

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, 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. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer, Planning & Development.  
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Docklands.  
Mr. J. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. S. Coughlan, Senior Engineer, Docklands.  
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:-

- Ryan Family on the death of Mr. Pat Ryan.
- McSweeney Family on the death of Mr. Ted McSweeney.
- O’Brien Family on the death of Mr. Patrick O’Brien.

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

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

- Brian Geaney on his recent promotion to Limerick City Council.
- John X Miller on his appointment as Hungarian Consul.

1.(c) **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle to approve a Civic Reception for International Women's Day, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

2. **MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **BREAKDOWN OF COUNCILLOR EXPENSES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Barry which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the Manager provide Council with a full Councillor-by-Councillor breakdown of monies drawn down for conferences and travel in 2007?

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>2007 CONFERENCE EXPENSES</b>	<b>2007 COUNCILLORS TRAVEL (EXCLUDING CONFERENCES)</b>
Councillor Michael Ahern	€4,884.50	€1,574.43
Councillor Mick Barry	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Brian Bermingham	€5,280.00	€562.31
Councillor Tim Brosnan	€5,270.46	€0.00
Councillor Colm Burke	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Jerry Buttimer	€4,961.35	€0.00
Councillor Catherine Clancy	€4,356.72	€0.00
Councillor Deirdre Clune	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Jim Corr	€4,037.59	€3,043.75
Councillor Donal Counihan	€3,849.53	€1,114.92
Councillor Denis Cregan	€5,318.65	€0.00
Councillor Fergal Dennehy	€3,857.31	€275.39
Councillor Tony Fitzgerald	€2,431.50	€0.00
Councillor Patricia Gosch	€5,021.31	€0.00
Councillor John Kelleher	€5,341.01	€0.00
Councillor Ciarán Lynch	€1,820.88	€0.00
Councillor Sean Martin	€5,280.00	€1,667.81
Councillor Dave Mc Carthy	€5,280.00	€255.44
Councillor Dara Murphy	€4,856.45	€0.00
Councillor Jonathan O'Brien	€0.00	€0.00

Councillor Con O'Connell	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Michael O'Connell	€5,280.00	€1,371.10
Councillor Tom O'Driscoll	€1,516.23	€0.00
Councillor Denis O'Flynn	€5,280.00	€0.00
Councillor Gary O'Flynn	€5,204.67	€0.00
Councillor Chris O'Leary	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Mairín Quill	€0.00	€243.33
Councillor Terry Shannon	€5,280.00	€243.33
Councillor Mary Shields	€5,280.00	€2,475.73
Councillor Annette Spillane	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Damien Wallace	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor Joe O'Callaghan	€1,827.35	€0.00
Councillor Laura Mc Gonigle	€2,226.51	€0.00
Councillor Lorraine Kingston	€2,589.55	€0.00
Councillor Fiona Kerins	€0.00	€0.00
Councillor John Buttimer	€338.60	€0.00

### 3.2 **RESURFACING OF ASHGROVE PARK, BISHOPSTOWN**

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

Because of the very bad state of the roadsurface in Ashgrove would it be possible to include this roadway in the 2008 list of areas for road surfacing?

We will consider Ashgrove Park, Bishopstown for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

### 3.3 **BLACKROCK REGENERATION PROGRAMME**

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

When will the Blackrock Regeneration Programme commence as this was due to begin in 2007, as this action plan is long overdue for this area.

Blackrock Regeneration Design is underway and is due for completion in the next two months. In relation to the implementation of the design, it is planned to undertake landscaping works within the existing green area first. There are land acquisition and planning issues to be resolved in the central village area before renewal works can be finalised. It is hoped that these issues will be resolved within the next three months.

### 3.4 **BLACKROCK CASTLE**

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, at this stage, he is completely satisfied with the way that Blackrock Castle is operating as a centre of Astronomical Observation, Research and Education, if many young people and school-children are becoming involved, and when the restaurant facilities will be available?

Since its opening in August of last year Blackrock Castle Observatory (BCO) has attracted in excess of 5,000 visitors, has been short-listed for an Excellence in Local Government Award and was recently pronounced winner of the prestigious US Association of Themed Attractions (THEA) Outstanding Achievement Award for 2008. The Facility was granted Discover Science Centre status in October 2007 and has been short-listed for Ireland's Digital Media Awards in two different categories - Business to Client and Animation. The Awards will be held later this month.

Cork Astronomy Club hosted a capacity event at the Castle in September 2007 and an evening astronomy outreach series commenced from January of this year. The Centre attracted 521 visitors during Science Week and an extremely popular series of Evening Lectures in conjunction with CIT was begun in 2007. A Joint marketing initiative has been agreed with Failte Ireland promoting the venue as a tourism and conference location for Cork. BCO will also be a flagship location for the upcoming UN International Year of Astronomy 2009. Plans are also currently well advanced for the Greek National Observatory Kryoneri telescope upgrade which will be a critical tool in the Facility's public outreach programme as well as for research purposes.

