

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 12th MAY 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, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- 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, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. P. Moynihan, 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:-

- The Doolan family on the death of Connie Doolan.
- The Aherne family on the death of Pat Aherne.
- The Murphy family on the death of Bill Murphy.
- The O’Donovan family on the death of Joe O’Donovan.
- The Horgan family on the death of Jane Horgan.
- The Drummond family on the death of Tom Drummond.
- The Chamberlain family on the death of John Chamberlain.
- The Donovan family on the death of Anne Donovan.
- The Nodwell family on the death of Liam Nodwell.
- The Gannon family on the death of Jim Gannon.

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

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

- Bertie Ahern, former Taoiseach on his address to the U.S. Congress.
- Brian Cowen, Micheal Martin and Batt O’Keeffe on their new appointments.
- Na Piarsaigh on winning the Under 14 County Feile Hurling Championship.
- Rockmount on winning the FAI Intermediate Cup.
- Mayfield Community School on winning the Green Flag for their School.
- Cork Constitution on winning the All Ireland League Title.

2. **MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28th April, 2008 were considered and approved.
- (b) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28th April, 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed the Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the content of Agendas coming before Council and Members agreed to discuss the matter at the end of the meeting.

4. **QUESTIONS**

4.1 **PLANNING APPLICATION TP 08/32754**

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

Could the Manager tell the Council if:

- (A) 1. A new strategic Masterplan for the future development of the Cork University Hospital campus was presented with the planning application TP 08/32754.
 - 2. Was any such strategic Masterplan presented separate to the application.
 - 3. Was such a Masterplan requested by the Council.
 - 4. Did the planning permission granted to Beacon Medical (SPV3) Limited contain any condition requiring a new Strategic Masterplan.
- (B) Given that, on the 14th January, 2008 the Cork City Development Plan 2004 was varied by Variation (No.6) named Bishopstown & Wilton Area Action Plan under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002 could the Manager please present the Council with a written opinion from the Law Agent on the following question:

Was the planning permission given to Beacon Medical (SPV3) Limited on the 6th March in line with the Cork City Development Plan given that Variation (No 6) included policy S25A, which stated “that proposals for development at Cork University Hospital will be subject to” (amongst others)

“A five year strategic Masterplan for the future development of the hospital campus taking account of the development framework for the hospital site outlined in the Bishopstown and Wilton Area Plan 2007”.

A new strategic Masterplan for the future development of the Cork University Hospital campus was not presented with planning application T.P. 08/32754. A traffic impact assessment and a mobility management plan for the new facility were submitted with the application which was received on 11th January 2008.

No strategic Masterplan was submitted separate to the application, nor was one requested by Council. The relevant issues were contained in the traffic impact assessment and the mobility management plan. No condition was attached to the grant requiring a new strategic Masterplan.

The planning application granted was granted having regard to the City Development Plan and the proper planning and development of the area. Para. 10.118A of Variation No. 6, which was adopted after the application was received, states that “taking account of more recent pressures facing the hospital, a review of the Strategic Plan should be carried out”. All the relevant issues were considered and adequate information was supplied including in this instance a traffic impact assessment and traffic mobility management plan. This included consideration of the absence of a reviewed Strategic Plan.

The planning decision is currently under appeal with An Bord Pleanála.

The Law Agent confirms that having examined the planning file and considered the report on the file she is of the opinion that the Notification of Decision to Grant Planning Permission which was issued to Beacon Medical (SPV3) Limited on the 6th March 2008 was granted having regard to the provisions of the Cork City Development Plan as required under Section 34(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and was not in contravention of the Development Plan.

4.2 **LIGHTING PROBLEM AT DEERMOUNT, DEERPARK ROAD**

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

What action has been taken by Cork City Council to alleviate the on-going public lighting problem at Deermount, Deerpark Road. Only tow of the ten public lights are in working order.

Following representations earlier this year on lighting being out of order at Deermount, Deerpark Road, contact was made with the private electrical contractor who rectified the photocell fault on the 18th March 2008.

The Traffic Division will follow up on this recent complaint with the contractor to undertake further repairs under warranty, and to make arrangements to have the scheme included on the Lighting Maintenance agreement with ESB Contracts.

