

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

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the Chair subsequently in the Chair an Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir T. Shannon.
- 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.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, 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. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer, Planning & Development.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior 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 Casey Family on the death of Mrs. Casey Conti.
- the Neiland Family on the death of William Neiland
- the Carey Family on the death of Emer Carey.
- the Heffernan Family on the death of Michael Heffernan.
- the Twomey Family on the death of Eileen Twomey.
- the Kelly Family on the death of David Kelly.
- the Curtin Family on the death of Donal Curtin.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to Team Montonette on winning the Women’s Superleague National Cup.

1.(c) **VOTE OF BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to the Cork County Board, Manager and the Players in finding a resolution to the current difficulties being encountered.

1.(d) **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved a Civic Reception to honour the 30th Anniversary of the Commissioning of P21 L.E. 'Emer'.

2. **MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14th January 2008 were considered and approved with the following amendment agreed:-

“Comhairleoir S. Martin’s attendance at Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14th January, 2008, be noted.”

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **COUNCIL MEETINGS SINCE COUNCIL WAS ELECTED IN 2004**

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

How many Council meetings have been held since the Council was elected in 2004?
What is the attendance record for City Council meetings for each individual Councillor?

From June 2004 to December 2007 the following meetings of Council have taken place

Annual Meetings – 4
Budget Meetings – 4
Council Meetings – 73
Special Meetings – 25

COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE JUNE 2004 – DECEMBER 2007		
COUNCILLOR	NO. OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Micheal Ahern	106	87
Mick Barry	106	103
Brian Bermingham	106	93
Tim Brosnan	106	92
John Buttimer	8	8
Catherine Clancy	106	102

Jim Corr	106	94
Donal Counihan	106	96
Denis Cregan	106	67
Fergal Dennehy	106	100
Tony Fitzgerald	106	101
Patricia Gosch	106	79
John Kelleher	106	88
Fiona Kerins	12	11
Lorraine Kingston	14	14
Sean Martin	106	95
Dara Murphy	106	95
Dave Mc Carthy	106	92
Laura Mc Gonigle	14	14
Jonathan O'Brien	106	93
Joe O'Callaghan	12	10
Michael O'Connell	106	95
Tom O'Driscoll	106	97
Denis O'Flynn	106	95
Gary O'Flynn	106	71
Chris O'Leary	106	105
Mairín Quill	106	72
Terry Shannon	106	98
Mary Shields	106	89
Annette Spillane	106	98
Damien Wallace	106	96

3.2 **VISITOR PARKING PASSES**

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

What is the up-to-date position on the issuing of Visitor Passes to residents in Disc Parking Zones in the city?

The Cork City Parking Bye-Laws are currently being revised. The new draft bye-laws will include for the provision of visitor parking permits.

It is expected that the draft bye-laws will be considered by the Roads & Transportation SPC at the next meeting in March.

3.3 **DUNARD, LOTAMORE, MAYFIELD, CORK.**

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

Could the City Council please confirm that no planning permission was required for the above development, as I believe it was an exempt development by the City Council. If Planning Permission was required, please provide me with the Planning Permission Number to the development?

Planning permission was required from Cork County Council for the housing development at Dunard, Lotamore, Mayfield.

The Planning File Reference number is 97/3757.

3.4 **INDUSTRIAL EXTRACTORS AT KENT STATION**

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

Will the Manager inform Council if he is satisfied that the large Industrial Extractors, which were installed by Iarnród Éireann in the locomotive shed at Kent Station, are operating within the bye-laws governing noise and nuisance, bearing in mind that many of them are facing directly on to the residents' houses on Lower Glanmire Road?

Having received a recent complaint the council is examining this matter with a view to establishing the nature and extent of nuisance if any and any necessary mitigation measures

3.5 **DOUGLAS HALL, DOUGLAS**

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

To ask the Manager to report to City Council on the status of the road leading to Douglas Hall, Douglas. Has the area been taken in charge. What discussions, if any, have taken place with local residents on this issue, and to arrange to have the road carriageway resurfaced as it is in a very bad state of disrepair.

The road in question is called Riverbank, off Douglas Road and was Taken in Charge in 1983. Riverbank, Douglas will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

3.6 **WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

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

What plan does Cork City Council have in place for the future development of the White Street Car Park and surrounding area?

Will the Manager please provide this information under the following points please?