The development of an appropriate education outreach programme is a core objective of the Facility. Whilst many amateur organisations schedule extremely interesting public talks, star parties and classes, none of these are directly linked to the 2nd or primary level syllabi. The educational outreach programme at Blackrock Castle Observatory is linked directly to learning outcomes on the primary syllabus (and will extend, later this year, to the secondary syllabus). Furthermore, BCO is the ONLY centre where the outreach at primary and secondary level is informed by the third-level research on-site. The Centre currently offers the following Workshop modules which are available for Discover Primary Science schools to book:

*Comets at the Castle*, which encourages pupils to use scientific understanding to make and evaluate a model of a comet.

*Light by the Lee*, which explores the ways in which we can use light to understand the solar system.

4 workshops have so far taken place with 8 more booked (This is in advance of the promotion of the Castle's Cosmos Education Package which will commence shortly).

In excess of 30 primary and post primary schools have had guided tours of the Facility to date. This is also in advance of education outreach fliers being posted this week to every school in Ireland. A placement programme for Transition Year students has also been established.

Discussions are currently in train with Armagh Planetarium in relation to the acquisition of a portable planetarium which can be brought to schools as part of the Centre's educational outreach programme. The Observatory recently hosted a live televised link to the International Space Station. The guests included students from Innishannon National School, St Multose, Kinsale, the Cope Foundation's Scoil Bernadette, and St Mary's Secondary in Macroom all asking astronaut Dan Tani probing questions.

Text and email alert messages were sent to every school in Ireland using DSE distribution and NCTE, National Centre for Technology in Education's www.scoil.net.

The Castle will also host - Engineered! *A Week of Wonder* this month in conjunction with the Cork Electronics Industry Association. The event will comprise of 4 workshops daily for 5 days. RTE 2's Ice TV will also record for screening on their children's show in the coming months.

The Restaurant will be open in February 2008.

I believe the performance of BCO since its opening in August speaks for itself and the level of activity and interest to date bodes well for the future.

### 3.5 **TAXI SPACES IN CITY CENTRE**

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

- a) How many taxi spaces are located in Cork city centre?
  - b) Are there any proposals to provide spaces near tourist attractions and city centre hotels?
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- a) There are 24 taxi rank spaces on St. Patrick's Street. Nine additional spaces are now available on Grand Parade. On a trial basis and in conjunction with the Gardaí, 'night-time' taxi ranks are also provided in loading bays and bus stops in St. Patrick's Street, Grand Parade and Washington Street. The ranks in the loading bays are available after 6.30 pm, and those in the bus stops after 11.15 pm when the city bus services cease.
  - b) There are designated set down/pick up areas outside all the city centre hotels. These areas are used by coaches and taxis. There has been no demand from taxi representatives for permanent ranks outside hotels. Regular meetings are held with

the taxi representatives to review issues such as location and number of taxi ranks, etc.

### 3.6 **DRAINS ON CONNOLLY PARK**

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

What works have been carried out by Cork City Council in relation to the ongoing problem with the drains between 1 and 7 Connolly Park and its intersection with Connolly Road.

On foot of a previous Council question received in August, the Drainage Section investigated the main sewer in Connolly Rd. and found some debris which did not impact on the performance of the pipe. However, subsequently in early September this debris was removed by power cleaning.

Maintenance of the private common drain serving houses 1 to 7 Connolly Park is a matter for the householders.

### 3.7 **LIGHT ON ARDMORE AVENUE**

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

Given that the light unit on pole number 2, outside house number 3, Ardmore Avenue has been out of order for the past four months, would the Manager please inform me when we can expect this problem to be rectified?

Cork City Council has no record of the lighting at Ardmore Avenue being out of order and the fault was not logged on the 'DeadSure' database maintained by the Traffic Division. We have now logged the fault and copied details to ESB Contracts, as the maintenance contractor for the public lighting in the area.

The fault will be attended to and the lighting put in operation if it relates to a normal lantern fault such as a lamp fault or photocell fault within two weeks. Otherwise work will be scheduled by ESB Contracts to address more extensive repairs which may have resulted from vandalism or damage to underground services.

### 3.8 **SURVEY ON MELBOURNE ROAD TO ARDROSTIG CROSS**

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

Can the Manager update and inform Council on the survey of need for the road from Melbourne Road to Ardostig Cross and can he comment on the current and future management plans for the junction of Melbourn Road and Curraheen Road.

A consultant is in the process of being appointed to undertake a study on this Link Road from Ardostig Cross to Melbourn Road. This will include any Management Plans considered necessary for the junction of Melbourn Road and Curraheen Road.

It is expected that this study would be available in mid 2008.

3.9 **STRIP OF LAND/ PATHWAY CONNECTING MEELICK PARK TO CHAPEL GATE**

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

Can the Manager please clarify as to whether the Council owns the strip of land/pathway connecting Meelick Park to Chapel Gate that runs alongside the Leeds soccer pitches in Ballyvolane? If the Council does indeed own this strip of land/pathway can the Manager please indicate as to what arrangements (a) area in place (b) will be put in place to have dumped rubbish cleared from this site on a reasonable, regular basis?

This laneway is not in city council ownership.

“Illegally dumped material is removed from this area as necessary, having been examined for evidence that would enable appropriate action under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2003 to be taken. In addition the surfaced roadway and the green area are cleaned from time to time by the Recreation and Amenity and Environment Directorates in accordance with funds provided.”