4.3 **WALKWAY AROUND MURPHY'S FARM**

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

The residents of Bishopstown have always enjoyed walking around Murphy's Farm but now the walkway has closed off at the junction of Leisureworld adjacent to the playing fields which are attached to C.I.T. This renders it impossible to do a full circle anymore. Was planning permission given to close off this walkway (Right of Way) and if not could the matter be investigated with a view to its immediate reinstatement?

A fence has been constructed by CIT on the north west perimeter of their playing pitches, which prevents entry from the northern side of Leisureworlds All Weather Pitches. However, a new road and footpath has been constructed by CIT on the southern side of the All Weather Pitches which now allows for easier and safer access to the facilities.

4.4 **UNAUTHORIZED INCURSION ONTO THE PUBLIC PAVEMENT**

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

To ask the City Manager to report to Council on what progress if any has been made in dealing with the unauthorized incursion onto the public pavement by some licensed premises in the city and what measures he proposes to take to make the footpath available to and safe for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with buggies.

Cork City Council operates a licencing system for the placement of tables and chairs on the public footpath. Each location is individually inspected in advance, with a licence issued to successful applicants defining the specific area allocated and the number of tables and chairs allowable. It is a requirement that this licence is prominently displayed at all times within the premises for inspection by the general public, a member of An Garda Siochana or an employee of Cork City Council.

4.5 **MATURE LIME TREES IN DEER PARK**

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

That Cork City Council requests a full explanation on why management of Cork City Council did not see fit to take action on the protection of Mature Lime Trees over 60 years old in Deer Park. Instead allowing the felling of over 50% of the trees only to be replaced by an equal amount of young trees. How does this impact on our conservation and our sustainability policy under local agenda 21 and current Government policy both on climate change and sustainability policies.

Planning permission TP 05/30402 granted on 30/06/2006 related to development by the Cope Foundation at Deerpark. Condition 2(b) of this permission related to trees and stated *'no existing trees on site shall be felled, lopped, topped or otherwise altered without the prior written consent of the Planning Authority'*.

During February and March 2008 the applicant corresponded with the Planning Authority in order to achieve compliance with this condition, as several trees along the northern boundary of the site, some adjoining properties in Presentation Place and Townsend Place, were proposed to be removed.

During the assessment of the 'compliance' information submitted by the applicant, the Planning Authority came to the view that the trees were planted too close to each other at approximately five metre centres, which is too close for this species (lime), and would hinder healthy growth. The proposal to remove approximately 50% of the trees and undertake remedial pruning on the remainder was considered to be in line with good tree husbandry and management.

The applicant was notified in March 2008 that compliance with Condition 2(b) had been achieved.

4.6 **RIGHT OF WAYS IN VICINITY OF THE LOUGH**

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

Could the Manager detail the nature of any Right of Ways that presently exist in the immediate vicinity of The Lough?

Cork City Council's Property Register and title documents show no mention of any formal Rights of Way in the immediate vicinity of the Lough.

It is not proposed to support the development of a sheltered housing scheme at The Lough which would involve access over the public areas adjoining The Lough. If suitable alternative access can be secured it will be possible to consider the proposal.

4.7 **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT BLARNEY STREET**

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

To ask the Manager in light of a number of incidents relating to damage to cars on Blarney Street and the increase of speeding. To put in place, as a matter of urgency, strategic traffic calming measures, from the entrance to Strawberry Hill Primary School up to the gate of Mt. St. Joseph's Monastery and leading into the narrow section of Blarney Street, given that the issue of speeding on this stretch of road and the protection of vehicles parked on the road were issues and concerns raised during the discussions with residents from the area, as a result of the Blarney Road/Shanakiel Road Housing development.

A recent meeting was held with the Blarney Road Community Association at which local Ward Members and some City Hall Officials attended. It was agreed that a meeting would be held on site between the Community Association and officials from City Hall to examine the various issues on the roadway relating to traffic speeds, parking, etc.

This meeting was held recently and the issues are being drawn up and discussed with the Community Association and the Gardaí. Any proposals identified from this process will be brought forward to another joint meeting of the Ward Members, Community Association and City Hall Officials.