- Does this plan take into account the need for residential parking for the local community?
- Will it provide recreation space for local residents and their children?
- Will it advance and promote the attracting of other residents to the area?

Cork City Council intends to develop this site at White Street. At present, there is no overall plan in place for the site. There is a current proposal for the provision of a depot for the City Council's environment and traffic departments on a portion of this site.

When an over plan is developed for the remainder of the site, the proposal will consider all matters involved including those specifically mentioned in the question.

3.7 **HOUSES ON SUMMERSTOWN ROAD/ DRIVE**

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

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?

Repairs to the damaged chainlink fence at this location are scheduled to be carried out within the next 7-10 days.

Replacement of this fence is the responsibility of the owner of No. 1 Wilton Villas and not the City Council.

3.8 **PLAYING GROUNDS AT BISHOPSTOWN PARK (MURPHY'S FARM)**

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

Can the Manager indicate and comment on:

- a) How much money has been spent in the development of pavilions for the playing grounds and pitch and putt club at Bishopstown Park (Murphy's Farm)?
 - b) When will these pavilions be completed and handed over for use?
 - c) What measures have been put in place to minimize the effects of anti-social behaviour and vandalism?
 - d) What plans re in place for the development of walk-ways in the Park?
- (a) The Pavilion for the playing pitches cost € 470k . The Pitch and Putt Changing Rooms are part of a new Parks Depot located at the Elton Lawn side of Murphy Farm which cost € 1.1m .

- (b) Both premises should be ready for occupation in the next 2 weeks. Delays were experienced in getting services connected , but we have been assured that these will be attended to within the next week .
- (c) Both buildings have steel clad roofs, and doors, with automatic shutters over the Parks Depot building windows when not in use, with steel cages over the other pavilion windows.
- (d) A contract to upgrade the pathways to walkways/cycleways is scheduled to commence in March/April.

3.9 **LOSS OF TRADITIONAL STYLE MARKET STALL IN THE ENGLISH MARKET**

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

Is the Manager concerned at the loss of traditional style market stall in the English Market?

In light of the concerns raised by Market Stall Holders in the Market re the conversion of stalls to mall style self-service units, that he would write to the Management Company to reinstate self service shops to over the counter market stalls in keeping with the tradition of the English Market.

Cork City Council is committed to preserving the English market in its current layout.

The new Management Company, Irish Estates, has been instructed to put a procedure in place whereby any proposed alterations to any stall shall initially be requested in writing and shall require the prior approval of the City Council before any works can commence on site.

4. **ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP AUDIT – KNOCKNAHEENY/HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manger dated 10th January 2008 on Knocknaheeny/ Hollyhill Environmental Partnership Audit.

5. **2007 PROGRESS REPORT – CORPORATE PLAN 2004 – 2009**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated the 24th January, 2008 on the 2007 Progress Report – Corporate Plan 2004 – 2009.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 21st JANUARY 2008**

6.1 **TAX CREDIT FOR HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council grants at source the tax credit for Household waste management charges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/422)

The group recognised that a Tax Credit Scheme was a matter for National Government and indicated that if An Chomhairle wished a letter could be sent to the Minister with a recommendation to implement such a scheme.

6.2 **TO SET PROCEDURES WHICH WILL FACILITATE ELECTIONS TO THE RECOGNISED LOCAL COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council agrees to set in motion procedures which will facilitate elections to the recognised Local Councils called Community Associations on a single mandate basis on the same day as the forthcoming Local Elections 2009.

Cork City Councillors welcome this increased stronger voice and support for Communities within their Ward area facilitating increased concentration on the City of Cork and its macro issues in a National, European & Global context. City Budget-Income & Expenditure-Planning-City and Area Development Plans-Economic Development-Infrastructure-Transportation-Environment-Housing-Welfare-Amenity-Recreation-Culture-Tourism-Security-Law & Order-Health, Education-etc.
Such Reform will result in

Extending local democracy, with responsibility, into the heart of Communities in the City of Cork.

Facilitating wider participation in leadership roles within Communities.

Creating democratic local communities with a mandate to speak on behalf of local areas as defined.

Establishing new and extending existing local area services on a firm financial basis e.g. Meals on Wheels, Park Maintenance, Community Halls and facilities etc.