3.10 **PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY MAJORITY OF NORTHSIDE COUNCILLORS IN RELATION TO FARRANFERRIS PLAN**

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

To ask the Manager to provide the full text of the legal advice he received from the Law Agent when he informed Council that the procedures followed by the majority of Northside Councillors in relation to the Farranferris Plan were illegal.

A copy of my report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 which addressed this issue is attached.

I did not seek or receive legal advice in this case. The procedures to be followed in the making of a Local Area Plan are clear and, in these circumstances, it was not necessary to seek legal advice.

### 3.11 **PART 8 DEVELOPMENTS**

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

What measures are in place to inform the general public of Part 8 developments both in relation to the nature of any proposed development and also the governing legislation which makes a Part 8 development different from a standard planning application?

Under Section 4 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, development carried out by or on behalf of a Local Authority in its own functional area is not subject to the requirement to seek planning permission.

However, it is important that the public are consulted about development which would have a material effect on the proper planning and sustainable development of an area.

Classes of development which must undergo this public consultation process are prescribed in Article 80 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. Any development with an estimated cost of €126,000 or over is included among other specified development.

Article 81 of the Regulations specifies that a newspaper notice and a site notice must be used to notify the public of the proposed development who have four weeks to inspect the plans and particulars and a further two weeks to make a written submission or observation. The notices are prepared by the Section proposing the development and plans and particulars are available for inspection at the offices of the City Council. There is no Fee charged for any submissions or observations received.

Procedures to be followed are set out in Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and the process culminates in the Manager preparing a report to Council. The City Council, as the elected representatives of the people, have six weeks to consider the Managers Report and the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Managers Report unless Council decide by resolution to vary or modify the development, or not to proceed with the development. If Council fail to decide within the six week period, the proposed development will proceed as recommended in the Managers Report.

The Local Authority then notifies the prescribed bodies or any other body or person who made observations in respect of the proposed development, either after a



resolution is passed or the six weeks period has expired, as appropriate. The notice must indicate the decision has been made in respect of the proposed development.

### 3.12 **ACTION BEING TAKEN TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

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

What action is being taken to avoid traffic congestion when:

- a) The new Revenue Commissioners offices open at Popes Rod/Assumption Road?
  - b) The new light Rail Stop at Kilbarry Dublin Hill?
  - c) When will the junction at Lower Dublin Hill/Dublin Street be aligned to allow a better flow of traffic on to Dublin Street?
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- a) Meetings are on-going with the developers of the site for the Revenue Commissioners to ensure that adequate measures are put in place to cater for the increased traffic in the area as a result of the development. Measures will include improvements to the junction of Assumption Road with the North City Link Road (Blackpool By Pass).
  - b) There is a long term proposal to reopen the railway station at Kilbarry on the Limerick/Mallow rail line. The site will also have a park & ride facility. An EIS/traffic study will be carried out as part of the planning process for the proposal, and all issues including traffic issues will be dealt with at that stage.
  - c) The junction of Dublin Hill/Dublin Street at the ‘Grotto’ is on the Kilbarry Green Route and the possibility of junction re-alignment and the installation of traffic signals are being considered in order to improve traffic flow and road safety at the junction. The contract for this Green Route contract is due to start later on in the year.

### 3.13 **CONTRIBUTIONS BY COUNCIL TO CSPCA**

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

Will the Manager inform Council as to:

- a) What are the contributions made by Cork City Council to CSPCA since 2004 i.e. (a) Financial (b) Other?
- b) What functions does CSPCA perform as an agent of the Council?
- c) Under S.15 of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, each local authority is obliged to employ a Dog Warden! Is Cork City Council aware of the current difficulties being experienced by staff of the CSPCA including Dog Wardens?

- d) Following on from the recommendations arising from the sub-group (a number of years ago) on Animal Care in the city of Cork, representation on the board of the Dogs Home was proposed. When will the Council representatives be appointed to the board?
  - e) Why has the City Council's Chief Veterinary Officer, liaisons with the CSPCA including visits to their premises ceased, and on outside veterinarian brought in to carry out the duties at the new Mahon centre.
- (a) Year end 2005- € 49k  
 Year end 2006- € 57k  
 Year end 2007- € 57k

The main contribution is towards the cost of employing the Dog Warden, the cost of the Wardens van, with a contribution as well towards the Dog Shelter and other minor items.