4.8 **DIVERT HEAVY COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC FROM BOREENMANNA ROAD AREA**

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

To ask the City Manager if the City Council have any plans to divert heavy commercial traffic taking short cuts through the Boreenmanna Road/Ballintemple area to/from Mahon/South Link Road.

Cork City Council has no plans to divert heavy commercial traffic taking short cuts through the Boreenmanna Road/Ballintemple area to/from Mahon/South Link Road.

Boreenmanna Road is a local main distributor road and is the designated road link from the City Centre to the south east suburbs including Mahon. It is one of the objectives of the Cork City Development Plan to complete the widening of the road so that it can adequately carry the necessary traffic volumes. The local signposting in the City reflects the role of Boreenmanna Road in this regard and this signposting should help divert traffic, particularly heavy goods traffic, from more environmentally sensitive areas.

4.9 **HOUSING AID FOR THE ELDERLY SCHEME**

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

Can the City Manager provide information and comment on:

- (a) The plans that are in place to ensure the successful transition of the operationalisation of the Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme from the HSE to Cork City Council.
 - (b) The reason why there is an embargo on sending out of application forms for the above scheme.
 - (c) How many applicants have applied to date.
 - (d) How many applicants are awaiting a decision of grant aid.
 - (e) How much has been spent to date on the scheme.
 - (f) How much has been allocated for the scheme in 2008 by Cork City Council and the HSE and if this allocated total is adequate to meet the expected demand for the scheme.
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- (i) The Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government and Health Service Executive are in discussions with regard to the transition of Housing Aid for the Elderly from the Health Service Executive to Local Authorities.
 - (ii) The transfer date for the scheme was suspended by the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government following discussions with the Health Service Executive. The City Council has and will honour all applications to date. Following clarification from the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government the processing of applications will be recommenced.
 - (iii) 141 applications have been received to date.
 - (iv) 14 applications are awaiting decision
 - (v) €16,000 has been spent to date on two grants
 - (vi) Cork City Council have not yet been notified of its allocation in relation to this scheme by the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government, however, notification of same is imminent. It is expected that adequate funding will be provided to meet all commitments under the Scheme.

4.10 **ST. LUKES PLAN**

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

Can the Manager please advise when work is scheduled to commence following approval of the St. Lukes Plan. Has Council succeeded in shortening the timeframe for the works from 9 months to 6 months?

It is planned to go to Tender for this scheme in the Autumn with work commencing on the ground before the end of the year.

4.11 **SHANDON CRAFT CENTRE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Could the Manager please inform Council of the up-to-date situation regarding the Shandon Craft Centre. In particular details of on-going negotiations for the future of the building, both its redevelopment and future use?

I hope to be in a position to bring a full report to Council on the redevelopment of the Shandon Centre within the next four weeks

4.12 **DEVELOPMENT ON LANDFILL SITE**

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

What developments are taking place on the Landfill Site at present, and what future plans are envisaged by City Council for the area.

The waste recovery/recycling facilities (Civic Amenity Site, Waste Electrical/ Electronic Equipment drop off site, Composting Facility, Timber Shredding Facility) and the active landfill continue to be operated in accordance with good practice and the provisions of the EPA licence. The total volume of waste deposited at the landfill has decreased in recent years and for 2008 is estimated at 39,000 tonnes. In contrast the level of activity associated with people visiting the area to deposit both waste and recyclables continues to increase. Full details of the related activity levels will be circulated shortly in the *Annual Recycling Report*?

In relation to major capital works Contract No 7 was completed in early 2008. This contract involved the provision of permanent capping over an area of 3.3Ha at the south east section of the Kinsale Rd landfill. In April 2008 work commenced on Contract No 8 and the related work includes permanent capping of a further area at the north of the site and the provision of a new playing pitch and access road. It is envisaged that this work will be completed in early 2009.

Contracts for remediation and amenity or other development will continue to be advanced thereafter in accordance with the requirements of the EPA and availability of funds. Details of future contract work will be submitted to Council as proposals are finalised.

5. **HEINEKEN CUP**

An Comhairle agreed on the proposal of the City Manager to host a Civic Reception on Tuesday 27th May 2008, and an outdoor event on Parnell Place to welcome home the Munster Rugby Team following the Heineken Cup Final at an approximate cost of €50,000.

