

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 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, 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.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
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**

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

- O’Keeffe family on the death of Maisie O’Keeffe.
- Buckley family on the death of Paddy Buckley.
- O’Donoghue family on the death of Br. Fabian.
- Noonan family on the death of Mary Noonan.
- Maye family on the death of John Maye.
- Shine family on the death of William Shine.

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

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

- Mayfield GAA on the organization of their Celebrity Bainisteoir event.
- Director and Cast of the Musical/ Drama Michael Collins.

1.(c) **IRISH E-GOVERNMENT AWARDS**

An Chomhairle noted the City Manager's report that Cork City Council was successful in two categories in the Irish e-Government Awards ie.

- (1) Accessible e-Government regarding enhanced ease of use for people with disabilities.
- (2) Project Management regarding excellence in the management ICT based projects.

The City Manager thanked Ruth Buckley and Jim O'Donovan and their staff on the work involved. The members congratulated the City Manager and staff on their success.

2. **MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th February, 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **WALKWAY FROM BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO ESB SARSFIELD ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

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

Cleaning of stream alongside the dedicated walkway from Bandon Road Roundabout to ESB at Sarsfields Road Roundabout.

Because of indiscriminate dumping and littering in and around the above stream, this area is in urgent need of cleaning. Many residents who use this amenity complain of the offensive smells, weeds, the stream full of litter-thus preventing the proper flow of water and the presence of rodents etc. As it would be inappropriate to carry out this work during the nesting season would it be possible to organise it soon?

This stretch of the Glasheen River has been cleaned most recently by the Drainage Section in September 2007. The role of the City Council Drainage Section, extends only to maintaining flow capacity of watercourses, for the prevention of flooding. However, as there is no budget allocation for extensive cleaning of rivers, works cannot extend beyond those necessary to address those situations where the flow of the river is being seriously restricted

The river section will be inspected by the Drainage Section within the next two weeks and any potential river blockages removed. The issue of indiscriminate dumping will need to be addressed separately.

A clean up of the above stream will commence week beginning Monday, 3rd March, 2008.

3.2 **PARK AND RIDE FACILITY IN BISHOPSTOWN/ WILTON AREA**

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

Request the City Manager

- To acknowledge that the issue of parking within the Cork University Hospital Complex while regularised to some extent with paid parking zones nevertheless is facilitated with the forbidden to hospital visitors parking facility at Wilton Shopping Centre which is essential in avoiding traffic chaos and that this facility is unlikely to last.
- Would the Manager consider, (in an effort to avoid further sprawl of surface car parking including park and ride) the construction with others of a shared (CIT-CUH-FAS-UCC-Wilton Shopping Centre-etc-Public Park & Ride) under/over multi car park on the Bishopstown western Bye-Pass (SRR to Model Farm Road) with nipper buses to and from the major institutions as an essential requirement to the relief of Bishopstown.

The internal parking arrangement of CUH is managed by the hospital authorities according to their commuter management mobility plan. The upgrading of this plan is the subject of planning conditions for the various new developments in the hospital. The management of the surfacing parking at the Wilton Shopping Centre is also a matter for the Centre Management and they are trying to reduce the use of their car park by long stay parkers associated with the hospital. It will however, be very difficult to prevent their car park being used by short stay parkers from the hospital.

A Park & Ride study for the south west suburbs was carried out several years ago. The aim was to assess and meet the P&R needs of the local institutions such as CIT, FÁS, CUH and UCC. The study recommended a joint approach, however since then, the various institutions went on to develop their own separate mobility measures.

Cork City Council's role, in conjunction with Council County Council, is to progress the CASP P&R strategies to service the needs of all the general public. To this end, we are concentrating on developing a project to provide a P&R facility on the Carrigrohane Road which will meet the demands of the western and south western approaches to the City. This facility will also meet much of the mobility needs of the major institutions mentioned above.

3.3 **HOUSE AT NO. 6 LAGAN GROVE, NORTH RIGN ROAD, MAYFIELD**

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

Will the Manager inform Council when the house at No. 6 Lagan Grove, North Ring Road, Mayfield, which has been vacant for several years and which is in an appalling condition, will be refurbished and allocated?