Establishing Local Area Committees with Ward/Community Councillors joining with Cork City Councillors enhancing representation of local areas with a remit to engage in and oversee, amongst others, Local Planning issues with initial City Council advice and backup – reporting its advice to Cork City Council Planning Committee Area/Community Policing/Wardens forum-Environmental matters.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/439)

The group agreed that the current arrangements which are working well should be continued and recommended this decision to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3 **TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE METROPOLITAN CORK AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That it becomes the policy of Cork City Council who will seek Cork County Council’s support in establishing a Statutory Regional Development Authority for the METROPOLITAN Cork area as defined in the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP).’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/440)

The group considered that the current arrangements, including CASP, are working well and have been positively recognised as such by Government Departments and outside agencies. The group recommended this decision to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.4 **ADDITIONAL SUM FOR THE PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & TREES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motions, and the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group.

‘That in proposing the annual commercial rate, the City Manager would include a separate, additional sum, to be ringfenced specifically for the provision of Christmas lights, trees and any other provisions that go to make up the spirit and the atmosphere of Christmas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 07/447)

CORK CITY COUNCIL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

‘That Cork City Council take full responsibility for the provision, maintenance and erection of the Christmas lights in Cork City Centre. Any cost incurred would of course come from collected rates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 07/434)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Quill, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, An Chomhairle agreed that these motions should be forwarded to the Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee for further consideration.

7. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st JANUARY 2008**

7.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31st December 2007.

7.2 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th January 2008 on Water, Sanitary and other Schemes for the year to 31st December 2007.

Rates of water for schools

An Chomhairle discussed the Rates of Water for Schools. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Barry, An Chomhairle agreed to write to the Minister of Environment, Heritage and Local Government seeking compensation in full, before year end, for any loss of monies relating to the Rates of Water to Schools, which should be subsidised by the Government and not Cork City Council.

7.3 **BULKY GOODS COLLECTION 2008**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services dated 17th January, 2008 on Bulky Goods Collections for 2008. Following on receipt of funding the following areas for a Bulky Goods Collection are proposed: The Curraheen Road Area which may include Curraheen Estate, Uam Var, Kenley and possibly Leesdale, the area of Togher not previously collected, moving in to Ballyphehane and depending on the level of takeup and the availability of resources a further collection in the Northside of the City (either Fairhill or Farranree).

7.4 **LITTER BIN AT MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th January, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I propose that Cork City Council would provide the services of a manual road sweeper in the vicinity of the city bound bus stop on the Model Farm Road (near the junction of Melbourn Road) to remove litter until such time as a bin is provided at this bus stop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/438)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a litter bin will be provided at this location within the next four weeks. The area will be monitored in the meantime and appropriate action will be taken to remove any litter at this location.

7.5 **BULKY GOODS COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th January, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council conducts a Bulky Goods Collection in the Farranree area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/475)

The report of the Director of Services stated that members will be aware that collections of Bulky Goods have taken place in 2006 and 2007 in the Knocknaheeny, Mayfield, Mahon and Togher areas. In all, 4,460 homes were canvassed and 857 applications for the service were received, an average of approximately 20%. 83 tonnes of material were removed. Detailed reports on these collections have been given to the Committee.

As funding has been made available in the Budget, it is proposed to provide the service again in 2008. The suggested areas are as follows:

1. The Curraheen Road area which may include Curraheen Estate, Uam Var, Kenley and, possibly, Leesdale
2. The remainder of Togher, not previously collected, moving in to Ballyphehane
3. Depending on the level of take-up and the availability of resources, a further collection on the North Side of the City.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st JANUARY 2008**

8.1 **RENNES FAIR 2008**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Planning & Development Functional Committee that the Lord Mayor and Comhairleoirí M. Quill, L. Kingston and D. Murphy would travel to the Fair as part of the official delegation.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary a vote was called for to reduce the number of members travelling to the Rennes Fair from a delegation of four to a delegation of two, where there appeared as follows;

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. O’ Leary, F. Kerins. –(4)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T.

Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.- (22)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote defeated and the proposal lost. An Chomhairle approved the nomination of the Lord Mayor, and Comhairleoirí M. Quill, L. Kingston and D. Murphy to travel to the Rennes Fair 2008.

8.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer on Housing Estates from 1st November – 31st December, 2007 dated 16th January, 2008.

8.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th January, 2008 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1st November – 31st December, 2007.

8.4 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th January, 2008 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st November – 31st December, 2007.

