scheme is a national scheme determined by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. The Housing (Adaptations Grants for Older people and people with a disability) Regulations, 2007 set down the income limits for grant approval for Local Authorities.

6.9 **PURCHASE OF 10 HOUSES AT CLAREMOUNT COTTAGES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘The Cork City Council would purchase the 10 houses presently for sale at Claremount Cottages, South Douglas Road which would be an ideal location for sheltered housing for the elderly, close to all amenities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/049)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will undertake to examine the possibility of purchasing the above scheme taking into account the available funding and provisions of the Social and Affordable Housing Action Plan.

6.10 **REPLACEMENT DOORS & WINDOWS IN NORTH WEST AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to replace the doors and windows in the housing estates of Farranree, Gurranabraher, Churchfield, and Fairhill as a matter of urgency’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 08/073)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is proposed that over 1000 houses will benefit from the Planned Maintenance programme of replacement windows and doors in 2008. This is more than double the number of houses compared to previous years.

Details of the selected locations have already been made available to Councillors with 31 locations, out of the 93 locations citywide, in the Farranree, Gurrabraher, Churchfield and Fairhill areas.

6.11 **REFURBISHMENT OF CHIMNEY FLUES AT KELLEHER'S BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a review on the workmanship involved in the refurbishment of chimney flues at Kelleher’s Buildings, Dillon’s Cross as a significant number of residents are experiencing a problem with smoke coming back down into living rooms and this is entirely unacceptable’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/113)

The report of the Director of Services stated that remedial work has recently been successfully carried out to chimney flue at No. 27 Kellehers Buildings. It is proposed that similar work will shortly be carried out to Nos 6, 22, 25 and 48 where downdraft problems have been reported in the past.

6.12 **GRAFFITI ON WALLS AT GLENCURRIG, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the graffiti on the walls at Glencurrig South Douglas Road be removed, as it is unsightly and lets down the general area which is otherwise well maintained.’

(Proposer: T. Shannon 08/051)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s housing maintenance section will undertake to carry out the above works as soon as possible.

6.13 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following disposals:

Property Disposal

- (A) Disposal of property at No 5 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Friars Walk, Cork to Cathy Murray c/o Kieran Riordan & Co Solicitors, 14, Princes Street, Cork for the sum of €305,000 plus costs.

- (B) Disposal of property situated at 31, Wellington Road, Cork to Society of St. Vincent de Paul c/o JW. O' Donovan Solicitors, 53, South Mall, Cork. by way of 99 year lease.
- (C) Disposal of land approximately 7,137 sq. metres in area, situated at Douglas Hall Lawn, Douglas, Cork, to Mr. Sean P. McCarthy, Harry Ormonde and Roger Barrett being the present Trustees of Douglas Lawn Tennis Club, Cork, c/o McGuire Desmond, Solicitors, 5, Lapps Quay, by way of lease at an annual rent of €500.00 per annum.

Shared Ownership

- A. Fee Simple interest in dwelling house and premises situated and known as No. 9 Rockwood Estate, Blackrock, Cork held by Cork City Council under lease dated the 3rd October 1994 to Patricia Murphy for the sum of €33,180.62.

6.14 **JOINT HOUSING CONFERENCE**

An tArd Mhéara asked members to consider supporting the Cork City Council Joint Housing Conference of the Isles to be held in Silversprings Moran Hotel on the 24th – 25th April 2008.

7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Members agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting until 8.30 p.m.

8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE –
7th APRIL 2008**

8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3rd April, 2008 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended March, 2008.

8.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF CHAPELGATE, GLENHEIGHTS ROAD,
BALLYVOLANE, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3rd April, 2008 regarding the development at Chapelgate, Glenheights Road, Ballyvolane, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Chapelgate, Glenheights Road, Ballyvolane, Cork, be taken in charge”.

8.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF KEMPTON PARK, MEELICK PARK, BALLYVOLANE, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 regarding the development at Kempton Park, Meelick Park, Ballyvolane, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Kempton Park, Meelick Park, Ballyvolane, Cork, be taken in charge”.

8.4 **PARKING DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 regarding Parking Demand Management.

An Chomhairle considered the proposed increase in on-street parking discs from €1.80 to €2.00 and a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, M. Shields, J. Buttimer. – (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, M. O’ Connell, C. O’ Leary, F. Kerins. – (7)

An tArd Mheara declared the vote carried.