Whilst there was fire damage to this property in September 2005, the property only came back into the full ownership of Cork City Council within the past 12 months. Contract for refurbishment was awarded in October 2007 and work is expected to be completed in approximately 3 to 4 months.

3.4 **ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING**

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

To ask the Manager to explain in detail the process in Cork City Council for establishing priority in the allocation of Public Housing, including the allocation of “emergency housing”, and to explain how applicants can establish their relative position on the “housing list” and an estimate of the probable elapsed time before a house will be allocated to them.

Members will be aware that the allocation of local authority dwellings are made under the scheme of letting priorities adopted by Council and approved by the Minister. Factors taken into account in determining an allocation include category of need, the length of time on the list, preference area of the applicant, family size, size and type of dwelling available for letting.

The applicant is informed of the general waiting time for his/her particular preference area on completion of his/her application. Information in relation to any aspect of an application is available to applicants on request.

Cork City Council allocates a property once ready for allocation. It does not retain any of its housing stock for emergency housing. The Health Service Executive operate the Homeless Persons Unit on behalf of Cork City Council and this unit is the first point of contact for all homeless persons.

3.5 **INSTALLATION OF WINDOWS AND DOORS IN CHURCHFIELD PLACE**

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

Would the Manager please inform me as to when work will start on the installation of windows and doors in Churchfield Place West, and in Churchfield Avenue?

Contracts for window and door replacements as required are already awarded for both Churchfield Place West and Churchfield Avenue. Work is expected to be completed by April 2008.

3.6 **CLOSURE OF LOVER'S WALK**

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

Can the Manager please provide Council with an update in relation to the closure of Lover's Walk, Montenotte. In particular, what Council has been doing to ensure it is reopened as soon as possible and when can the public expect to see it reopened?

The Council is in correspondence with the owner of the property concerned and is awaiting proposals regarding the boundary wall. Until these proposals are received, it is not possible to give a date for reopening the road. It is the Council's intention to use all means at its disposal to have the road reopened at the earliest possible date.

3.7 **PERCENTAGE OF COST IS FUNDING SECONDARY ROADS**

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

What percentage of the cost of funding secondary roads in Cork City was funded by the Council in 2007?

Cork City Council funded 55% of the cost of the Roads Maintenance budget for Non-National Roads in 2007.

3.8 **NOONAN'S ROAD, FORT STREET AND DEAN STREET**

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

- a) Will the proposed refurbishment include alternations and extensions to existing apartments.
- b) The removal of existing staircases and canopies.
- c) The incorporating of external entrance corridors into apartments.
- d) The provision of new entrance steps and doorways.
- e) Replacement of windows, doors and rendering of external facades.
- f) Addressing the difficulties of management and security brought about by poor definition and ownership of external space and the sharing of communal entrance alleys and stairwell.

A draft feasibility study for proposed refurbishment of Noonan Rd/ St Finbarrs Road has been prepared and is currently being considered.

A report will issue to members when this has been assessed.

3.9 **OWNER OF LAND CONNECTING MEELICK PARK TO CHAPEL GATE**

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

Can the Manager please inform Council as to the owner/owners of the strip of land/pathway connecting Meelick Park to Chapel Gate that runs alongside the leeds pitches in

While no documentary evidence exists on the City Council's Property Register to ownership of said "laneway", it would appear from correspondence that the City Council retained a right-of-way over this laneway as a pedestrian access from Meelick Park to Chapel Gate Estate, which also included rights to Leeds United Football Club to access these grounds, which rights are held under lease from Cork City Council. This said laneway was the driveway access to the former "College" premises purchased by Cork City Council in 1989.

3.10 **LAND ADJACENT TO 1 MAHON TERRACE, BLACKROCK**

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

Will the Manager please let me know the following information

- g) Is this land registered in the name of Cork City Council in the land registry office in Waterford?
- h) If this is so how was this land sold to the owners of 1 Mahon Terrace?
- i) This land was a right of way for the adjoining owners of Mahon Terrace and has now been built on, how did this happen?

This land is not in Cork City Council ownership according to Cork City Council's Property Register. A further search by the Law Department will be required in order to establish if this area is registered to Cork City Council in Land Registry, however, Cork City Council does not have a record of ever having owned this property.