8.5 **PROPERTIES AT UNIVERSITY PLACE AND 1-6 CARMELITE PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs dated 16th January, 2008 on Properties at University Place and 1-6 Carmelite Place, with a recommendation that the matter be progressed urgently.

8.6 **RESTROOMS IN ALL PUBLIC FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th January, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In an attempt to extend access to the public, this council will require buildings open to the public to provide rest room facilities in buildings not presently covered by regulations such as Department Stores, large shops/churches and others as identified’.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/454)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Planning Authority would support the provision of Rest Room Facilities where appropriate.

However, in the absence of any Departmental Guidelines consideration could be given to incorporating appropriate provisions in the Development Control Standards of the Development Plan which is currently being reviewed for significant buildings. This would be in addition to requirements under Part G of the Building Regulations.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

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

8.7 PHOTOGRAPH WITH EVERY PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th January, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City will set in place for archive reasons a requirement for a photograph to be submitted with every planning application (not just listed buildings) in view of the very fast changing face of Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/446)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the requirements for the contents of planning applications generally are contained in Part 4 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2006. With the exception of planning applications involving Protected Structures or architectural conservation areas there is no statutory requirement for applicants to include photographs with every planning application. For large-scale developments in the City, the Planning Authority has frequently sought photomontages showing the existing and proposed development.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

10. CONFERENCES

10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, J. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, L. McGonigle, T. Brosnan and M. O’Connell at the Local Government Planning Service to be held in Clonea, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 1st – 3rd February, 2008.

10.2 MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL 2008

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the Merriman Winter School 2008 to be held in the Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo on the 1st – 3rd February, 2008

10.3 **PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, T. Shannon, D. O’Flynn and M. O’Connell at the Planning for Renewable Energy Conference to be held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick on the 7th/ 8th February, 2008.

10.4 **AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin, L. Kingston, L. McGonigle, M. O’Connell, D. O’Flynn and T. Brosnan at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2008 to be held in Trim Castle Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 15th & 16th February, 2008.

10.5 **IRELANDS NEWEST IMMIGRANTS – ENSURING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2009 EUROPEAN AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell and G. O’Flynn at the Irelands Newest Immigrants – ensuring their participation in the 2009 European and Local Elections Conference to be held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 21st – 23rd February, 2008.

10.6 **19th COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the 19th Colmcille Winter School to be held in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gratan, Co. Letterkenny on the 29th February – 2nd March 2008.

10.7 **BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT – IS IT WORKING?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, D. O’Flynn and S. Martin at the Better Local Government – Is it working? Conference to be held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford on the 3rd – 5th April 2008

11. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 10th DECEMBER 2007 & 14th JANUARY 2008**

11.1 **RESTORATION OF THE ROCK OF CASHEL**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

“The 4th Century Rock of Cashel with its collection of ancient walls, towers and halls in one of the most enduring images of Ireland”

‘This Council request the Government to give favourable consideration to funding is complete restoration with Irish natural materials to enhance and enable ancient Irish cultural activities arts and music to find a national home henceforth’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/453)

12. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 14th JANUARY 2008**

12.1 **WATER CHARGES FOR SCHOOLS**

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 use the same ingenuity that they used to retain duty on cars despite an EU directive (now called VRT) to ensure that water charges are not charged to schools. If there is no way around these charges. I propose that a cap of 1euro per school per year apply.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/473)

12.2 **CORK DOCKLANDS FORUM**

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

‘That this Council welcomes the setting up and appointment of the Cork Docklands Forum but deplores the fact that it does not include any elected public representatives’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/477)

12.3 **FULL TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THE “HOUSE BOUND”**

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

‘That this Council congratulates the library service on the operation of its service for the “House Bound”. That in order to guarantee its operation at all times, a full time Library assistant, dedicated to this service, be employed’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/478)

13. **MOTIONS**

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

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.2 **UPGRADE FOOTPATH IN TORY TOP PARK**

‘That Cork City Council upgrade the footpath in Tory Top Park and also put a railing around the skate board park thus segregating it from the walk way and the swings and slides.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/506)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.3 **YELLOW BOX ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.4 **ROAD TRAFFIC SURVEY ON CLOSES ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department carry out a road traffic survey on Closes Road with a view to alleviating the chronic traffic congestion adjacent to the Centra Shop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/457)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.5 **SPEED RAMPS TO BE PUT IN PLACE AT CONVENT AVENUE, BLACKROCK**