8.5 **CLEAN UP OF THE FOOTPATH ON SHANAKIEL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a major clean up of the footpath between the top of Shanakiel Road and the traffic lights at the junction at the entrance to St. Ann’s Pitch and Putt Club and Shanakiel Heights. This footpath is almost impossible to walk on due to the overgrown state of the ditch which is forcing people to walk on the road also people having to push buggies on the road which is very dangerous as there is very heavy traffic on this road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/067)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that notices will be served on adjacent property owners/occupiers to attend to overgrowth on to the public roadway.

8.6 **FOOTPATH TO BE INSTALLED AT THE CORNER OF WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a footpath be installed at the traffic lights on the left hand corner of the Well Road to ensure public safety for pedestrians crossing at this dangerous junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/020)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will provide a section of footpath at the Douglas Road/Well Road junction to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the junction. This work will be carried out as part of the Douglas Road Green Route project.

8.7 **ONGOING PROBLEMS FOR MOTORISTS EXITING HETTYFIELD ONTO THE WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the ongoing problems experienced by motorists and local residents who are exiting from Hettyfield onto the Well Road, where the line of sight from the right is non existent, and poses a very real danger to motorists, and carry out remedial work here to improve the present dangerous situation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/021)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Hettyfield and the Well Road will be examined by the Roads Design/Construction Division in order to identify measures required to improve sight lines and road safety at the junction. It is likely that the measures could include the purchase of part of a private garden of one of the local residents. There are no funds in this year’s budget for carrying out work of this nature at this location.

However any identified measures and improvements will be put for consideration to be included in the 2009 roads programme.

8.8 **BLOCK THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN HOLLYHILL LANE AND KILKIERAN CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council block off the alleyway between Hollyhill Lane and Kilkieran Close, Hollyhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/070)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the pedestrian laneway between Hollyhill Lane and Kilkieran Close is not included in the current list of prioritised works. Hollyhill Lane/Kilkieran Close will be added to the list of requested closures and will be available for future prioritisation.

8.9 **COUNCILLORS TO TRAVEL ON NO. 8 BUS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That all 31 members of Cork City Council and officials from the Roads and Transport division should travel on the number 8 bus route from Mayfield to Bishopstown during rush hour.

This will facilitate

- A) A better understanding of how the new green routes are working in practice
- B) It will give Councillors the opportunity to experience the delays and difficulties of the public
- C) It will ensure Bus Éireann is fully aware the Cork City Council wants a far greater input into how bus services are provided in this city’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 08/078)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that during the peak traffic periods in the morning and evening the buses on the No. 8 bus route are generally full to capacity. Using up more than half the capacity of a bus by City Council Members and officials during peak demand periods would mean that passengers who normally use this service may be left stranded at bus stops. This is not desirable.

The operation of the Green Routes is continuously assessed and monitored and ongoing changes are made at a regular basis. When the green routes are completed next year a full comprehensive review will be carried out of their operation and performance and any necessary improvements will be carried out.

The issues of public transport levels of service delivery, passenger information, etc. is being addressed by the current CASP Review Study and recommendations in the area should be forthcoming. The traffic Division will continue to liaise with Bus Éireann to ensure that the quality of bus services is improved wherever possible.

8.10 **ROAD MARKINGS ON ARDNALEE, MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That as a matter of urgency road markings be put in place in Ardnalee, Montenotte. Serious safety concerns are being expressed by the residents of Ardnalee, Montenotte due to the lack of any road marking in their estate. It is imperative this be rectified as soon as possible’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 08/079)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ardnalee, Montenotte will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any appropriate road markings will be installed as part of this year’s road painting programme.

8.11 **FOOTPATH FROM LEESDALE ESTATE TO MELBOURNE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As there is no footpath from Leesdale Estate to Melbourne Road Junction Model Farm Road (South Side). I would request that consideration would be given to realign the footpath on the northern side of the road to include the green space between it and the perimeter fence and so widen the road, thereby making provision for the creation of a new footpath on the southern side’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 08/081)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will be carrying out work on Model Farm Road as part of an upcoming Green Route project. I have referred this request for a footpath to the Green Route project team for their consideration.