3.11 **WASTE MATCHERS WEBSITE**

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

Can the City Manager comment on the implementation of the waste matchers website, in particular to the frequency of use, the number of registered users, the advertising of the service, the most common category of good exchanged, the satisfaction of users, the cost of involvement in the project and the benefit to the city?

The website Wastematchers.com was launched on 11th January 2008.

Total hits to date	59,652
Number of Registered Users	290
Most common categories of goods	Furniture, Household Appliances, garden and outdoor items
Satisfaction of users	Limited feedback to date. No complaints received
Cost	Initial contribution for development of site €4,000
Advertising of Service	Official launch by Mr John Gormley, Minister for the Environment received good press coverage. Advertising programme currently being prepared.
Benefits to City	Waste Matchers is a tool that allows the general public and businesses to re-use each others waste. It reduces cost to the user (of disposal), provides free items to others and reduces the amount of material going to landfill and also is in keeping with National Waste Management Policy of Re-use where possible

3.12 **APARTMENTS IN ATKINS HALL**

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

Cork City Council are currently in the process of purchasing 96 apartments in Atkins Hall.

- a) What is the purchase price?
 - b) What deposit have Cork City Council paid?
 - c) Have the issues of outstanding development works on the site been resolved?
 - d) Have all issues re the Management Company been resolved?
 - e) These 96 apartments are being purchased to house Cork City Council applicants. Is the Manager satisfied the 96 apartments are fit for purpose?
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- a) €25,365,000
 - b) €2,536,500
 - c) Works are progressing and will be resolved before the apartments are handed over to Cork City Council.

- d) The City Council is satisfied that any remaining issues with regard to the Management Company will be resolved prior to the handover of the completed units.
- e) Yes – when items at C have been resolved.

3.13 **SPORTS HALL ADJACENT TO TERENCE MCSWINEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, KNOCKNAHEENY**

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 who has the day-to-day responsibility for managing the sports hall adjacent to Terence McSwiney Community College in Knocknaheeny?
 - b) What cost is it to Cork City Council for managing the complex?
 - c) What groups hired out the facility last year?
 - d) How much income was derived from charges levied on the groups?
 - e) How many days a week is the complex opened?
 - f) Is there a charge on students from Terence McSwiney College for using the complex?
- a) The Sports Hall is owned by Cork City Council and managed on our behalf by City of Cork VEC.
 - b) The annual cost is €70k approx, including operational and maintenance costs.
 - c) The hall is used during the day by the students of Terence McSwiney College and at night time by various local youth, soccer and basketball clubs amongst them being Ogra Chorcaí, Knocknaheeny Celtic, Nufarm FC, Temple Utd, Knocknaheeny Hollyhill Justice Project, Brunell Basketball Club, Iona Basketball Club, St. Pauls Basketball Club, Castleview FC.
 - d) Income received in 2007 was €21k.
 - e) The Complex is open Monday to Friday 9am to 10pm.
 - f) Terence McSwiney College are charged for each hours use of the hall.

4. **CORK CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE DUBLIN & CITIES ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARY COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle approved the Submission to the Dublin & Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee. Comhairleoir C. O’Leary’s opposition to the text of the submission was noted.

Cork City Council, having considered the proposed boundary changes, wishes to make the following points for consideration by the Independent Commission.

1. The current allocation of seats in Cork City is split as follows: Northside Wards – 15 and Southside wards – 16. It is important that this

allocation is retained in an effort to support the ongoing work of Cork City Council to rejuvenate the Northside of the City. It would be detrimental to the efforts that the Council has made to improve the overall social standing of the Northside of Cork to take a seat from this area and transfer it to the Southside wards.

2. The current Ward structure has been in place for many years and each Ward encompasses natural communities and also contains a reasonable balance and to avoid the scenario where natural communities would be split between different wards.
 3. The current split of 6 Wards across the City provides a reasonable spread of electoral areas and helps to promote the aims as set out above. It is the view of the City Council that these Ward structures should be retained and the appropriate amendments made to ensure that they comply with the terms of the Boundary Commission.
5. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the Civic Reception for the 10th International Conference on the Short Story in English

6. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 11th FEBRUARY 2008**

6.1 **LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle approved the Draft Litter Management Plan which had been circulated.

