

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 28th APRIL 2008

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, 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 S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, SEO, Housing & Community.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir M. Quill.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- The Cunningham family on the death of Sean Cunningham
- The Cullen Family on the death of Colin Cullen
- Isherwood Family on the death of Theresa Isherwood

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

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

- Mark Carroll on his appointment to Athletics Ireland in the United States.
- Declan Kidney and the Munster Rugby Team on their continued success.
- Community & Enterprise Directorate and Cork Access group on the launch of the “Equal Access” DVD.
- Personnel Section, Cork City Council on the success of “National Job Shadowing Day”.
- Cindy School of Dance, Knocknaheeny, on their participation at the World Free Style Dance Competition.
- Director & Staff of Housing on the success of the “Conferences of the Isles” recently held in the Silversprings hotel.

1.(c) **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the holding of the Civic Reception for Christy Cooney President Elect, GAA.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 14th April 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENT**

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

Will the Manager confirm that funding is in place to restore the National Monument at the corner of South Mall and Grand Parade?

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate are currently assessing the National Monument to establish the nature and extent of the works required. Once this assessment is complete a suitable qualified contractor will be commissioned to carry out the necessary works.

3.2 **GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL**

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

To ask the City Manager why there is only one hour a day available to the public at the Gus Healy Swimming Pool?

After a review of pool usage/costs at the Gus Healy pool was carried out a number of years ago, it was decided to have the pool open during certain core hours facilitating those using the facility i.e. schools and clubs. During public hours, the average attendance at the pool was less than 10, with any income generated during these hours falling very short of the costs being incurred. The pool is open 6 days a week, from 7am to 2pm, and 6pm to 10pm Monday to Friday, and open on Saturdays 9am to 1pm catering for schools and clubs. Following a request from some swimmers 2 years ago, the lunchtime public hour was re introduced- this public hour only attracts less than 10 people.

3.3 **ADVERTISING WITHOUT PERMISSION**

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

Is it possible to prosecute people who advertise their services and businesses without permission, on official sign posts throughout the city? And if so, how many such prosecutions have taken place in the past year?

The erection of fingerpost information signs are regulated under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Applications for licence under the Section, are subject to fees, and are administrated by the Planning and Development Directorate but are subject to a report from the Roads and Transportation Directorate.

In this particular case, the signs referred to, which advertise medical services, are located at Victoria Cross, Dennehy's Cross and Wilton Road. As these signs are unlicensed the Planning Authority has written to the relevant parties instructing that the unauthorised signs be removed within five working days. The respondents have confirmed by telephone that they will be removed.

The sites will be re-inspected after the specified period has elapsed. If the signs are not removed the matter will be referred to the Planning Enforcement Section to initiate Enforcement proceedings and to the Roads and Transportation Directorate to remove same.

No prosecutions have taken place in the past year.

3.4 **BASKETBALL COURT AT NICHOLAS STREET**

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

Can the Manager tell me who owns the basketball court at Nicholas Street and if there are currently any plans to develop this?

This forms part of site known as “South Presentation Convent”, Douglas Street, Cork. At its meeting on the 11th June 2007, Council approved the City Manager report to use its powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to acquire property to perfect title to assist the redevelopment of the property in accordance with a Licence Agreement. At its meeting of the 10th March 2008 Council approved disposal of site back to South Presentation Sisters. Legal formalities are now being finalised between our Law Department and solicitors for South Presentation Convent.

3.5 **FULL TIME TRAFFIC WARDENS**

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

How many full time Traffic Wardens are employed by Cork City Council?

There are 11 traffic wardens and two supervisors currently employed by Cork City Council. The wardens work five days over a six day week.

3.6 **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 City Manager further to my questions of 31st March and 14th April 2008 regarding a potential development in the Lough Area the following and in particular with reference to point A & D of the reply given by the Manager on 31st March 2008 and point 2 of the reply given by the Manager on 14th April 2008.