8.12 **PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

- Considering that the Bishopstown By-Pass(that road line from the Southern Ring Road to the West of Cork, Institute of Technology as agreed with Cork Council and onward to the Model Farm Road) is high priority in the City Development Plan 2004 and the Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan.
- Given the lack of funding to date for Government funding despite repeated requests.
- Given its acute urgency in terms of traffic congestion and serious decline in quality of life standards in this residential area.
- Given its huge benefits to local residents when constructed relieving volumes of non essential traffic through Bishopstown, otherwise going to the CIT, FAS and CUH etc.

‘That this Council will enumerate all planning contributions secured by way of planning contributions since the CDP 2004 added to existing applications if successful and anticipated applications for 2008 in the greater Bishopstown/ Wilton Area and with this

knowledge will proceed in co-operation with Cork County Council to construct this essential Bishopstown By-pass.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/083)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that 2008 expenditure of existing planning contributions has been accounted for and these expenditures have been already allocated. However this proposal will be considered in the context of the General Development Contribution Scheme as adopted by Cork City Council on 12th January 2004, for suitability of inclusion in 2009 expenditures of planning contributions, in light of revenues received and project estimates

8.13 **SOMERTON DRIVE, BALLINLOUGH ROAD BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROADS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Somerton Drive, Ballinlough Road would be included in the Roads Programme for 2008, as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/086)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Somerton Drive, Ballinlough Road were not selected for inclusion in the 2008 roads programme. They will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme.

8.14 **WILLOW LAWN, BALLINLOUGH ROAD BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROAD PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Willow Lawn, Ballinlough Road be included in the Roads Programme for 2008 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/087)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Willow Lawn, Ballinlough Road were not selected for inclusion in the 2008 roads programme. They will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme.

8.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON CONGRESS ROAD AND MURPHY’S GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would please consider traffic calming measures in Congress Road and Murphy’s Gardens as part of its 2008 Road Works Programme. There have been three accidents in as little as six weeks at this junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/088)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Congress Road/Murphy’s Gardens 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 2009 Roads Programme.

8.16 **20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in the interests of safety designates 20 mph speed limits in residential areas as provided for by national legislation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/091)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that under the Road Traffic Act 2004, local authorities are empowered to make bye-laws to apply special speed limits in lieu of the default limits on roads in their area, e.g. 30km/hr (old 20 mph) instead of 50 km/hr (old 30 mph).

The guidelines for the installation of special speed limits set out several requirements and procedures, which include:

- The roads within the area concerned have been designed and constructed and appropriate engineering measures have been carried out or, alternatively, traffic calmed so that vehicle speeds are constrained to 30km/h.
- All other relevant engineering safety measures should have been tried or considered not sufficient or appropriate, before applying such a special speed limit.

The intention will be that this low speed limit will be used only in conjunction with traffic calming measures and will generally be self enforcing. The installation of this speed limit will be considered when designing new traffic calming schemes.

Proposals are being drawn up to install a 30 kph speed limit zone in the City Centre to maximise the benefits of the huge investment in the refurbishment of the streets and footpaths and it is planned to bring proposals to City Council in the near future.

8.17 **PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council review parking facilities for the disabled in the City Centre and in particular on St. Patrick’s Street, Grand Parade and the western end of South Mall as there would appear to have been a reduction in provision rather than an increase in provision following the overall refurbishment of Patrick Street and Grand Parade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/093)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the disabled driver parking spaces on St Patrick’s Street and Grand Parade were removed as part of the major refurbishment works on these streets. “Normal” car parking spaces were also removed. In order to compensate for the loss of the disabled driver spaces, additional such spaces were provided in Academy Street (next to the junction with St. Patrick’s Street), and on Pembroke Street.

There has been no reduction of the total number of disabled driver parking spaces in the City Centre, and over the past five years the number of spaces has considerably increased. It should also be noted that under current parking bye-laws, motorists with disabled driver badges can park in any on-street pay parking area in the City for free and for an unlimited period.

8.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ALONG HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install traffic calming measures along Hollyhill Lane and also provide adequate signage and a Ground Pad Flappable System at the top of the road to stop traffic entering Hollyhill Lane illegally.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/097)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hollyhill Lane 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 2009 Roads Programme. The use of a “Ground Pad Flappable System” will be considered as part any traffic calming scheme, however road safety and public liability issues will have to be carefully considered before any particular device will be installed.