- (b) Under the Control of Dogs Act 1986, each local authority is obliged to employ a Dog Warden and maintain a dog shelter for any dogs seized, accepted or detained under any provisions of the Acts, or arrange with another agency to carry out these functions on behalf of the Authority. CSPCA carries out these duties on behalf of Cork City Council. The Society employs a Dog Warden who has various powers under the Act in relation to dangerous dogs, stray dogs, investigating complaints etc as have the Gardai. The Society itself maintains a Dog Shelter, and a Register of all dogs detained at the Centre. On average, over 250 stray dogs are seized each year, with a further 300 surrendered or collected by the Warden.
- (c) Council officials are in regular contact with staff of the CSPCA.
- (d) In 2001, the Sub Committee of Council which looked at the operation of the Control of Dogs Act stated that the CSPCA had extended the possibility of Council nominees being nominated on to its Executive Committee. This is a matter for the CSPCA. However, all other recommendations made by the Committee have been implemented since then together with vast improvements in the physical environment for the dogs in the new Dog Shelter at Mahon.
- (e) The City Councils Chief Veterinary Officer has no formal function in relation to the CSPCA premises. Following on concerns regarding primarily the state and suitability of the previous premises at Clontarf Street the Veterinary Officer inspected the premises regularly. However, since last September, the organization have moved to a new state of the art purpose built premises at Mahon Point, with isolation rooms, proper kenneling, public viewing area etc. The Chief Veterinary Officer was consulted in relation to the design of the new premises and has inspected same since its opening. He also is in regular contact with the CSPCA on issues relating to the health and welfare of animals within

the City Boundary. CSPCA continue to use a number of private vets as in previous years for veterinary services at the Centre

3.14 **VACANT DWELLINGS AWAITING REFURBISHMENT/ REPAIR**

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

Given that Cork City Council have 6,212 eligible applicants on their housing list and have 348 vacant dwellings awaiting refurbishment/repair, of the 348, how many dwellings have been vacant awaiting refurbishment/repair

- 6 months
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years / longer

All dwellings currently vacant are either undergoing (or are scheduled for) refurbishment or repair.

The number of units undergoing refurbishment is 213. This process involves decanting and refurbishment by Contract, which process can sometimes take between 1 and approximately 3 years depending on the circumstances.

A further 77 properties are with the Works Dept for repair for less than 6 months.

The balance of 58 properties are with the Works Dept for repair for more than 6 months and this reflects the condition of the properties as returned.

4. **CITY CENTRE NAME PLATE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

4.1 An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

5. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008 AND 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

5.1 **WATER CHARGES FOR SCHOOLS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘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)

An Chomhairle approved the following amendment to the motion as proposed by Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy.

‘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, but that the Department of Education and Science or the Department of the Environment will recoup the City Council for the water used.

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

5.2 **CORK DOCKLANDS FORUM**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

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

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

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

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘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)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

6. **DOCKLANDS POLICY COMMITTEE – 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**

6.1 **DRAFT SOUTH DOCKS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace An Chomhairle approved the amendments to the Draft South Docks Local Area Plan and to make the Plan.

**“RESOLVED THAT** Following consideration by Members of the report of the Deputy City Manager of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 and the recommendations of the Docklands Policy Committee, the Draft South Docks Local Area Plan is amended as set out in the text and maps before the meeting and deemed to be made. In making this decision, Members restricted themselves to considering the proper and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.”

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE –  
21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2008**

7.1 **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO. 7) OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
2004 – SOUTH DOCKS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

On the proposal of T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle approved the report of the Deputy City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, on the proposed variation (No 7) of the Cork City Development Plan 2004 consequent upon the proposed adoption of the South Docks Local Area Plan.

**“RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation No. 7 (South Docks Local Area Plan), to Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008.”

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
2008**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 on Housing for the month of January 2008.

**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

8.2 **DISPOSAL**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposal:

## **Fee Simple**

- (a) Disposal of freehold interest in the dwellinghouse and premises situate at and known as Site C2, “Janemount”, Iona Road, Mayfield, Cork to Daniel Sexton for the sum of €122.88 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

## 9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

### 9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended January, 2007.

### 9.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT LIFFEY PARK/LAGAN GROVE, MAYFIELD, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, regarding the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at Liffey Park/Lagan Grove, Mayfield, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now An Chomhairle hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way extending the existing pedestrian walkway and open space between No.36 and No.37 Lagan Grove and No. 36 and No. 37 Liffey Park, from the rear of the existing footpath between No.36 and No.37 Lagan Grove in a westerly direction for approximately 35 metres to the projection of the western boundary at No 36 Liffey Park and the projection of the eastern boundary of No.37 Liffey Park, is extinguished forthwith”

### 9.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT DOYLE ROAD/MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, regarding the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at Doyle Road/Mount Pleasant Avenue, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now An Chomhairle hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way extending from the existing laneway between No. 98 and No. 100 Doyle Road, from the rear of the northern footpath on Doyle Road in a north easterly direction for approximately 45.5 meters to the extension of the northern boundary at No. 33 Friars Walk, is extinguished forthwith”.

9.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT ST. MARY’S PLACE, SPRIGG’S ROAD/TEMPLEACRE AVENUE, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, regarding the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at St. Mary’s Place, Sprigg’s Road/Templeacre Avenue, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

Now An Chomhairle hereby RESOLVES THAT

“Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way at the existing laneway connecting Sprigg’s Road to Templeacre Avenue, adjoining 13 St. Mary’s Place and extending South to North for a distance of approximately 56 metres, is extinguished forthwith”.

9.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT PATHWAY BETWEEN 71 AND 72 BRIDEVALLEY VIEW, FAIRHILL, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, regarding the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at pathway between 71 and 72 Bridevalley View, Fairhill, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now An Chomhairle hereby ***RESOLVES THAT***

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way at the existing pathway between 71 and 72 Bridevalley View, and extending easterly parallel with the northern boundary of 72 Bridevalley View and 45 Bridevalley Park, Fairhill, Cork, is extinguished forthwith”.