- (a) When was the proposal submitted by the developer?
- (b) What is the residential capacity of the proposal?
- (c) How many on site car parking spaces are outlined in the proposal?
- (d) How is access to the site presented in the proposal?
- (e) Is the entire proposed access area owned by the developer and if not, does part of the proposed access route at present belong to either Cork City Council and/or another private household in the area?
- (f) In the event of the proposal containing an access route or a portion of same, that is not at present owned by the developer, has the developer been given either

- permission or direction by the owner of this property to include it as part of the proposal?
- (g) Is it intended by the Manager or a member of his staff to bring this proposal before either Council or the Council's Housing Committee and, if so, when?
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- (a) The proposal was submitted in March 2007
 - (b) Twenty-two residential units are contained in the draft proposal
 - (c) Four car parking spaces are contained in the draft proposal
 - (d) A number of options are outlined in the developer's proposal
 - (e) As outlined above a number of options are under consideration and should the project proceed to Part 8 the Members will be informed in accordance with the agreed procedure for advertisement of same
 - (f) No
 - (g) No decision has been taken in this regard as of yet however, should the development proceed on behalf or in partnership with the City Council the appropriate mechanism would be Part VIII.

3.7 **PART 8 – TANK FIELD**

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

In relation to the Part 8 process carried out at the Tank Field by Cork City Council can the Manager explain how the non inclusion of HT Cables in the drawings put before Council cannot but be regarded as breach of the Duty of Care because of the danger to human life posed by siting goal posts and goal netting under such HT Cables. Furthermore, is it not a case improper planning where members of Council and the public are lead to believe a pitch can be moved 57m eastwards when in fact it may not be possible because of the HT Cables. Should City Council experts have checked the viability of the proposed move before recommending it to Councillors for approval.

It is proposed to have discussions with the GAA authorities, the Office of Public Works and the Department of Education to bring about an arrangement whereby the high tension cables will not transverse any part of the playing field.

3.8 **SITES IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD TO BE IDENTIFIED**

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

Can the Manager name the sites which were identified in the South West Ward for possible development of social housing following an invitation for tender of proposals from City Council, the number of housing units proposed, the proposed

use of any such units, and whether any of the proposed developments might involve use of Council Lands or Property necessitating a Part 8.

There has been no invitation to tender for social housing projects in the South West Ward. A scheme, however, is under consideration following calls for proposals in 2006, for development under the downsizing scheme. The number of units proposed is twenty-two. No decision has been made with regard to the use of council lands. However, should the development proceed on behalf or in partnership with the City Council the appropriate mechanism would be Part VIII.

4. **LEGAL CHALLENGE IN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

An Chomhairle noted the verbal report of the City Manager on the decision of the High Court in relation to the Legal Challenge in Waste Collection Service.

5. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the Draft Annual Report 2007.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 21st APRIL, 2008**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST MARCH 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31st March 2008.

6.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007**

An Chomhairle considered the Annual Financial Statement 2007 and the City Manager's Report thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Mc. Gongile, An Chomhairle approved the Annual Financial Statement 2007 and the City Manager's Report thereon and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED**, That the Annual Financial Statement for 2007 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 17 are hereby approved by Cork City Council”

6.3 **STATUTORY AUDIT REPORT FOR 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the Statutory Audit Report for 2006.

7. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE– 21st APRIL, 2008**

7.1 **PART 8 REPORT ON MURPHYS FARM**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development of a new park area at Murphys Farm, installing a playground and multi-user Games Area and the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2008 thereon.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the Part 8 Report on Murphy’s Farm as required under S.179 Local Government (Planning & Development) 2001.

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is proposed to develop a new park area at Murphys Farm, installing a playground and multi-user Games Area. Works will also include erection of perimeter railings around the play area, a footpath network, soft and hard landscaping, road realignment to enhance safety of pedestrian and improved car parking area. The total cost of the works is estimated at €650k, with grant aid of €120k from the Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government towards the playground under the Local Authority Playground Grant Scheme and grant aid of €35k from the FAI/Dept. of Arts Sports & Tourism towards the provision of a Multi-User Games Area (dual soccer/basketball court).

The proposal was advertised in accordance with Article 81 of the Local Government (Planning & Development Committee) Regulations 2001 on 18th January 2008, with four no. submissions being received by closing date of 29th February 2008.