8.19 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BENVOIRLICH ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the quality of public lighting at Benvoirlich Estate by the Church of the Real Presence and the junction of Curraheen Road and Benvoirlich Estate would be investigated and that additional street lighting would be introduced if necessary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/098)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the quality of the public lighting in Benvoirlich Estate by the Church of the Real Presence and the junction of Curraheen Road/Benvoirlich Estate will be examined for any measures necessary for upgrading the public lighting system to modern standards.

Any identified measures necessary to improve the public lighting will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme

8.20 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – KYLE STREET & CHRIST CHURCH LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council ensure that the public lighting in Kyle Street and Christ Church Lane be updated to make these streets more secure and safe for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/081)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting in Kyle Street and Christ Church Lane will be examined for:

- a) Existing public lights out of action which will be referred to the ESB
- b) Measures necessary for upgrading the public lighting system to modern standards

Any identified measures necessary to improve the public lighting will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.21 **REPAIR OF STEPS AND RAILINGS AT CLAREMOUNT COTTAGES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would repair the steps and install a banister railing at the village end of the Terrace at Claremount Cottages & Terrace, South Douglas Road where many elderly people reside.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/050)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we do not have funds, under the roads programme, for carrying out works at Clermont Cottages and Terrace as the area is not part of a public road. We could consider carrying out works at this location if sufficient funds were made available from other sources.

8.22 **REPLACEMENT OF FOOTPATHS ROSEGREEN AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That the footpaths in Rosegreen Avenue, Beaumont would be included in the Road Programme for 2008 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/089)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Rosegreen Avenue, Beaumont were not selected for inclusion in the 2008 roads programme. They will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme.

8.23 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CATHEDRAL ROAD/BAKERS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In view of the dangerous situation to pedestrians arising from the realignment of roadways and parallel traffic, Council agrees to assess the situation urgently and take appropriate action including the provision of a zebra crossing adjacent to the junction’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/112)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Cathedral Road and Baker’s Road will be examined for safe pedestrian crossing points and any new identified pedestrian facility will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

The area in question is on the Bus No. 2 Green Route and accordingly any new works will be funded from the Green Route Project budget.

8.24 **PUSH BUTTON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – GORDANS HILL AND BALLYHOOLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install a push button pedestrian crossing facility to the east of the junction of Gordan’s Hill and Ballyhooly Road to facilitate pedestrians who wish to use the Glen Amenity Park and residents of Cahergal.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/114)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Ballyhooly New Road adjacent to Gordan’s Hill to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility in the area. A location for any pedestrian crossing point has also to be carefully considered for road safety reasons to ensure that motorists have a clear view in advance of the facility.

The provision of a crossing at an identified safe location will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2009 roads programme.

8.25 **CARS PARKED AROUND FARRANLEA GROVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Council notes with concern the ever increasing number of motorists who daily abandon their cars around Farranlea Grove, Farranlea Hall, Farranlea Park and Farranlea Road while visiting County Hall, UCC or work areas and who are putting residents to considerable danger and upset; and resolves to carryout an assessment to introduce sufficient safeguards to meet the Residents needs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/115)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the area around Farranlea Grove, Farranlea Hall, Farranlea Park and Farranlea Road will be visited and examined in conjunction with the Gardaí, and any necessary parking or traffic restrictions, necessary to improve the road safety in the area, will be put in place.

8.26 **TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY AT MC CURTAIN VILLAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council carry out a Traffic Impact Study for Mc Curtain Villas’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 08/117)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that McCurtain Villas 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. These surveys will provide the necessary data to carry out a traffic impact study so that the appropriate mitigation measures can be identified.

Identified appropriate measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2009 Roads Programme.

8.27 **YELLOW BOX AT THE JUNCTION OF BISHOPSTOWN ROAD AND WILTON AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a yellow junction box and right turn filter light be installed at the junction of Bishopstown Road and Wilton Avenue to facilitate cars travelling west on the Bishopstown Road to enter and leave Wilton Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/118)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junctions of the Bishopstown Road and Wilton Avenue will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be installed there.

The installation of a right turn arrow for traffic entering Wilton Avenue will also be examined and if deemed feasible, will be installed as soon as possible.

8.28 **YELLOW BOX ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place a yellow box on Cathedral Road opposite the TSB Bank to allow traffic coming up Cathedral Road access to St. Mary’s Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/456)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic travelling up Cathedral Road is not allowed to turn right into St. Mary's Avenue. There is a regulatory "no right turn" sign in place and the installation of a yellow box at the junction would encourage the illegal manoeuvre and accordingly should not be provided.