6. **FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Lord Mayor of Cork, Comhairleoir D. Counihan, to confer the Freedom of the City of Cork on Albert Reynolds and Sir John Major, and to adopt the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that the Freedom of the City of Cork be conferred on both Albert Reynolds and Sir John Major:

In recognition of their combined contribution to the process which led to establishment of a lasting democratic solution in Northern Ireland equally respectful of the hopes and aspirations of both communities. In honour of their qualities of leadership, integrity, negotiation, and common sense in so doing. For their statesmanship, diplomacy, energy and commitment to the initiative despite the prevailing climate at the time and their unfailing and unwavering belief in the value of the process. For all this and much more the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the County Borough of Cork consider them worthy to be enrolled in the Roll of its Honorary Citizens.

Comhairleoir J. O'Brien proposed and Comhairleoir M. O'Connell seconded that a vote be taken to apply the voting procedures according to the Protocol & Procedures document of Cork City Council. Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed and Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded that the matter be taken under Standing Orders. A vote was called for on this where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. – (21)

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

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the matter dealt with under Standing Orders.

A vote was then called for on the Freedom of the City proposal where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. – (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, F. Kerins. – (6)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE– 6th MAY 2008**

7.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st May, 2008 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended April, 2008.

7.2 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HORGAN’S BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council devise a traffic management plan for Horgan’s Buildings to protect the residential amenity of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/112)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that some years ago, a traffic management plan was devised for Horgan’s Buildings which was designed to help protect the residential amenity of the area. The scheme involved the placing of the bollards to solve the ongoing problems associated with traffic rat running through the area. The provision of the bollards would block traffic moving between Magazine Road and College Road and would also allow deliveries to be made to the service area of the adjacent Hayfield Manor Hotel.

The proposed location of the bollards is outside house no. 1 Horgan’s Buildings and this will require the construction a paved turning area in the green area in front of the houses. The estimated cost of the works is in excess of €75,000 and to-date no funding has been made available for this project. The scheme will be put forward for consideration to be included in the next roads programme.

7.3 **INCLUDE FR. DOMINIC ROAD IN 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Father Dominic Road in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/113)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Father Dominic Road was not selected for inclusion in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme. It will be considered for inclusion in next year's Programme.

7.4 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SURVEY ON SPRING ROAD RIVERWAY SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a traffic management survey be carried out at Spring Road, Riverway, South Douglas Road with a view to traffic calming measures being implemented here.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T.Shannon 08/052)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Spring Road and Riverway South Douglas Road are already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

7.5 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – FAIRFIELD ROAD & KNOCKPOGUE AVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that a pedestrian crossing be provided at the junction of Fairfield Road and Knockpogue Ave.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/100)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that pedestrian crossing facilities at a junction can only be provided as part of a traffic signal arrangement. There are no current plans to install traffic signals at the junction of Fairfield Road and Knockpogue Avenue. However, the junction is on the Bus No.3 Green Route and the consultants for the scheme will be requested to examine the need for appropriate safe pedestrian crossing facilities in the area, and any identified appropriate measures will be provided as part of the contract for the project.

7.6 **PARKING REGULATIONS AT THE COURTHOUSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take a proactive role in enforcing the parking regulations in the vicinity of the Courthouse on Washington Street as there is constant abuse of the law by members of the legal profession, such abuse includes parking on footpaths and failing to pay for parking by writing to the Courts Services on the matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 08/126)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the cars parked in the Courthouse Plaza are actually within the curtilage of the building and are effectively in a ‘private’ area. Parking regulations therefore do not apply to them. Our understanding is that the cars belong to court judges, court registrar, etc. Disc parking controls and double yellow lines are in place on the various sides of the Courthouse. These parking controls are enforced in a similar fashion to all other parking controls in the City Centre.

When the High and Circuit Courts are in session, the Gardaí regularly take over some or all of the disc parking spaces adjacent to the Courthouse Building. Garda cones are used and the objective is to provide parking for judges, Garda cars etc., for security reasons. Garda powers, under public order and security legislation in these situations, take precedence over the normal parking regulations.