Submissions were received from the following:-

1. Chestnut Grove Residents Association
2. Bishopstown Community Association (Planning & Development)
3. Cllr. John Buttimer
4. Eddie Delaney

The submissions welcomed the playground and enhancement works but expressed concern regarding the proposed realignment works, with necessity of removing some trees and set back of ditch from entrance to Chestnut Grove. The Chestnut Grove residents also sought continued priority for cars exiting Chestnut Grove, at junction with Bishopstown Park roadway. Cllr. J. Buttimer’s submission also emphasised the need for security measures in the playground.

Following a number of satisfactory meetings with Chestnut Grove Residents Association, it is now accepted that the proposed realignment works are necessary in terms of safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic to the Park. It has been agreed with the residents to replace existing ditch with a new stone boundary wall, screened by mature trees on the Chestnut Grove side, with hedging on the far side. Chestnut Grove residents will continue to have priority at the junction to the estate.

The new Park area will be fully enclosed, and be open from dawn to dusk. Work is scheduled to commence in early Autumn. The proposal is in accordance with proper planning & sustainable development of the area, enhancing an existing amenity area.

7.2 **SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendations from the Sports Committee in relation to Sports Capital Grants 2008.

7.3 **BRIARS COURT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out a clean up of the area on both sides of the steps leading down to the lower part of Briars Court, and also cut back on any overgrowing foliage in this area so that it will be easier for the Residents Association to maintain the area. Also the area that runs along the wall towards No. 36 Briars Court be cleaned and cut back as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/095)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a clean-up of the steps and pruning of overgrowing foliage at this area has now been carried out. Replacement ground-cover planting will be carried out within the next three to four weeks.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

7.4 **ST. CATHERINE'S CEMETERY, KILCULLY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would put in place security measures at St’ Catherine’s Cemetery Killcully following recent incidents where relatives visiting the Cemetery have had their cars vandalized and property stolen on a regular basis. This is causing great stress to the families of the bereaved. Therefore I am proposing that Cork City Council would put C.C. T.V. cameras in the car park and also have security personnel on duty in the cemetery, particularly at Easter Time and Bank Holiday Weekends.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/150)

The report of the Director of Services stated that St. Catherine’s Cemetery, Kilcully is situated in a quiet rural location north of the City. The public car park is situated immediately adjacent to the access road but is not visible from the cemetery and therefore unoccupied parked cars can be vulnerable to acts of vandalism and theft.

Incidents of vandalism and theft have been reported to Cemetery Staff and local Gardaí and it does appear the frequency of these acts is on the increase.

The Council has erected signs at all entrances to the cemetery advising the public of this risk and recommending that any valuables i.e. phones, hand-bags etc., are not left in the car while visiting the cemetery. Valuables left on view in the car is generally the reason for the acts of vandalism and theft.

The provision of CCTV cameras would obviously provide a deterrent against such acts, the cost of installation and monitoring equipment is approximately € 10,000.00, there is not provision in the current years estimates to cover this cost.

Provision of Security Personnel for Bank Holiday Weekends would cost approximately €700 per weekend, there is no provision in the current years estimates to cover this cost.

7.5 **CLEAN UP OF THE RIVER BANKS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the banks of the river between the Riverview Estate and the Deanrock Estate in Togher would be cleaned and that appropriate measures would be put in place to minimise dumping of waste materials and other anti-social behaviour at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 08/063)

The report of the Director of Services stated that dumping of Shopping Trolleys and other household goods mainly occurs on either side of the pedestrian bridge between Riverview and Deanrock Estates.

Rubbish is removed as and when required by both the Parks and Drainage Depts., and the embankments along both sides of the river and mowed twice a year. These measures are satisfactory to deal with the issue. The structure of the pedestrian bridge has been modified to discourage unsocial gatherings and behaviour and this appears to be effective at present.

7.6 **ARDNALEE, MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will assist the residents of Ardnalee, Montenotte by clearing and replanting the large bank at the entrance to their estate. The residents of Ardnalee are happy to provide the funding for the shrubbery etc for the planting of their large bank at the entrance to their estate. However they would need the expertise and labour of Cork City Council to clear and plant the site.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Murphy 08/080)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Ardnalee Estate is situated along the Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte, and was built during early/mid 1990’s.