9.6 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HEATHERTON AND HEATHERTON PARK, OFF GREENHILLS ESTATE, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, regarding the Taking in Charge of Heatherton and Heatherton Park, Off Greenhills Estate, South Douglas Road, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now An Chomhairle hereby ***RESOLVES THAT***

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Heatherton and Heatherton Park, off Greenhills Estate, South Douglas Road, Cork, be taken in charge”.

9.7 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF GLENRYAN MEWS, BLARNEY STREET, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, regarding the Taking in Charge of Glenryan Mews, Blarney Street, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now An Chomhairle hereby ***RESOLVES THAT***

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Glenryan Mews, Blarney Street, Cork, be taken in charge”.

9.8 **EXTERIOR WALLS IN SKEHARD LAWN BE REPAIRED**

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

‘That the exterior walls in Skehard Lawn be repaired as a matter of urgency as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposes Cllr. D. O Flynn 07/428)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we have recently carried out repairs to the stone exterior wall at Skehard Lawn.



9.9 **PARKING PERMITS BE REVERSED FOR THE LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

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

‘That as a matter of urgency the changes in the residents parking permits for the Lower Glanmire road be reversed’

(Proposer: Cllr. Dara Murphy 07/392)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there have been no changes to the residents’ parking permits arrangements for the residents on the Lower Glanmire Road since disc parking controls were introduced there several years ago.

These arrangements are the same as those which apply in other areas of the City, i.e. residents can obtain parking permits which allows them to parking in a zone in their area without the need to display a parking disc. The zone for residents on Lower Glanmire Road, east of Kent Railway Station, is a large zone and is larger than many of the other resident parking zones in the City. (Other cities in Ireland only allow residents to park on two nominated streets).

The residents west of Kent Station, have had disc parking controls since the late seventies/early eighties and their zone which again has not changed for several years is large enough to meet their needs. Accordingly there is no need to adjust the residents’ parking zones on the Lower Glanmire Road.

9.10 **PARKING IN ST PETERS STREET**

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

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a study of parking in St. Peter’s Street, Grattan Street area, with a view to putting in place a parking system to accommodate local residents. In carrying out this study Cork City Council will liaise with residents.

(Proposer Cllr. L. Kingston 07/445)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that St. Peter’s Street, Grattan Street is already in the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) and disc parking controls can be implemented on the street if deemed appropriate. The street itself is quite narrow and the area available for parking may be very limited.

The area will be surveyed and a system of revised parking controls will be devised if appropriate. This will be done in full consultation with the local residents.

9.11 **TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SKEHARD ROAD/MAHON AREA**

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

‘That the Traffic Department of Cork City Council, would carry out a Traffic Impact Assessment in the Skehard Road/Mahon area of the city. Owing to the huge increases in traffic following the developments in and around Mahon Point and also the new development at Eden. The assessment should also allow for any traffic from the potential developments in Healy’s, Motorola and the bourns sites.’

(Proposer Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 07/449)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that over the past several years, there have been major developments, including the Mahon Point development, in the Mahon/Blackrock area. One of the impacts of these developments has been the large increase in traffic volumes and levels of traffic congestion in the area.

The Traffic Division are currently developing a brief for a major transportation study of the Mahon/Blackrock peninsula to devise measures to alleviate the current traffic problems in the area, and to develop strategies to cater for further new developments area, which will occur there in the next few years.

The study will probably include major public transport solutions which will be necessary to deal with the ever increasing levels of car traffic in the area. The brief is almost complete and we are now actively seeking a source of funding to carry out this necessary Transportation Assessment/Traffic Impact Assessment for the area.

9.12 **ONE WAY TRAFFIC SCHEME ON FAIRFIELD ROAD**

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

‘I propose that Cork City Council would establish a one way traffic system on Fairfield Road for safety reasons’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/373)

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
- Increased volumes of traffic in the opposite direction in a parallel ‘twined’ road.
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.).

Accordingly, the introduction of a one-way system in Fairfield Road is not recommended. However, the traffic arrangements in Fairfield Road will be examined with a view of identifying measures that will improve road safety in the area.

### 9.13 **SET UP BIKETAXI SERVICE IN CORK CITY**

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

‘That this Council now encourages and will facilitate enterprising spirited citizens to develop a **BIKETAXI** (as in Berlin) service in Cork City promoting City Council’s Policy in reducing the dependency of the Motor Car seizing up the streets daily.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/376)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that over for years there were several proposals for the introduction of a “BikeTaxi” or Bike service in the City. Cork City Council in the discussions with the people involved with these proposals have always been very supportive and we have indicated that we will do we can to facilitate these proposals.

Recent discussions were held with a company proposing the use of four three wheeled pedicabs for use in the City Centre. They will mainly cater for tourists and visitors, and do tours of city centre attractions and other locations such as UCC, etc. The plan is to start the service in spring of this year.

