

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2008

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, J. Kelleher.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T.Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture.
Mr. P. Moynihan, A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. P. Casey, A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. N. Carroll, 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:-

- Purcell Family on the death of Kelvin Purcell.
- Henry Family on the death of Hanora Henry.
- O’ Connor Family on the death of Denis O’ Connor.
- Joyce Family on the death of Brian Joyce.
- Walsh Family on the death of Maureen Walsh.
- Scully Family on the death of Tony Scully.
- Rea Family on the death of Billie Rea.
- Creedon Family on the death of Jean Creedon.
- Curtayne Family on the death of Frances Curtayne.
- Sheehy Family on the death of Miah Sheehy.
- O’ Shea Family on the death of Maura O’ Shea.

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

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

- Robert Heffernan on attaining 8th place in the Olympics.
- St. Vincents Minor A Football Team on winning the Minor A Football Championship.

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

- An Chomhairle welcomed back Comhairleoir D. Cregan to Council and wished him well for the future.
- Former Councillor Con O' Leary on his retirement.
- Finbarr Bracken on his retirement from the District Court.
- Tom Rigney, Head of Business, CIT on his recent retirement.

2. An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that all Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations are to be received by the Meetings Administrator in written format prior to the commencement of the meeting.

3. **MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes of Special Meeting of Whole Council held in Committee on 14th July 2008 were considered and approved
- (b) The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14th July 2008 were considered and approved with the following amendment.

ITEM 13.3

CUT BACKS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

An Chomhairle agreed that a Special Meeting of Council would be convened to discuss the proposed cutbacks in the public sector upon receipt of official notice from Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

- (c) The Minutes of Special Meeting of Whole Council held in Committee on 18th August 2008 were considered and approved.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Murphy, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss proposed cutbacks in the public sector at the finish of the business of the meeting.

4. **SPECIAL MEETING OF DOCKLANDS**

An Chomhairle agreed that a Special Meeting of Docklands should be convened on 22nd September, 2008. Meeting Administrator to arrange meeting.

5. **QUESTIONS**

5.1 **CITY COUNCIL – STATIONERY**

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

Can the City Manager indicate what percentage of Cork City Council stationery is printed on recycled paper and what percentage of material is prepared using current best practice regarding waterless processes, use vegetable based inks, with reduced energy saving motors rather than traditional printing methods of solvents and chemicals?

of

Deferred from meeting

14th July

Cork City Council stationery is not printed on recycled paper as costs are approximately 30% higher. However, 40% of our printing is undertaken on chlorine free paper. 80% of the inks used in the printing process are soya (vegetable) based.

5.2 **REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

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

Would the Manager agree that a review of the development charges should take cognisance of the fact that:

- (a) Developments should not apply or be applied at a reduced rate for schemes under the Disabled Persons Grants and other such schemes.
- (b) That Sports and Community Associations developments be exempt or have the charges applied at a reduced rate in the 2008 estimates to reflect such changes if deemed by Council and also the review currently under due process to recognise same.

In accordance with section 48 sub section 3 (c) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, the General Contribution Scheme of Cork City Council provides certain reductions and exemptions.

One of the categories of development where a % reduction applies is the *“Provision of facilities by organisations which are considered to be exempt from planning fees as outlined in Part 12 Article 157 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001”*.

Sports and Community Associations may fulfill the criteria under this article and thereby may receive a 100% reduction on development contributions.

In the case of Disabled Persons Grant, if the area of the existing property is being extended then the first 40 sq meters are exempt from development contributions.

5.3 **STATUS – WATERCOURSE MEWS DEVELOPMENT**

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

Can you advise on the current status of Watercourse Mews development, Watercourse Road, planning reference T.P. 19951/95

- (a) Has the development been taken in charge.
- (b) What is the total value of the bond entered into by the developer, is it still in place.
- (c) Have the roads, public lighting, drains foul and storm been taken in charge.
- (d) What outstanding works need to be completed.

The development at Watercourse Mews/Hodders Lane has not been taken in charge. There are a number of outstanding items in relation to Water, Roads, Public Lighting, Drainage and Parks that must be addressed by the Developer. The Developer is aware of these issues and we are awaiting his response. A bond to the value of €129,513.28 remains in place.

5.4 **FORMER SITE OF DEANROCK FLATS, TOGHER**

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

Can the Manager please tell us what stage the plans are at for developing the former site of the Deanrock flats in Togher?

Is there any date set for development to commence?

A design for this site is currently being prepared by the City Architect's Department.

No date has yet been set for the commencement of development.