7.7 **RAMPS - GLENCURRIG SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps would be put in place adjacent to the green area at Glencurrig South Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/130)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Glencurrig, South Douglas Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

7.8 **PELICAN CROSSING - KILCOLMAN LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a pelican crossing would be put in place as a matter of urgency near Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road so the residents of this area can cross in safety to the local post office and shop as this is a very busy stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/131)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road is on the Bus No. 6 Green Route and we will request the Consultants to assess the need for a pedestrian crossing at this location. If the crossing facility is warranted, the crossing will be installed under the Green Route Project funding.

7.9 **SUNDAY’S WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council conduct a pedestrian traffic survey at two junctions in Sunday’s Well area, that are of concern to residents, with a view to placing pedestrian lights 1) at the exit of Ashboro Shanakiel Road and 2) at the junction of Shanakiel Road and Sunday’s Well Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/132)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

1. Ashboro, Shanakiel will be examined and surveyed to determine if a pedestrian crossing facility is warranted at the location. If the crossing facility is deemed warranted, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.
2. Traffic signals are due to be installed at the junction of Shanakiel Road and Sunday’s Well Road over the summer months as part of the major housing scheme project at Blarney Road/Shanakiel Road. Full ‘push button’ pedestrian crossing facilities will be incorporated into these traffic signals.

7.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BE INSTALLED – MERVUE LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be installed opposite No. 38, Mervue Lawn where there is a dangerous situation regarding volume and speed of traffic and that a survey be done in the area in order to deal with this serious issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/137)

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

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

7.11 **PUBLIC LIGHTING - BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would provide public lighting from Ringmahon Road to Gate Lodge, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 08/138)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a scheme for the provision of public lighting on Castle Road from Gate Lodge to the junction of Ringmahon Road will be designed and costed by the Traffic Division. The provision of the scheme which would probably cost in excess of €55,000, will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme

7.12 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN – MERCY HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council develops a traffic management plan for the streets surrounding the Mercy Hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/141)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a draft major refurbishment plan for the Henry Street/Prospect Row area adjacent to the Mercy Hospital was drawn up some time ago by the Planning Directorate in conjunction with the Roads & Transportation Directorate. The scheme involves traffic calming and improving the pedestrian environment in the area.

A report will be obtained from the Planning Directorate on:

- a) Availability of Funding for the project and
- b) Timescale for implementation.

A further report will be issued to Council when this information is forthcoming

7.13 **ROADS PROGRAMME – OWENABUE CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council conduct immediate repair work and include Owenabue Close in the next roads programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/145)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider Owenabue Close for inclusion in next year’s Roads Programme. In the meantime, any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

7.14 **ROAD RESURFACE AT SHOURNAUGH LAWN, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry our repairs to the road surface at Shournaugh Lawn, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/146)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider Shournaugh Lawn, Togher for inclusion in next year’s Roads Programme. In the meantime, any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

7.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING – MOUNT ST. JOSEPH’S AVENUE & DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Council agrees to provide suitable traffic calming measures in both the Drive and Avenue to alleviate the ongoing danger from speeding cars to children and adults alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/154)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Mount St. Joseph’s Avenue and Drive will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

7.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING - BEAUMONT DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would evaluate Beaumont Drive, with a view to installing appropriate traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/155)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Beaumont Drive 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.

It should be noted that Beaumont Drive is a main distributor road and also a bus route and the options for traffic calming measures available for such a road is very limited. However, any identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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: Cllrs S. Martin/T. Shannon 08/105)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths outlined above have not been included in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme. They will be considered for inclusion in next year’s Programme.

7.18 **BUDGET FIGURES FOR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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: Cllrs S. Martin/T. Shannon 08/106)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

- a) The Ward budget for public lighting for 2008 is fixed at €90,000 and is part of the overall 2008 City Council budget. Estimates for the 2009 budget will be prepared later on in the year, and the final budget for Ward Fund public lighting will be a matter for Council then.
- b) The 2008 Budget is already determined and it is envisaged that a total of €700,000 will be spent across the six Wards. A budget of €200,000 per Ward for estate road resurfacing can be considered by Council in the context of the 2009 Estimates.
- c) This issue might be addressed by provisionally agreeing the 2009 traffic calming programme at special Ward Meetings during this year. This would enable design and public consultation to take place in time for inclusion in the 2009 contract. However the carrying out of the work would be subject to adequate funding in 2009 as the 2008 traffic calming programme will also be carried out during the same year, i.e. 2009.
- d) In consultation with the members changes to the system of Ward Meetings will be considered and implemented in 2009.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the full length of Farranlea Road from its junction with Victoria Cross Road to beyond the Crescent Apartment development will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí. Any necessary measures, including parking controls and parking restrictions, will be implemented to ensure the road safety of all road users and the accessibility to the area by emergency vehicles.