6.2 **STREET SWEEPING**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘In order to ensure efficient cleaning of our city and suburb streets (some are never properly cleaned because of the continuous presence of parked vehicles) I am requesting The City Manager to consider the following motion:

That Cork City Council Environment Department would seriously consider formulating a new bye-law prohibiting the parking of vehicles on roadways during the times they are being cleansed and swept and that appropriate signage would be displayed to advise the public of this new bye-law and the penalties to be applied to motorists who break it.’ This measure to be discussed at the appropriate Committee Meetings and finally brought before Council for approval. I would like to point out that the above system works very well in our sister city of San Francisco.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Shields 07/395)

The City Manager stated that he was in agreement with selecting one area on a pilot basis with the agreement of the Members and the Residents Association and the support of the local community.

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed with the proposal and agreed that the matter be forwarded to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for implementation.

6.3 **FLYTIPPING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7th February, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Given that Cork County Council are implementing a 24 hour night patrol to prevent flytipping and dumping, can Cork City Council now implement a similar service for the Shandon area in general and in particular: - Hill Lane, Easons Hill, Old Market Place, Shandon Street and Widderings Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/291)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a staff complement of 4 Litter Wardens, who carry out their duties in accordance with the requirements of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2003. This work includes the inspection of illegally dumped material with the objective of gathering evidence to support appropriate legal action. Sufficient funding is not available to allow for continuous surveillance of litter black spots. Members will however, be aware that surveillance and action are taken at specific locations from time to time. It is intended to continue with these operations.

The Waste Operations Section is carrying out an investigation into the feasibility of providing C.C.T.V. cameras at certain dumping blackspots.

6.4 **TAX CREDITS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion and agreed that it would be forwarded to the Minister for Finance.

‘That Cork City Council grants at source the tax credit for Household Waste Management Charges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/409)

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th FEBRUARY, 2008**

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST JANUARY 2008**

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

7.2 **SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2007**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31st December 2007 to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

7.3 **TO INSIST THAT PAIRC UÍ CHAOIMH BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHER SPORTING CODES**

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary declared his interest in one particular sporting club.

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council as part of any arrangement they may enter into with the Cork County Board in relation to the development of Pairc Uí Chaoimh by way of transfer of land that Cork City Council should insist that Pairc Uí Chaoimh should be made available to other sporting codes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/407)

Comhairleoir J. O’Brien proposed and Comhairleoir M. O’Connell seconded an amended motion as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council as part of any arrangement they may enter into with the Cork County Board in relation to the development of Pairc Uí Chaoimh by way of transfer of land that Cork City Council would express its desire to see Pairc Uí Chaoimh be made available to other sporting codes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/407)

A vote was called for on the amended motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’Connell, L. Kingston. (7)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Coughlan, C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. (14)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the amended motion defeated.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan a vote was called for on the original motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, M. O' Connell, L. Kingston. (3)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, M. Barry, D. Wallace, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. (18)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

7.4 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed that these motions on plaques should be dealt with by the Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee and that contact be made with the families involved prior to their return to An Chomhairle for decision.

7.4.1 **PLAQUE ERECTED FOR CHRISTY RING AND JACK LYNCH**

'I propose that a plaque be erected on the Grand Parade to mark the achievements of Christy Ring and Jack Lynch.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/426)

7.4.2 **PLAQUE TO BE ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CHRISTY RING**

'That an appropriate plaque be erected of the former residence of the late Christy Ring i.e. The Fountain Café of Grand Parade to commemorate his outstanding service to the sporting life of Cork.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 08/003)

7.4.3 **PLAQUE TO RECOGNISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE WILLIAM DUNLEA**

'That Cork City Council in consultation with the family of the late William Dunlea, would consider options to recognise the achievements of William Dunlea with a suitable plaque on his former home or in some other appropriate.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace, Cllr. C. Clancy 08/039)

7.4.4 **PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE MR. MICK LEAHY**

‘That a plaque could be placed on the plaza at Paul Street to commemorate Mr. Mick Leahy who is now living in Lemington Spa, U.K., aged 75, who was the first Corkman ever to win a British Empire Boxing Title at Middle Weight and that the plaque be located as close as possible to 2, St. Paul’s Avenue, Paul Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/043)

7.5 **WEBCASTS OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motion to the next meeting of the Party Whips who are examining the refurbishment of the Council Chamber. It will also be necessary for the whips to examine the matter of privilege in the Council Chamber and the required change to standing orders to facilitate same:-

‘That Council would consider making webcasts of meetings as these have been successfully introduced in a number of Dublin Local Authorities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/014)

7.6 **CONFERENCE ON “POSITIVE AGEING”**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion should be forwarded to the Community & Enterprise Directorate for further examination.