We also have had also discussions with the outdoor advertising who are involved in a “free bike” scheme in Dublin and in other European cities. Depending on the success or otherwise of the scheme in Dublin, they may make proposals to set up a similar scheme in Cork.

Cork City Council will always support any reasonable and appropriate bike scheme that will give the general public more transport options and reduce their dependency on the car.

9.14 **GREEN ARROW LIGHT ON EVERGREEN ROAD, MURPHY GARDEN JUNCTION**

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

‘That Cork City Council install a green arrow at the traffic lights on Evergreen Road Murphy garden junction to allow traffic coming from St. Patrick Rd to turn right into Evergreen Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/470)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic light junction of Evergreen Road/ Murphy’s Gardens/ Summerhill South will be examined to determine if an indicative right turn arrow can be incorporated in the traffic signal sequence. Factors to be examined are the capacity of the traffic light controller, and the impact of the right turn arrow on road safety and on the overall operation of the junction.

If deemed appropriate, the installation of the right turn arrow will be included in the roads programme.

9.15 **DANGEROUS PARKING AT BALLINLOUGH**

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

‘That Cork City Council investigates the dangerous parking situation at the shops on Churchyard Lane, Ballinlough, with a view to implementing a proper parking regime here.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/419)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the situation at the shops on Churchyard Lane, Ballinlough will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any appropriate parking controls will be installed there in order to improve road safety in the area.

9.16 **SET DOWN AREA – SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

**An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motion back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee:-**

‘That Cork City Council would create a ‘set-down’ area for vehicles bringing children to and from the Cork School of Music, perhaps by using existing parking spaces and designating these as a ‘set down area’ for use of School of Music’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/463)

9.17 **LIGHTING FOR DERRYNANE ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council will consider adequate lighting for Derrynane Road, Cork in their Roads and Lighting Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/468)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting on Derrynane Road will be surveyed and appropriate measures to upgrade the lighting to modern standards will be identified and put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

9.18 **CAPWELL ROAD – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**

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

‘That Cork City Council extends the double yellow lines by one car length each end of Capwell Road to facilitate traffic entering and leaving the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/503)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Capwell Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed appropriate, the extension of the double yellow lines at the ends of the roadway will be carried out

9.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – HAWTHORN MEWS**

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

‘That Cork City Roads Department put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Hawthorn Mews.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/273)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hawthorn Mews already has traffic calming devices in place. However further examinations will be carried out in order to identify further traffic calming measures for the area.

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

9.20 **SURVEY OF MERVUE LAWN**

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

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department Survey Mervue Lawn with the view to putting in place Traffic Calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/357)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Mervue Lawn 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.

9.21 **FOOTPATH BE INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

‘That a footpath be installed on the South Douglas Road, opposite Claremont Cottages to facilitate pedestrians who have to live and walk here.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/421)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that South Douglas Road is a heavily trafficked arterial route between Douglas and the City Centre. It is also on a busy bus route. There is insufficient space within the existing road footprint to construct a new footway and retain the existing carriageway and footway at minimum acceptable widths. The construction of a new footway on South Douglas Road would require land acquisition and/or significant capital works. The costs associated with these would be significant. We have no funds to meet these costs at present.

While we agree that it is desirable to construct a footway opposite Claremont Cottages, we feel that pedestrians walking between Douglas village and Hillgrove Lawn are adequately catered for. These pedestrians can cross the road using the pedestrian crossings provided at Douglas Community School and O Sullivan’s Pharmacy.

We will consider the construction of a new footway on South Douglas Road for consideration in the next year’s programme. It is likely however that this footway could be constructed in the short term, if the land required for its construction was given to Cork City Council at a nominal charge.

## 9.22 **SAFETY AUDIT OF ALL CORK CITY SCHOOLS**

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

‘That a safety audit of all Cork City schools be taken in order to assess the safety issues if any, affecting each school such as the absence of yellow lines, pedestrian crossings, school wardens, warning signs etc’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/469)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a road safety audit has to be carried out to strict guidelines and to a strict format. Only persons suitably qualified and registered to carry out road safety audits can do so.

An average cost of a road safety audit for a minor scheme is €3,000 and as there are over 30 primary schools in Cork City the total cost would be prohibitive. There are also no funds in this year’s budgets for the carrying out such work.

However, the issue will be examined more closely, and funding for a limited amount of road safety audits for some schools will be put forward for consideration in next

year's estimates in the context that the safety audits for all schools will be carried out over a number of years.

9.23 **COBBLE STONES TO BE RELAYED AT ROMAN, ST DOMINICK STREET**

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

‘That the cobble stones which have been dug up and tarmaced at Roman St, Dominick St, Dominick St and at the entrance area of Shandon be reinstated as the whole place is an eyesore as a result of Cork City Council’s failure to reinstate these cobble stones adequately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/470)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that these reinstatements will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Roadworks Programme.

9.24 **FOOTPATHS IN CRESCENT BEAUMONT DRIVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2008**

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

‘That the footpaths in the Crescent Beaumont Drive Blackrock would be included in the roads programme for 2008 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/471)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that footpaths in the Crescent Beaumont Drive Blackrock will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme.