7.20 **YELLOW BOX ON WILTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Orchard Road and Wilton Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be installed at this location.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that arrangements have been made with representatives of the Community Association to visit the area in order to identify the various issues of concern in relation to traffic congestion and parking. A further meeting with then be held in conjunction with the Gardaí with the aim of identifying appropriate measures to deal with the problems in the area.

If the measures involve road marking and some signage the work will be done as part of this year's road programme. Any substantial measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year's roads programme.

7.22 **SURVEY ON MOUNT AGNES ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Mount Agnes Road will be surveyed and assessed by the Roads Maintenance/Traffic Divisions and if appropriate, a scheme for the recessing of the footpaths to create additional parking in the area will be drawn up. Any proposed measures will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in the 2009 roads programme.

7.23 **DOUGLAS STREET ONE WAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it has been Cork City Council's policy for many years to avoid introducing one-way traffic systems and where possible to revert existing one-way systems to two-way. One-way traffic flows do not generally improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians, because of:

- a) Increased traffic speeds and
- b) Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.

There are other disadvantages such as:

- Reduction in local accessibility for traders and residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.).

The volume of westbound traffic on Douglas Street is relatively small and at present must divert down Dunbar Street because of the existing one-way system on Abbey Street,

which leads directly onto Douglas Street. The presence of this traffic volume on Douglas Street results in the reduction of the speed of the main eastbound traffic, which is good for road safety, and other benefits are as outlined above, i.e. local access and circulation is maintained.

Accordingly the proposal for a one way system on Douglas Street is not recommended.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that unfortunately, we have no funding for carrying out works of this nature at present. We are compiling a list of similar areas where additional parking is requested. We will add 10-30 Edward Walsh Road to this list and we will provide additional car parking here if sufficient funds become available.

7.25 **FOOTPATH FROM SHAMROCK GROVE TO LAGAN GROVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this footpath was not selected for renewal in the 2008 Roadworks Programme. However repairs will be carried out this year to the raised sections of kerbing which have been dislodged. The possibility of providing a railing here will also be investigated.

7.26 **NO RIGHT TURN SIGNS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the right turn ban at the top of Mahony’s Avenue was introduced many years ago at the request of the Gardaí in order to eliminate what was perceived as a dangerous manoeuvre. Although the right turn ban is ignored by many motorists, its removal would probably encourage more motorists to use Mahony’s Avenue as a traffic route to the St. Luke’s and Mayfield areas. This would impact negatively on the residents of Lower Grattan Hill and Mahony’s Avenue.

The right turn ban at the bottom of York Hill is designed to reduce the potential delays caused to the main traffic on Summerhill North. The removal of this sign would also encourage more traffic on Wellington Road, as a result of avoiding traffic congestion on Summerhill South. This would further increase the disruption both traffic directions on Summerhill North at the junction of York Hill.

Consultations will be held with the Gardaí on the two ‘no right turn’ signs referred to in this motion, and as they are the enforcement body for the signs, they will have a major input on whether the signs are removed or left where there are. A further report will be made to Council after these consultations take place.

7.27 **RESURFACE OF UPPER DERRYNANE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider Derrynane Road for inclusion in the 2009 Road Resurfacing programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that St. Claire's Avenue will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that quotations will be obtained from contractors to provide a crash barrier at this location.

7.30 **ONE WAY SYSTEM ON EVERGREEN STREET/QUAKER ROAD, TOWER STREET AND FRIAR STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the installation of a one way system on Evergreen Street/Quaker Rd, Tower St and Friar St. The former three have now become much too narrow to deal with modern day traffic flow.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/505)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th MAY 2008**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

8.2 **FENCING AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH'S AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council would erect fencing at the rear of No 20 & 21 Mount St Joseph’s Avenue to secure the houses from the nearby steps which are used as a public walkway and where people have easy access to the back gardens of the above houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/151)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will ensure that the necessary fencing is erected at the rear of 20 and 21 Mount St. Josephs Avenue.