‘That Cork City Council would host a conference on ‘Positive Ageing’ to explore the needs of older adults, to identify and facilitate communication between interested stakeholders and to provide an opportunity for older adults to have a say in the development and delivery of quality services which they feel they need.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/033)

8. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE– 18th FEBRUARY, 2008**

8.1 **REPORT ON LEISURE AND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the Quarterly Report on Leisure and Library facilities.

8.2 **ARTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendations from the Arts Committee in relation to the Arts Grants Scheme 2008.

8.3 **CANTYS FIELD, CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 10th January, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council

1. Immediately install the additional public lights as agreed.
2. Install additional seats as per discussions with residents.
3. Upgrade the footpath and
4. Re-instate the Boer War monument as promised by City Manager earlier this year.

All above works relate to Cantys Field Connaught Ave.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/502)

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

1. Additional public lights were installed in the open space area during 2007.
2. New seats and dog bins were installed during 2007.
3. Upgrading the surface of the existing concrete footpath will be included in the 2008 Parks Capital Programme for consideration.
4. New decorative railings will be erected at the front of the monument to deter unsocial gatherings within the next six to eight weeks. The existing railings at the side and rear of the monument will be sandblasted and repainted within six to eight weeks. A regular clean-up of the area around the monument will be carried out as and when required.

8.4 **THE GLEN AMENITY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 24th January, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a major review of the Glen Park with a view to significantly increasing public usage through enhancement of the public realm and be considering introducing a high quality heritage project such as a Folk/Theme Park that would take into consideration the former milling work that used to take place there along with Cork’s historic and continuing role as a major player in the Food industry and that City Council would look to similar Folk/Theme Parks such as are found at Bunratty and Muckross as possible examples to follow.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/005)

The report of the Director of Services stated that major improvements works have been ongoing at Glen River Park for the past 18 months at a cost of €320,000. The works involve the provision of 2 no. car parks (Ballyhooley Road entrance and Blackpool entrance), 2 no. bridges across the Glen River to link existing pathways, provision of disabled access from Ballyhooley Road, provision of pathway to provide access from the North Ring Road and upgrading and resurfacing all existing paths. These works are scheduled to be completed by Summer 2008 and will also include the provision of interpretative boards, park furniture, signage etc.

In addition to the above, two additional All Weather Pitches and improved car parking facilities are being provided at the Glen Resource Centre at a cost of €250,000. These works are scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2008. A detailed environmental and historical study to guide the future management of the park is being considered for 2009 and this will be included in the 2009 Draft Estimates for consideration.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders and continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.30 p.m

8.5 TERENCE MACSWINEY SPORTS HALL

After some discussion, Comhairleoir M. O'Connell agreed to withdraw the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council’s Housing Dept and the V.E.C. would look at the long-term viability of the sports hall adjacent to MacSwiney Community College and in particular as it now stands practically in the middle of the new Affordable Housing Scheme in Hollyhill with the possibility of it being located within the grounds of Leisureworld, Churchfield where there would be sufficient room to develop an indoor sports facility such as boxing, soccer, and basketball where there is ample parking spaces and it could be managed within the current management structure of Leisureworld. Also the Housing Department could look at other possibilities for the site in Hollyhill Lane.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 08/007)

8.6 SPORTS FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN MAYFIELD

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 14th February, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a survey as a matter of urgency to establish in relation to Mayfield

- (a) The number of people under eighteen years of age
- (b) The gender breakdown i.e. no. of boys/ no. of girls
- (c) The percentage of this age who participate in sport
- (d) The number who do not engage in any organised sport of any kind

And arising out of that information to seek to make proper and adequate provision to enable all of our children to engage in sport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 08/023)

Comhairleoir M. Quill proposed and Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded an amendment to the motion as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a survey as a matter of urgency to establish in relation to Mayfield

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And arising out of that information to seek to make proper and adequate provision to enable all of our children to engage in sport or other kinds of organised recreational activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 08/023)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the amended motion back to the Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee for further consideration.