9.25 **TAFFIC CALMING STUDY ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council conduct a traffic calming study on Cathedral Road from the entrance of the Church of the Ascension to the junction at Gurrabraher Road, with a view to slowing down the traffic, which is of concern to the residents in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/474)



The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cathedral Road is on the City Bus Service no. 2 Green Route which was completed last year and all issues relating to safe movement of cars, buses, pedestrians, etc. would have been addressed.

However, the consultants for the scheme will be requested to re-examine pedestrian safety issues on Cathedral Road, from the entrance of the Church of the Ascension to the junction at Gurrabraher Road, with a view of identifying further appropriate road safety measures.

Any identified measures will be carried out under the Green Routes Project programme.

9.26 **CORK CITY COUNCIL TO ERECT SIGNS ON ALL THE MAIN ARTERIES INTO CORK**

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

‘That Cork City Council would erect signs on all the main arteries into Cork,  
a) Welcoming people to the City and wishing them well as they leave  
b) Signs should be artistically designed to reflect the fact that we are a European Capital of Culture and mention our twin Cities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/002)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in 2006 major signs were erected on the main approaches to Cork City, i.e. on:

- Carrigrohane Road
- New Commons Road
- Lower Glanmire Road
- South City Link Road
- South Ring Road.

The signs welcome people to Cork in the languages of all the twin cities, and the twin cities themselves are listed at the bottom of the signs. The fact that Cork was the European Capital Culture in 2005 is also on the signs

9.27 **TRAFFIC MEASURES ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of providing traffic calming measures on Cathedral Road between the church of The Ascension and Gurrabraher Credit Union and they might also consider providing a controlled crossing at the entrance to the church on Cathedral Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/006)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cathedral Road is on the City Bus Service no. 2 Green Route which was completed last year and all issues relating to safe movement of cars, buses, pedestrians, etc. would have been addressed.

However, the consultants for the scheme will be requested to re-examine pedestrian safety issues on Cathedral Road, from the entrance of the Church of the Ascension to the junction at Gurrabraher Road, with a view of identifying further appropriate road safety measures.

Any identified measures, including if deemed appropriate the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the church on Cathedral Road, will be carried out under the Green Routes Project programme.

9.28 **FOOTPATHS BE REPLACED IN WOODLAWN, MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

‘That the footpaths in Woodlawn, Model Farm Road be replaced and repaired as a matter of urgency’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/011)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that footpaths in Woodlawn, Model Farm Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme.

9.29 **PARKING CONTROL MEASURES BE PUT IN PLACE IN LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

‘That additional double yellow lines and other parking control measures would be put in place in Leesdale, Model Farm Road following public consultation and monitoring of on-street parking during peak college (Fás and CIT ) times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/012)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the parking problems in Leeddale, Model Farm Road are associated with the overspill from the nearby CIT and FÁS campuses. Yellow lines have already been installed in part of the estate in consultation with the local residents and public representatives. Further installation of yellow lines is not planned because of the impact these parking restrictions would have on local residents. The main problems associated with CIT/FAS parking will only be resolved with the disc parking controls are implemented in the area.

The estate was not in the 2006-2007 Disc Parking Zone extension scheme and disc parking controls could not be installed there. However, because of the parking problems in the area it is likely that they will be included in the next DPZ extension scheme which is being drawn up at the moment. The proposals for this scheme will be put forward to Council for consideration in the near future.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider correspondence, if any.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

11.1 **ANTRIM TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Kingston at the Antrim Tourism Conference held in the Dunadry Hotel and County Club, Muckamore, Dunadry, Co Antrim on the 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.

11.2 **PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham and L. Kingston at the Planning for Renewable Energy Conference held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

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

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

11.4 **COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL – THE MUTUAL BENEFITS OF NORTH-SOUTH CO-OPERATION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the 19<sup>th</sup> Colmcille Winter School-The Mutual Benefits of North-South Co-operation Conference held in Gartan, Church Hill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2008.

12. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

12.1 **LAW ON ANIMAL CARE**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘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. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **UPGRADE LIGHTING CHRISTCHURCH LANE**

- a) That Cork City Council upgrade the street lighting on Christchurch Lane thus helping to alleviate the social problems been experienced by the General Public at the moment.
- b) That Kylemore Street also be investigated with a view to upgrading and improving the present public lighting situation.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/508)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.2 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION – GREGGS ROAD AND GILABBEY STREET**

‘That Cork City Council install a yellow box junction on the intersection of Greggs Road and Gilabbey Street.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/509)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.3 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON CHAPEL GATE – BALLYVOLANE**

‘That public lighting be installed on the lane at the back of houses on Chapel Gate, Ballyvolane accessing Leeds Grounds and Kempton Park.’