8.29 **FOOTPATH TO BE INSTALLED AT WOOLHARA PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'Following the resurfacing of the road carriageway at Woolhara Park, Douglas Road that a footpath be installed along the left hand side of the park from the entrance.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/416)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this motion was held in committee pending further consultation with local residents. The Roadworks Programme for 2008 has since been finalised and the final footpath renewal list does not include Woolhara Park.

The road is a cul de sac and appears to operate satisfactorily as a shared surface. It was recently resurfaced in its entirety under the 2007 Roadworks Programme. The construction of footpaths at this stage is not recommended as it would undo some of this work and would present problems regarding drainage, a multiplicity of house entrances and a constraint on access to and from the said entrances. It can be reconsidered for a future time.

8.30 **SLIP ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF COMMONS ROAD BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd April, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'Council agrees to create a slip road at the junction of Commons road, Blackpool and Fairfield Road, Farranree through the green area behind the Shell Filling Station to alleviate the traffic bottlenecks in this area heading to Parklands and the general Blarney area'

(Proposer: Cllr. J.O'Callaghan 08/066)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is not possible to design a slip road from this area onto the Blackpool Bypass due to the design/safety requirements for a slip road of this type. In general terms it is recommended that the number of minor junctions on National Primary Roads are kept to the absolute minimum.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **LAMA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O'Callaghan and T. O'Driscoll at the LAMA Annual Spring Conference held in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 27th & 28th March, 2008.

10.2 **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn at the Effective Communication for Councillors Conference held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Milford Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 4th – 6th April, 2008.

10.3 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, P. Gosch and M. O'Connell at the Planning Seminar for Councillors, to be held in the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 25th & 26th April, 2008.

10.4 **HOUSING CONFERENCE 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, T. Shannon and T. Fitzgerald at the Housing Conference 2008 to be held in Silversprings Moran Hotel on the 24th – 25th April 2008.

10.5 **QUALITY OF LIFE: THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL REGIONS PORTLAOISE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at the Quality of Life: The Key to Successful Regions to be held in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise on the 1st May 2008.

10.6 **THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN COMMUNITY & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at The Role of Local Government in Community & Rural Development Conference to be held in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry on the 8th - 9th May 2008.

10.7 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at the Local Government & the Environment to be held in the Ballyvaughan Coast Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare on the 16th – 18th May 2008

11. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 31st MARCH 2008**

11.1 **THE HEALTH SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell:

‘Bearing in mind all the recent revelations, the fear and lack of confidence among the public, and the apparent mis-management and mistakes at the highest levels, Council now urges the Minister for Health to dissolve the H.S.E., and to establish a new, more efficient and more accountable system for administering the Health Services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/129)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir a vote was called for on the motion where there appeared as follows;

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, J. Corr, D. Cregan, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer.-(13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. Coughlan, T. Shannon, T. O'Driscoll, M. Shields.-(4)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

11.2 **CORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion and also approved that a Special Meeting of Whole Council in Committee would be convened to which Dr. Brendan Murphy of Cork Institute of Technology would be invited to attend and address the meeting:-

‘That this Council supports the Cork Institute of Technology applications to be a University’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/147)

11.3 **AGENCY WORKERS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘Noting the increase in agency employment, this Council is aware that many workers from home and abroad are offered agency employment when they are seeking direct and permanent employment. We understand that many of these workers are retained on minimum conditions and in some instances do not receive all their entitlements. Agency employment should not be used as an unnecessary substitute for direct employment or a mechanism for avoidance of or undermining of fair pay and conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 08/149)

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **CARRY OUT BULKY GOODS COLLECTION IN 2007**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a Bulky Goods Collection in 2007 in order to facilitate residents who need to dispose of fridge freezers, washing machines, cookers and other such domestic goods. These collections should be carried out in a city wide programme to be discussed and agreed at Environmental Functional Committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/114)

Environment Functional Committee

12.2 **DEVELOPMENT CHARGES – DISABLED PERSONS GRANT**

‘That Cork City Council rescind the practice of leaving Development Charges on “Disabled Person Grant” schemes. The levy should not apply to development which is required for medical reasons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/129)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