8.7 **FENCE ON SUMMERSTOWN ROAD/DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th February, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Cork City Council originally erected a fence in this location which is now broken down, resulting in easy access for intruders to the back gardens of five houses on Summerstown Road/ Drive which is a cause of concern to these residents. Would it be possible to replace this fence with a more durable one as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 08/032)

The report of the Director of Services stated that repairs to the damaged chainlink fence has been completed. Replacement of the fence is the responsibility of the owner No. 1 Wilton Villas and not the City Council. Provision of a 6 metre high palisade fence is estimated at €5,000.00.

8.8 **CORK COLLEGES CAMOGIE**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee that agreement in principle be given to allocating land at Mahon to Cork Colleges Camogie for development of a pitch. At the request of Comhairleoir S. Martin, the City Manager agreed to provide an appropriate letter of comfort.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

10.1 **PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Murphy and C. Clancy at the Planning for Renewable Energy Conference held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick on the 7th & 8th February 2008.

10.2 **AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2008 Conference held in Trim Castle Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 15th & 16th February 2008.

10.3 **IRELANDS NEWEST IMMIGRANTS, ENSURING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2009 EUROPEAN AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the Irelands Newest Immigrants, ensuring their participation in the 2009 European and Local Elections Conference held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 21st – 23rd February 2008.

10.4 **19th COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O'Flynn, T. Brosnan and M. Ahern at the 19th Colmcille Winter School Conference to be held in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 29th February – 2nd March 2008.

10.5 **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn and M. O’Connell at the Association of County & City Councils Annual Conference 2008 to be held in the Roganstown Country Club, Swords, Fingal, Dublin on the 6th – 8th March 2008.

10.6 **THE ANNUAL ENERGY SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, J. Kelleher and B. Bermingham at the Annual Energy Seminar to be held in the Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on the 7th – 9th March 2008.

10.7 **LAMA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the LAMA Annual Spring Conference to be held in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 27th & 28th March, 2008.

10.8 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn, J. Buttimer, M. Shields and J. Kelleher at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference to be held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry on the 2nd – 6th April, 2008.

10.9 **9th ANNUAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the 9th Annual Regional Assembly Conference to be held in the Marriott Druids Glen Hotel & Country Club, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow on the 16th May, 2008.

11. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2008**

11.1 **SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING ASYLUM STATUS**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council calls on the Government to speed up the process of determining the status of those seeking asylum or leave to remain in this state and that Child Benefit should be paid until their status is determined.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/ 036)

12. **MOTIONS**

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

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

‘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)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.2 **BYE LAWS TO MAKE LANDLORD PAY REFUSE CHARGES ON INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

‘That Cork City Council draft Bye Laws which would make landlords responsible for paying refuse charges on their investment properties and while negotiating tenant agreement as part of RAS allowances be made to facilitate the payment of refuse charges as part of the agreement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/565)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **RETIREMENT VILLAGE ON ALL LANDS UNDER STATE CONTROL AT OUR LADY’S HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘I propose that Cork City Council would call on the Government to provide funding for a retirement village on all land and buildings under state control within the grounds of the former Our Lady’s Hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/027)

12.6 **ELEVATORS FOR ALL COUNCIL OWNED FLATS**

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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 Eireann 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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **ROAD MARKINGS ON ARDNALEE, MONTENOTTE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 CORK AIRPORT AUTHORITY

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council

- Due to its direct interest in Cork Airport’s development and safety standards, requests the Minister to nominate one member to the Cork Airport Authority.
- Report on its policy/ zoning - planning objectives on the flight path over the City of Cork.
- Requests Cork Airport Authority to develop its east-west runway for larger planes to facilitate regular landing and take off over rural areas and as an alternative to its north-south runway which takes the flight path over the City and in particular over Bishopstown/ Wilton/ Togher.