8.3 **HOME ADAPTATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS & THE ELDERLY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council recognising the importance of home adaptations for people with special needs and the elderly, would on a regular basis conduct such surveys and inspections to as to ensure that

- Approved work or equipment is carried out and/or installed within agreed time periods set down following consultation with the applicant, contractor and City Council at approval stage
- That such work or equipment meets national and international best standards (where such standards do not exist, that Cork City Council would set such standards)
- That a public process of name and shame would be instituted where work is of a consistent substandard quality or where there was unnecessary and unjustifiable delay in delivering and installing equipment
- Where a company or organisation has been found to have a number of instances of poor work or failure to deliver and or install equipment within agreed time periods that such companies would be removed from the recommended list of approved companies or contractors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/142)

The report of the Director of Services stated that

- (a)The contractor agrees a timescale with the applicant in advance of carrying out the work.

- (b) All completed works are approved by Cork City Council's Building Control Officers and are in compliance with Building Regulations 1997-2007 and all other relevant standards
- (c) All works are approved by the Building Control Officer
- (d) There is no list of approved contractors. It is a matter for each grantee to decide their preferred contractor for the work to be carried out. In relation to grants for local authority houses, contractors are appointed based on specified advertisement and tender documentation sought and the contract is awarded in accordance with same.

8.4 **MAINTENANCE REPAIRS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 1st May, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will implement and improve timescale for all necessary maintenance and repairs to Cork City Council tenants dwellings by providing to Council on monthly basis, a report on each unit, up date on where each unit stands with regards to a completion time. Giving accurate timescales, stating when repairs were reported, expected timescale and final date for completion. A planned maintenance programme be provided on a Ward by Ward basis outlining time scales for waiting and completion of repairs ie painting, window repairs or replacements, doors repair or replacement, gutters, roof, electrical works, structural problems etc. Other problems relate to the older dwellings, which may require complete rewiring, the installation of central heating, the provision of proper kitchen and bathroom facilities, damp proofing and insulation.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/133)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir a vote was called for on the report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, A. Spillane, J. O’Brien, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer. – (17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. O’ Leary. – (2)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Director of Services approved.

The report of the Director of Services stated that it would not be practical or feasible to provide Council with details of repairs to each unit within the housing stock on a monthly basis. National performance standards are reported on each year by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Cork City Council’s performance is outlined in this process.

The planned Maintenance programme agreed by Council at the Budget meeting has been discussed with the members of each ward and adjusted to take account of their views where appropriate.

8.5 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following disposals:

Disposal of site approximately 45m² to the front of “Normandy House” Mardyke Walk, Cork to The Trustees of Sundays Well Boating And Tennis Club c/o Eoin C. Daly and Co., Solicitors, 38 South Mall, Cork, by way of Supplementary Lease for a term of 150 years.

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- a) Disposal of freehold interest in the dwellinghouse and premises situate at and known as 18, Capwell Avenue, Turners Cross, Cork to Anthony Murphy for the sum of €10.16 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy at the Planning Seminar for Councillors held in the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 25th & 26th April, 2008.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, F. Dennehy, T. Shannon, S. Martin and C. Clancy at the Role of Local Government in Community & Rural Development held in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry on the 8th & 9th May, 2008.

10.3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Local Government Housing Service Conference to be held the Bellingham Castle Hotel, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth on the 6th – 8th June 2008.

10.4 **BYRNE/ PERRY SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Byrne/ Petty Summer School to be held in the Byrne Perry Summer School, Gorey, Co. Wexford ON THE 27th – 29th June 2008.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **RAILING ON TOP OF THE WALL ADJACENT TO 1 & 2 PRESENTATION PLACE AND TOWNSEND PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council put a railing on top of the wall adjacent to 1 and 2 Presentation Place and Townsend Place. People are using the wall as a rat run and engaging in anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/159)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.2 **REMOVE PORTACABIN OUTSIDE SHOPS IN PATRICK STREET**

‘That Cork City enter into negotiations with Bus Eireann with a view to having the portacabin outside the shops in Patrick Street i.e. Golden Discs and Fitzgerald Menswear removed. It serves absolutely no function and it was never envisaged as part of the revamped Patrick Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/161)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **ONLINE GAMBLING**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

‘Given that casino type online gambling is a serious addiction that undermines the family, dashes dreams and frays the fabric of society, I propose that Cork City Council would ask the Government to direct banks and credit companies to outlaw the processing of online casino bets.