‘That ramps would be put in place at Convent Ave Blackrock to slow down speeding traffic going through this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/472)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 **RESURFACE PRESENTATION ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council resurface all of Presentation Road, Gurrabraher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/476)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.7 **RESURFACE HILLCREST DRIVE, BLARNEY ROAD**

‘I am calling for Hillcrest Drive, Blarney Road to be resurfaced as soon as possible’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/479)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 **RELOCATION OF THE POD/KIOSK OUTSIDE BISHOP LUCEY PARK**

‘Due to the huge outrage at the positioning of the Pod/Kiosk outside the Bishop Lucey Park entrance. I propose that Cork City Council now call for/demand its immediate relocation either to the right or left side of this protected structure.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/008)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

13.9 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON GEARNEYS BOREEN**

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpaths leading to Gearneys Boreen particularly at the side entrance to the doctors surgery and resurface the road where necessary on Gearney’s Boreen leading to the Commons Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/013)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.10 **WEBCASTS OF MEETINGS**

‘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)

Corporate Policy Group

13.11 **TARMACADAMED AREA ON PEARSES PLACE**

‘That part of the raised tarmacadamed area be removed from Pearse Place in order to allow cars and particularly emergency vehicles manoeuvre safely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/015)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.12 **AREA PLAN FOR SOUTH PARISH**

‘That an Area Plan for South Parish be developed by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/016)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

13.13 **RESURFACING OF ROAD AT FERNEY GROVE**

‘That following the completion of the infill housing scheme of Ferney Grove, the road carriageway be resurfaced and the footpaths be reconstructed, after much damage from construction traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/017)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.14 **RESURFACING OF ROAD AT CASTLE CLOSE**

‘That following the completion of the infill housing scheme of Castle Close, Blackrock, the road carriageway be resurfaced and the footpaths be reconstructed, after much damage from construction traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/018)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.15 **SPEED RAMPS FOR IONA GREEN**

‘That a speed ramp be provided in Iona Green, Colmcille Avenue, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/022)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.16 **SPORT FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN MAYFIELD**

‘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)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.17 **LAW ON ANIMAL CARE**

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

‘That this Council urge the Government to enact a comprehensive law on Animal Care including Dogs, Cats, Horses etc and place the full responsibility on Local Government with adequate funding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/028)

13.18 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DUBLIN HILL**

‘In view of the plans to open a railway station at Kilbarry and, rather than wait for the station to open, that a Traffic Management Plan now be put in place for the Dublin Hill and surrounding areas especially in view of the serious traffic congestion that already exists there arising from a change in traffic flow management in the area in recent times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/029)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.19 **EXTENSION OF DISC PARKING AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council would extend disc parking to include all of Blarney Street, College View, Blarney Road, Briars Court, Strawberry Hill, and the Grove Shanakiel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/030)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.20 **COURTOWN DRIVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Cork City Council would include Courtown Drive in the Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/031)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.21 **REPLACE FENCE ON SUMMERSTOWN ROAD/ DRIVE**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.22 **CONFERENCE ON “POSITIVE AGEING”**

‘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)

Corporate Policy Group

13.23 **DONNSCOURT, BISHOPSTOWN TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Donnscourt, Bishopstown would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/034)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.24 **ASHGROVE PARK INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2008**

‘Because of the very bad state of the road surface in Ashgrove Park would it be possible to include this roadway in the 2008 list of areas for Road Resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 08/035)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.25 **SPEED RAMPS AT BRANDON CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council put in place speed ramps at Brandon Crescent the Glen in order to reduce speeding in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 08/037)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.26 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GLEN AVENUE NEAR ST. MARK’S SCHOOL**

‘That Cork City Council road engineers be instructed to find a means of placing a pedestrian crossing on Glen Avenue near St. Mark’s school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 08/038)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.27 **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)

Corporate Policy Group

13.28 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT WESTSIDE ESTATE, TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with residents, would install traffic calming measures at Westside Estate, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/041)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.29 **YELLOW BOXES ON THE LOWER TOGHER ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would complete the sequence of yellow boxes on the Lower Togher Road ie. Market Gardens, Deanrock and Deanvale to allow residents access to the busy Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/042)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.30 **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)

Corporate Policy Group

13.31 **BROWNINGTON PARK ESTATE, DOUGLAS BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That the roads in Brownington Park East, Douglas would be repaired as a matter of urgency as they are in very poor condition and would be included in the roads programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/044)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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