(Proposer. Cllr. C. Clancy 07/458)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.4 **REPLACE THE GREEN AREAS WITH CONCRETE ON THE MOUNT AGNES ROAD**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would remove the small green areas adjacent to the footpaths on Mount Agnes road and replace them with concrete as they are in an extremely poor condition. (opposite the Lidl Store under construction)’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 08/010)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.5 **TRAFFIC MANGEMENT SURVEY AT RATHMORE LAWN/ RHODAVILLE ESTATE DOUGLAS**

‘That a traffic management survey be carried out at Rathmore Lawn/ Rhodaville Estate, Douglas, with a view to installing traffic calming features where appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/019)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.6 **ROAD & FOOTPATHS ON PRESENTATION ROAD**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to reinstate the roadway and footpaths on Presentation Road immediately as they are in a serious state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/026)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

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

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

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

13.8 **RESURFACE ROADS AT ONSLOW GARDENS**

‘That Cork City Council repairs the Potholes at Parkwood Close, and resurfaces the following as a matter of urgency’

1. Beechwood Grove
2. Hazelville
3. Dierville
4. Oakville Drive

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/045)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.9 **PROVIDE COUNCILLORS WITH AN UP TO DATE PLANNING LEGISLATION**

‘That Cork City Council provides each Councillor with a complete collection of the most up to date Planning Legislation and Regulations as an initial step in the preparation of the next Development Plan’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/046)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

13.10 **DISCONTINUE THE TOW-AWAY REGIME**

‘That Cork City Council discontinue the Tow-Away regime as it is damaging the image of Cork’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/047)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.11 **EARTH HOUR- THE TURNING OFF OF LIGHTS FOR ONE HOUR**

‘Bearing in mind the success of “Earth Hour” in Sydney, Australia, last year, when thousands of Citizens, Business Owners and Government Departments decided to turn off their lights for one hour (causing the demand for electricity to fall by over 10%), and the fact that more cities are now planning to make this an annual event, Council now resolves to:-

- a) Organise the same thing here from 9.00pm to 10.00pm on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>;
- b) Ask the public, and all local business commercial and other organisations to participate;

- c) Raise awareness of the importance of conserving energy, reducing pollution and improving the environment.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/048)

**Environment Functional Committee**

13.12 **UPDATED HEAVEY GOOD VEHICLES POLICY FOR THE CITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council prepares an updated good vehicles policy for the City Centre in view of the major refurbishment work carried out in the area in recent years.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/053)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.13 **TRUCKS PARKING ON PEDESTRIAN AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council address the issue of trucks and vans parking for lengthy periods on pedestrian friendly shopping areas.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/054)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.14 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SURVEY – CRAB LANE BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic management survey on Crab Lane, Blackrock with a view to installing traffic calming measures and walking lane at this very busy location on a narrow lane with a busy primary school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/055)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.15 **GROVE ORCHARD ROAD TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE**

‘That Cork City Council take the Grove Orchard Road in charge immediately’

(Proposer: Cllr S. Martin, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/058)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

13.16 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – FIRGROVE LAWN/PARK**

‘To install double yellow lines around the perimeter of the green open space between Firgrove Lawn/Park. Vehicles usually associated with Cork University Hospital are parked there all day, rendering it dangerous for children who use the green area to play on.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 08/062)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.17 **CLEAN UP OF THE RIVER BANKS**

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

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 08/063)

**Environment Functional Committee**

13.18 **PARKING DIFFICULTIES – BENVOLRICH, HALLDENE AND UAM VAR**

‘That Cork City Council would survey and meet with representatives of residents living in Benvoirlich, Halldene and Uam Var fronting onto Curraheen Road in Bishopstown to determine the current difficulties with parking and accessing properties arising from the introduction of a green bus route and that any identified remedial measures would be put in place immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/064)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.19 **WIDENING OF THE ROAD IN MARIAN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council will examine the Marian Park area with a view to widening the existing road in the Park to provide more sustainable parking arrangements to accommodate local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 08/065)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



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

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/067)

**Environment Functional Committee**

13.22 **VACANT HOUSES IN BRIDEVALLEY**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately prioritize the vacant houses in Bridevalley Park for any maintenance work that may be necessary so that these houses can be put back into the housing stock and be allocated as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/068)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.23 **RESURFACE OF SHANAKIEL ROAD**

‘Council agrees that in view of the serious and dangerous subsidence arising from housing developments in the area, Shanakiel road will be re surfaced as a matter of urgency’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/069)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.24 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GREATER BLACKPOOL AREA**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a new traffic management for the plan for the Greater Blackpool area, because of the increase traffic on all roads leading to Blackpool Shopping Centre, and the N 20 Cork Mallow Road. In particular the following roads where there is serious traffic congestion on a daily basis. Kilbarry Dublin Hill – Dublin St – Watercourse Road – Glen Ave – Popes Road – Pophams Road Farranree – Commons Road and all other Roads in the Blackpool area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/071)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.25 **ROADS PROGRAMME 2008 – FOOTPATHS IN BELMONT PARK**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/074)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.26 **REPAIR OF ROAD IN BELMONT PARK**

‘That the road in Belmont Park would be repaired as a matter of urgency as they are in very poor condition and they be included in the Roads Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/075)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.27 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS - DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council repair and reinstate the footpaths at Illen Court, Deanrock Estate, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/076)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.28 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT UAM VAR DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council would conduct traffic surveys at Uam Var Drive, Bishopstown with a view to decreasing/slowing the volumes of traffic at this location through what ever means possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 08/077)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-  
4 no. re: Placing Compacting Waste at Kinsale Road Landfill Site.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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