12.3 **REMOVE PART OF THE GREEN AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would remove part of the green area between numbers 64 and 86 Knockpogue Ave to allow for residents car parking’

(Proposer: Cllr D. McCarthy 08/101)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.4 **THAT SCABEG BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Scabeg from Christ the King Church to Capwell Road junction be included in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme. This area was on the number 6 Green Bus Route. It is the most used section of the pathway because of schools, the Church and the hospital and it has been left in a dangerous and deplorable state. Also the section from the old Nemo Rangers football ground to the Cross Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr S. Martin / T Shannon 08/105)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **BUDGET FIGURES FOR 2008**

‘That Cork City Council agree to budget of

- a) €25,000 per Ward for public lighting
 - b) €200,000 per Ward for estate road resurfacing
 - c) Measures are put in place to fast forward the roll out of agreed Traffic Calming Programme. At present there is a 16 month delay from agreement to delivery on the ground.
 - d) The present system of Ward Meetings be radically overhauled to facilitate the Councillors who are the elected representatives of the people.’
- P.S above sums to be put into 2008 adopted budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr S. Martin/ T. Shannon 08/106)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **AN EMERGENCY PASSAGE FOR HOMES ALONG FARRANLEA ROAD**

‘Given that the dangers to public safety of allowing high-rise, high density developments be built in areas with substandard roads and access are now proving correct, dangers highlighted by resident groups and myself at the planning stage, I propose that to allow emergency services unhindered passage to existing and future homes in the area, that Cork City Council would as a matter of urgency provide joined up double yellow lines (as opposed to the stop start, stop start effort there at present) on both sides of the roadway from the rear entrance to the County Hall running along Farranlea Road to the junction of Victoria Cross Road.

I also propose that a restricted parking zone (8.30-18.30 Monday to Friday) be provided on the northern side of roadway from the rear entrance to the County Hall running along Farranlea Road to the Crescent Apartments to complement the restricted parking zone on the southern side of said road, and that the City Council Traffic Department would patrol the area on a regular basis to penalize motorists who violate the parking regulations thus putting peoples lives at risk.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. McCarthy 08/109)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **YELLOW BOX ON WILTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council place a yellow box on Wilton Road at the exit of Orchard Road, so that the residents from The Grove and Orchard Road can access Wilton Road in safe and efficient manner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/156)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BLARNEY STREET, SUNDAY’S WELL AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a Traffic Management Plan for the Blarney Street, Sunday’s Well, Gurrabraher Road and surrounding areas in consultation with the local Community Association, Residents and Garda in order to deal with the on-going problems of traffic congestion and on-going damage to parked cars in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/157)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **SURVEY ON MOUNT AGNES ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Roads/ Traffic Department survey Mount Agnes Road with the view to creating recessed parking areas for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/158)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.10 **CONVERSION OF THE BONDED WAREHOUSE AT THE PORT OF CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the following moiton:-

‘That this Council favours the conversion of the bonded warehouses at the port of Cork as a Maritime Military Museum incorporating items from events in all parts of the World with Cork and Irish participation reflecting the rich and varied involvement in world affairs of Corkonians and Irishmen from earliest times shaping the world as we know it today.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/159)

12.11 **COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME OF THE CORK ACADEMY OF MUSIC**

‘That this Council in acknowledging the very successful community based programme of the Cork Academy of Music under the Directorship of Mr. Bob Seward who are temporary based in the North Monastery due to a fire in their Sunbeam Wolsey premises, who to date have trained over 600 youths, many early school leavers, to qualification standard and a high percentage achieving 3rd level musical qualifications, hereby request the City Manager to find a suitable home for Music Training of Northside Youths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/160)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.12 DOUGLAS STREET ONE WAY

‘That Cork City Council would make Douglas Street one way, with westbound traffic divert onto South Terrace or Sawmill Street and eastbound traffic facilitated on Douglas Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/161)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 LITTER BIN AT THE BUS STOP AT ASHCROFT IN BALLINTEMPLE

‘That Cork City Council would install a litter bin as a matter of urgency at the bus stop at Ashcroft in Ballintemple, to help alleviate the continuous litter problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/162)

Environment Functional Committee

12.14 UNDEVELOPED LAND IN THE LOUGH AREA

‘That Cork City will in the event of coming into ownership of land, which is presently undeveloped and which borders the area zoned for recreational and amenity in The Lough area, will in the first instance, give priority to using such land to extend the recreational and amenity services of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/163)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.15 EXAMINATION OF THE WATER AT PROBY’S QUAY