The large elevated embankment on the right hand-side of the access road was planted with shrubs and trees as part of the landscape works for the estate. Approximately 50% of this area is now overgrown with briars and weeds and is in need of replanting. It is noted that the residents are prepared to purchase the replacement shrubs and trees, however, the cost to clear existing vegetation,

cultivate and replant is estimated at €7,000. There is no provision in the 2008 Parks Estimates to cover this cost.

7.7 **NEW FESTIVAL IN CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Building on the success of the Cork Choral Festival and the Cork Jazz Festival that Cork City Council would explore with interested stakeholders the possibility of starting a festival in Cork, similar to the electric Picnic Festival, for local, national and international acts and bands, of new and emerging talent in Rock, Indie and alternative music genres.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/119)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the additional events which provide new, high quality programme and draw visitors to the city are always welcome, and Cork City Council will always seek to facilitate and engage with events of this nature.

Festivals such as ‘Electric Picnic’ are primarily organized by private promotions companies, on a profit making basis. The Aiken Promotions concert series, ‘Live At The Marquee’ in the docklands is currently the premier music event of this nature in Cork’s event calendar. Grant aid by City Council of cultural programmes is currently offered only to not for profit companies.

Cork City Council’s main involvement in these events is the grant of license which is required for large scale events with audiences in excess of 5,000 under the Planning & Development Act 2001.

Cork City Council has recently led the establishment of a Festival Forum, a grouping of all of the not for profit culture festivals of the city, which includes;

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| - Cork Film Festival - | Cork Midsummer Festival |
| - Cork Folk Festival - | Cork St. Patrick’s Festival |
| - Cork International Choral Festival - | Frank O’Connor Short Story Festival |
| - Cork Jazz Festival - | Ocean to City Race |
| - World Book Day | |

At the next meeting of this forum we will table this agenda item to see if there are ways in which we can facilitate the promotion of a large scale event.

The potential for out door events is somewhat limited by the space available within the city area. The proposed development of an event centre, and the

possible re-development of Pairc Uí Chaoimh would greatly increase the potential for the City to mount events on the scale of Electric Picnic. We would anticipate that should such developments proceed there will be a greatly increased number of large scale cultural events in the city in response to the improved infrastructure facilitating their realization.

7.8 **RENEWAL & REGENERATION PLAN FOR PARK OWEN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out a renewal and regeneration plan for Park Owen, the plan to include:-

1. Landscaping of green and open spaces.
2. Enhancement of the public realm.
3. Road and path renewal.
4. Reconstruction of public lights.
5. Infill housing on waste ground.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/535)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the amenity area at Park Owen is in good condition, however, many of the existing trees have been vandalized and the 8 no. decorative lamp standards have been vandalized and are not working.

The programme of improvements works for 2008 will involve planting 12-15 semi-mature trees, replacement of the 8 no. lamp standards at an approximate cost of €10,000, should the necessary capital funding be available.

Park Owen is vulnerable to unsocial activities mainly because the area is not overlooked, this is an obvious nuisance to local residents.

The enclosed area of land situated adjacent to Park Owen Amenity Area and to the rear and side of properties at Douglas Street, Blue Anchor Lane and East View Terrace is in private ownership. This area may be suitable for infill housing that would overlook the park. The original owner who assembled small individual plots in the 1990’s is now deceased and his Estate is being administered. I understand that it is intended to develop the lands and initial discussions have take place with Planning Dept., in regard to same.

7.9 **JERRY O’SULLIVAN PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council erects a pedestrian gate at the northern end of the Jerry O’Sullivan Park on Churchfield Avenue so that the children have easy access to their home in the Churchfield area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/090)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a pedestrian gate is provided at the northern end of Jerry O’Sullivan Park. The gate was closed for a period to prevent horses accessing the park from this end, the gate is now open during park opening hours and the issue with the horses has been resolved.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle considered correspondence received from Passage West Town Council seeking support of a motion proposed by Comhairleoir Neil O’Sullivan on motorcycle accidents. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Mc Carthy, An Chomhairle unanimously supported the motion.

9. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following conferences:

9.1 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Murphy at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co Kerry on the 2nd – 6th April, 2008.

9.2 **RACIAL HARRASSMENT IN HOUSING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Racial Harrassment in Housing Conference, held in Respond Campus, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 on the 17th April, 2008.

9.3 **A SHARED FUTURE SHAPING THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan and M. Shields at the Shared Future Shaping the Fabric of our Communities, held in Silversprings Moran Hotel, Tivoil, Cork on the 24th – 25th April, 2008.

9.4 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan, T. Fitzgerald and D. Mc Carthy at the Planning Seminar for Councillors, held in Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 25th – 26th April, 2008.

9.5 **WATER: THE CHALLENGES FOR USERS”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Water: The Challenges for Users, held in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co Cork on 17th & 18th April 2008.

9.6 **THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNEMENT IN COMMUNITY & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Role of local Government in Community & Rural Development to be held in the Listowel Arms Hotel on 8th & 9th May 2008.

9.7 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Local Government & the Environment to be held in Ballyvaughan Coast Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co Clare on 16th, 17th & 18th May.

10. **MOTIONS**

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

10.1 **TONYVILLE – 2008 ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Tonyville off High Street be included in the 2008 Estate Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/157)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.2 **ONE WAY TRAFFIC – EVERGREEN STREET**

‘That City Council look at a one way Traffic Management system to be in stalled to improve traffic flow on Evergreen St. Tower St. and Friar St.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/158)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.3 **REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS PAYABLE IN RENT**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would put a system in place where tenants of the local authority that have been paying housing rent for a period of 40 years would automatically qualify for a 50% reduction in amounts payable in rent from that day forward.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Mc Carthy 08/120)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

10.4 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATH ON FAIRHILL DRIVE**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would repair the footpath outside the houses number 79 through 87 Fairhill Drive as they are in a very poor state of repair’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Mc Carthy 08/127)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.5 **NOISE POLLUTION BYELAW**

‘That Cork City Council would introduce the appropriate bye-laws to control the use of generators and amplification equipment which are used by persons who are singing or playing instruments on the street within the city centre area.

The reason for this is;

1. A number of retailers cannot conduct their day to day business due to the noise pollution outside their premises. This can go on for long periods on a busy day.
2. Noise pollution itself. We should only be asked to tolerate a maximum level on our streets.
3. Quality of the performance is at times questionable. Some of the performers cannot play the musical instrument properly, or cannot sing even in tune, or can sing even one tune.
4. Some CBA members and indeed the Gardaí state that a permit system to perform on the street would also be welcomed. This would achieve two things, control on the type of performer/performance and length of time permitted on one location.
5. The CBA would like to confirm that we welcome street performers as it adds atmosphere to the shopping experience and gives its very own cultural flavour to Cork streets. These people are entertainers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/181)

Environment Functional Committee

10.6 **FOOTPATHS IN SUNDRIVE PARK**

‘That the footpaths in Sundrive Park would be included in the Roads Programme for 2008 as they are in poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. O’Flynn 08/182)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.7 **PLAYGROUND FACILITIES – BEAUMONT PARK**

‘That play ground facilities would be put in place in Beaumont Park so the children in this area would have somewhere to play.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/183)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

10.8 **CROSSING ON PEARSE ROAD**

‘That a Green Man Crossing would be placed on Pearse Road between the local shopping centre and Maria Assumpta Convent Primary School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/184)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.9 **CORK CITY BUS ROUTES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Bus Eireann to review the Cork City Bus Routes with a view to establishing that they are responsive to passengers journey requirements.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. O’Driscoll 08/185)

10.10 **CORK COUNTY BOXING**

‘That all options be examined in an effort to provide a permanent premises for the Cork County Boxing Board, which comprises fifteen clubs, catering for about six hundred young boxers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/186)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