Obtain answers to the following questions:

- Is there a minimum height for planes as they fly over or near Cork University Hospital.?
- Who polices this height level?
- What safeguards are in place for the CUH complex for such flights day and night-time.?
- What are acceptable noise levels. How can these be policed.?
- What is the responsibility of Cork City Council–Cork Airport–Airlines-for damage done to buildings on /near this flight path?
- What rights have residents on the flight path.?

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/082)

12.12 PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS

- 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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 INTRODUCE OPEN HOUSING LIST

‘That Cork City Council will introduce an open and transparent Housing List. Housing List is 'live'. Applicants can view their position on the Housing List via the website using their individual reference and PIN number which is issued to the applicant on approval of their application. Alternatively, applicants can contact Allocations Section by phone or call to Customer Care.

Applicants can view their position and also view overall priority which may be given to applicants that satisfy the following criteria. Priority will be granted in the order shown and subject to the availability of suitable accommodation at the time:

- (i) Families or persons living in dangerous premises on whom a requisition under Section 3 (9) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 has been served.
- (ii) Displacement (resulting from acts of the Local Authority).
- (iii) Families or persons rendered homeless through no fault of their own. A person shall be regarded by a housing authority as being homeless for the purposes of this Act if:
 - (a) there is no accommodation available which, in the opinion of the authority, he/she, together with any other person who normally resides with him/her or who might reasonably be expected to reside with him/her, can reasonably occupy or remain in occupation of, or
 - (b) he/she is living in a hospital, County home, night shelter, or other such institution and is so living because he/she has no accommodation of the kind referred to in paragraph (a), and he/she, in the opinion of the authority, unable to provide accommodation from his/her own resources.
- (iv) Families or persons evicted through no fault of their own on foot of a Court Order who are not in a financial position to provide their own housing.
- (v) Exceptional medical/compassionate grounds.
 - (i) Persons aged 55 or over

Applicants with overall priority will be given priority over other applicants in the letting of available accommodation in the order of priority indicated above.

Where priority for housing accommodation is claimed on grounds consisting of or including medical grounds, regard shall be had to the report of the Council's Medical Advisers.

The allocation of emergency accommodation is administered by the Homeless Persons Unit in conjunction with Cork City Council.

Applicants who find themselves in need of this type of accommodation must present to the Homeless Persons Unit who will arrange accommodation. They then must contact Cork City Council where their homeless situation will be assessed.

Cork City Council will compile the current Housing List and notify all applicants in writing of their position.

It is envisaged to produce the Housing List in six month period, that being twice a year and duly notify applicants.

Applicants will be waiting 3 years on average before offer of accommodation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/084)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

12.14 MARKET VALUE OF LAND TO BE DISPOSED OF BY COUNCIL

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.15 SOMERTON DRIVE, BALLINLOUGH ROAD BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROADS PROGRAMME

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.16 WILLOW LAWN, BALLINLOUGH ROAD BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROAD PROGRAMME

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON CONGRESS ROAD AND MURPHY'S GARDENS**

'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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.18 **PEDESTRIAN GATE AT NORTHERN END OF JERRY O'SULLIVAN PARK**

'That Cork City Council erect 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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.19 **20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

'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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.20 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANT ASSISTANCE**

'That Cork City Council provides a list of preferred tenders to those who qualify for Disabled Persons Grant assistance.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 08/092)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.21 **PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED**

'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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.22 **SPORTS FUNDING BALANCED BETWEEN MALE & FEMALE SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

‘That Cork City council as a matter of policy should ensure that all Sports Funding it allocates should be equally balanced between female and male sporting activities and organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/094)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.23 **CLEAN UP STEPS DOWN TO BRIARS COURT**

‘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)

Environment Functional Committee

12.24 **WALL BETWEEN HOLLYVILLE ESTATE AND HOLLYHILL LANE BE REPAIRED**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.25 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ALONG HOLLYHILL LANE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.26 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BENVOIRLICH ESTATE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.27 **UPGRADING OF CIVIC AMENITY SITE AT DEANROCK, TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council would develop and implement plans for the upgrading of the civic amenity site at the Deanrock in Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/099)

Environment Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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