‘That Cork City Council will carry out an examination of the water at Proby’s Quay to ensure that no polluting material or substances are being released into the River Lee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/164)

Environment Functional Committee

12.16 **EXTEND CAR PARK AT 10 – 30 EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

‘That the small car park in the vicinity of 10-30 Edward Walsh Road be extended in a Southerly direction so as to allow residents park near their homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/165)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **FOOTPATH FROM SHAMROCK GROVE TO LAGAN GROVE**

‘That due to the serious danger posed to pedestrians by articulated trucks, Cork City Council reinstate the footpath from Shamrock Grove to Lagan Grove to a minimum height of 6 inches and that Council also erect a rail similar to that erected on the western side of Silversprings Lane as part of the Green routes project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/166)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.18 **NO RIGHT TURN SIGNS**

‘That Cork City Council remove the no right turn signs at the top of O’Mahony’s Avenue and the southern end of York Hill as neither is justifiably observed by the motoring public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/167)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.19 **RESURFACE OF UPPER DERRYNANE ROAD**

‘That Upper Derrynane Road be resurfaced as part of the 2009 Roadworks programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/168)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.20 **SET UP FESTIVAL OFFICE**

‘That in recognition of the fact that Cork City is widely recognised as a festival city and in an effort to further enhance our standing in this regard, we are proposing to set up a dedicated festival office in Cork City Council with the stated aim of

- (a) Enhancing our reputation as a festival city.
- (b) Promoting the existing festivals on a wider stage.
- (c) Identifying new opportunities for the hosting of events to Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. D. Wallace 08/169)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.21 **PROGRAMME TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LATE PROF. ALOYS FLEISCHMANN**

‘That Cork City Council would, in conjunction with members of the Fleischmann family design and develop a programme to mark the occasion of the centenary of the birth of the late Prof. Aloys Fleischmann.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 08/170)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.22 **RELINE THE PARKING SPACES IN ST. CLAIRE’S AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would reline the parking spaces in St. Claire’s Avenue and also put a ramp on the Magazine Road side of St. Claire’s Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/171)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.23 **CRASH BARRIER AT STEPS IN BRIARS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council would put a crash barrier at the right-hand side of the steps in Briars Court on Blarney Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/172)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.24 **REMOVE THE GRAFFITI FROM THE PLAQUE AT THE SLÍ CUMANN NAMBAN WALKWAY**

‘That Cork City Council remove the graffiti from the plaque at the Slí Cumann na mBan walkway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 08/173)

Environment Functional Committee

12.25 NEW LIBRARY CENTRE IN BLACKPOOL

‘Cork City Council set up as a matter of urgency a new library centre and service in Blackpool, incorporating the entire modern library and computer services available at the new City Suburban Library on the grounds of Wilton Shopping Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn and Cllr. C. Clancy 08/176)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.26 SUPPORT AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

‘That Cork City Council, would seek to support and develop Community Associations, especially those in non RAPID areas, in the absence of an over-arching umbrella organization Cork CAN (CCDI)’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/177)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.27 SURVEY TENANTS RE: BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTION

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of its tenants to determine the level of uptake of broadband Internet connectivity, to identify possible barriers to such an uptake, and to develop a programme of strategies to encourage and promote broadband connection.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/178)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.28 MOBILE PHONE MASTS

‘That Cork City Council places a moratorium on the planning decisions regarding mobile phone masts until a review is carried out on the number and type of installations currently installed in Cork City and their compliance with all health, safety & planning regulations be verified. Using the Precautionary Principle in light of the recent research of the European Environmental Agency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/179)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.29 **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork Council calls on the Irish Government to voice its objections and protest to China’s Government about its violation of Human Rights. To support meaningful dialogue, to demand an end of the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, Tibetan, Xinjiang and Uighur peoples. In particular that pressure would be put on the Chinese Government to secure the implementation of the United Nations Charter of Human Rights and that this Motion would be brought to the attention of all Local Authorities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/180)

13. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - CORK AIRPORT**

Members discussed the issue of Cork Airports debt. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council requests the Minister for Finance to release €113 million of financing from the National Development Plan Funds to enable Cork Airport to commence its independence as a debt free operation.’

This concluded the business of the meeting

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