10.11 **ROAD SURFACE – BOHERBOY CLOSE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a thorough review of the condition of the road surface at Boherboy Close with a view to scheduling it for inclusion on the Estates Resurfacing Programme. Council should bear in mind that there has been considerable wear and tear due to development works at Ashmount and consequent erosion of local road surfaces should be funded from the substantial development charges collected by City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 08/189)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.12 **RE-OPEN LOVER’S WALK**

‘That Cork City Council act immediately to reopen Lover’s Walk by taking the necessary measures required and by levying the cost on the party(ies) responsible.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 08/190)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.13 **ROAD RE-SURFACING TO ROSE HILL SUNDAYS WELL**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out remedial resurfacing to Rose Hill, Sunday’s Well, as a matter of urgency as residents cars are being damaged due to the poor condition of the road and that the full resurfacing of the road should take place as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 08/191)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.14 **TRAFFIC SURVEY IN PARKLANDS**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a traffic survey in Parklands to determine what traffic calming measures are necessary to slow down traffic going through the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 08/192)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.15 **LEGISLATION ON LETTERS OF SUPPORT IN CRIMINAL CASES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That this City Council supports the call for the introduction of legislation which would prevent TD’s, Senators and Local Councillor’s from getting involved in ongoing criminal cases by way of letter writing or any other means.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. O’Brien 08/193)

10.16 **DEMOLISH THE COMPLEX AT ST JOHN’S WELL**

‘That this City Council would demolish that last remaining flat complex at St. John’s Well and construct a house in its place.’

(Proposer: Cllr J.O’Brien, T. Fitzgerald, J.O’Callaghan 08/194)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

10.17 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – BISHOPSTOWN AVENUE**

‘That the public lighting on Bishopstown Avenue would be investigated and additional lighting be installed if required.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 08/195)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.18 **STREET LIGHTS AT CHERRY TREE ROAD, TOGHER**

‘That the standard public street lights at Cherry Tree Road, Togher be replaced with more sturdy and vandalism proof lights.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 08/196)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.19 **SAFETY BARRIERS ON COMMONS ROAD**

‘Council agrees to erect a safety barrier in the middle of the motorway opposite the Statoil Service Station on Commons Road to prevent dangerous drivers exiting and blindly crossing two lanes of oncoming traffic on this very busy highway, which otherwise will result in fatalities.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. O’Callaghan 08/197)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.20 **NEW NORTH SIDE TOWN CENTRE**

‘Cork City Council will investigate the possibility of acquiring part of the 80 acre land bank presently owned by H.S.E. at St Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurrabraher to consider developing a new Town Centre to facilitate the surrounding areas of Hollyhill, Churchfield, Knocknaheeny and Gurrabraher and in the process help generate Development, Commerce and Employment.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. O’Callaghan 08/198)

Corporate Policy Group

10.21 **RECOGNISE THE LIFE OF ANNIE MOORE**

‘That the Heritage Officer of Cork City Council would identify an appropriate manner of recognising the life of Annie Moore who was the first registered immigrant on Ellis Island having left from Rowlands Lane, Mulgrave Road, Cork and in view of the historical significance of her life and tourism potential of promoting her journey that an appropriate plaque might be considered for the house on Rowlands Lane from where she left.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Wallace 08/199)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

10.22 **YELLOW BOX - SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That a hatched yellow box would be placed at the junction of the Cross Douglas Road and South Douglas Road – to allow residents easier access onto the South Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr L. Mc Gonigle 08/200)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.23 **YELLOW BOX - JACOBS ISLAND**

‘That Cork City Council would paint a hatched yellow box on the Mahon Point side of the Mahon interchange a bridge to allow traffic from the tunnel and Jacobs island the opportunity to cross the bridge and get on to the Mahon Link Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr L. Mc Gongile 08/201)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.24 **REPAIR TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND PROVIDE A FOOTPATH - KINSALE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council repair traffic lights and provide a section of footpath at Kinsale road near junction leading into Blackash park n ride ensuring public safety for pedestrians crossing at this dangerous junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/202)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10.25 **CLEAN UP OF TRAMORE RIVER**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes the clean up of the Tramore River, and also appoint river inspectors who would have the powers to issue proceedings against polluters of our local rivers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/203)

Environment Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting

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