The bottom line is simple: internet casino type gambling should be made illegal. However as we can’t monitor every online gambler or regulate offshore gambling, we can police the financial institutions that disregard our laws if implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/139)

11.4 **REPAIRS IN FAIRFIELD SQUARE**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would repair the potholed road, and parking area surfaces in Fairfield Square as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 08/152)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.5 **FOOTPATHS IN BEAUMONT LAWN, BLACKROCK**

‘That the footpaths in Beaumont Lawn, Blackrock would be replaced as a matter of urgency as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/187)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ASSOCIATED WITH BONFIRE NIGHT**

‘That Cork City Council recognizes the growing problem of anti-social behaviour associated with bonfire night, and convenes a consultative group to consider the organization of alternative, community led events which will be environmentally and socially friendly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 08/204)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

11.7 **FOOTPATHS IN LINDEN AVENUE**

‘That the footpaths in Linden Avenue would be replaced as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/205)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 **PUBLIC LIGHTS IN CAR PARK ADJACENT TO BLACKROCK CASTLE**

‘That Cork City Council would turn on the public lights that are already installed in the car park adjacent to Blackrock Castle in an effort to alleviate the ongoing anti-social behaviour that occurs there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle & Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/207)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.9 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON LOWER FRIARS WALK**

‘That in the interests of safety double yellow lines be placed on Lower Friars Walk near the junctions of :

- (a) Killeenreendowney Ave
- (b) Reendowney Place and Tory Top Lane

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/208)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.10 **SHARED OWNERSHIP SCHEME**

‘That the Shared Ownership Scheme would be replaced by a scheme based on the provision of an equity loan that would allow second hand houses be used for affordable housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/209)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD**

‘Can traffic calming measures be introduced on the Old Whitechurch Road, near Garveys Bridge, to show speeding vehicles approaching Garveys Bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/210)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.12 **CLEANING OF MAJOR ROAD SIGNS**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake to establish a schedule of works to begin cleaning major road signs around the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/211)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.13 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF BOHERBOY ROAD AND SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate steps to introduce traffic lights at the junction of Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane as traffic using Boherboy Road has increased following development of Ashmount and City Council itself wants to build further housing at Boherboy Road/ Lotamore.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/212)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.14 **PAINTING OF NAMEPLATE AT IONA PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council arrange for the immediate painting of the nameplate at Iona Place on Iona Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/213)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.15 **CAP THE NUMBER OF TAXI LICENSES ISSUED**

‘Council calls on the Minister for Transport and the Taxi Regulator to cap the number of taxi licenses in Cork City and other cities nationwide.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 08/214)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

11.16 **QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH TAXI DRIVER REPRESENTATIVES**

‘Council instructs the Roads and Transportation Directorate to organize a quarterly meeting with reps of the taxi drivers’ representative organizations in the City with the aim of tackling the various issues of concern raised in recent weeks and months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 08/215)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

11.17 **YOUTH CAFÉS**

‘That Cork City Council would explore ways of facilitating and promoting Youth Cafes in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/216)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

11.18 **YELLOW JUNCTION BOXES AT EARLWOOD ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would install yellow junction boxes at the entrances to Earlwood Estate from Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/217)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.19 **MOTORISED GOLF CARTS AT TED MCCARTHY GOLF CLUB**

‘That Cork City Council would allow the use of motorised golf carts at Ted McCarthy Municipal Golf Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/218)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.20 **DISPENSERS THAT WOULD SUPPLY BIRD FOOD IN RECREATIONAL AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council investigates the use of installing dispensers, that would supply bird food in recreational areas such as The Lough and other parks in the City. This measure would encourage persons to feed the birds nutritious food all year round and reduce the amount of bread that is fed to the birds.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/219)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Members discussed issues regarding the structure of Council Agendae, the operation of Meetings and the need for better utilisation of time at meetings.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the matters to a meeting of the Party Whips.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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