5.5 **LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES**

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

To ask the Manager to put in place a co-ordinated plan involving interested stakeholders such as Cork City Sport Committee, other relevant sporting bodies, UCC, CIT, Tourism Interests, Hoteliers etc with a view to Cork

City hosting competing countries participating in the London 2012 Olympic Games and to commence discussions with the London 2012 Olympic Games Committee as soon as possible.

Contact will be made with the London 2012 Olympic Committee to establish if there is a possibility of Cork City having a role in assisting with the organisation of the 2012 Olympics. If there is such a possibility, a meeting of interested parties will be arranged without delay.

5.6 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS**

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

How many applications for Disabled Persons Grants were (a) made in each of the years from 2006, 2007 and 2008 (to date) and (b) how many of these were approved?

Year	Applications	Approvals
2006	463	314
2007	469	361
2008 to date	512	320

5.7 **LOCAL AUTHORITY SWIMMING POOL GRANT SCHEME**

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

To ask the City Manager, given Minister Martin Cullen's answer to a recent Parliamentary Question regarding the Local Authority Swimming Pool Grant Scheme, and that it is unlikely that a second round will be opened in the near future, could Cork City Council perhaps explore alternative methods of funding for the refurbishment of the Gus Healy Pool.

The City Council already explored alternative methods of funding the provision of a new swimming pool at Douglas and secured a proposal involving a partnership with the private sector for the provision of a new pool with a range of ancillary facilities. However, the City Council decided not to proceed with the proposal as a majority of the members did not want to see any private sector involvement in the pool.

It was the Council's view at that stage that funding from the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism could be secured quickly. This did not materialise and it is reasonable to assume, having regard to the current economic climate and to other factors, that there is little prospect of funding being made available to provide a new pool in Douglas.

Having regard to this, I believe that the best option for the Council is to provide funding to carry out urgently needed repairs to the roof of the existing

pool and to continue with the current regime which sees the pool being used primarily by schools and clubs.

5.8 **LAND – CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

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

Would the Manager please give us the most up to date position regarding the land bought for sports use by Cork City Council on the Carrigrohane Road?

In 2004, the City Council bought 35 acres at Leemount, Carrigrohane, with the intention of developing a suite of playing pitches . Late last year, the NRA announced details of the proposed route for the Cork Northern Ring Road Scheme- Western Section-linking the N22 Cork to Macroom Road to the N 20 Mallow Road , which would involve a bridge crossing of the Lee at Carrigrohane. Further clarification regarding the road plan and its impact on the lands at Leemount is awaited from the NRA.

5.9 **ARTS GROUPS – ST. LUKE’S CHURCH**

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

Can the Manager advise what arts group(s) are going to be assigned residence / use of St. Luke’s Church and when are City Council officials likely to be in a position to confirm to the Council and public their future overall plans for St. Luke’s Church.

The City Council acquired St. Lukes Church with a view to having it refurbished and used for cultural and community purposes. Architects have been appointed and are preparing details of the works which need to be carried out to make the building usable. Refurbishment works should begin at the start of next year.

With regard to usage, it should be noted that the building is large and it can accommodate a variety of users. It has been indicated to date that the Council would like to see Tigh Filí accommodated but as yet no other users have been named. I would welcome approaches from interested parties as we have some time to consider potential users before the building becomes available for use.

5.10 **APPLICATIONS: HOUSING AID SCHEME FOR OLDER PEOPLE/ DISABLED PERSON’S GRANTS**

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

Please state the number of applications received

(a) Under the Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme

(b) Under the Disabled Person's Grants for the years 2007 and 2008 to-date.

Also please outline the numbers that are delayed as a result of shortage of funding, and when he expects to be in a position to re-commence the sanctioning of applications which is affecting so many sick and elderly people.

Applications received:

(a) Housing Aid for Older People Scheme was only introduced in November 2007. Therefore, the number of applications from 1st November 2007 to date.

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(b) Under the Disabled Person's Grants for the years 2007 and 2008 to-date

2007: 469

2008 to date: 512

Total 981

The number of files that are currently on hold not approved is 326.

As previously outlined the DOEHLG will be reviewing their funding for Disabled Persons Grants Schemes nationally in October. Cork City Council have written to the DOEHLG requesting that consideration be given for a further allocation of monies if there is additional monies available following the October review.

5.11 **JOB LOSSES – CORK**

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

Given the recent announcement of job loses in Cork, the general downturn in the economy, the reduction of routes available from Cork Airport, can the City Manager indicate what discussions have taken place with Government Ministers, local and national stakeholders, with a view to ensuring the economic sustainability of Cork City and if he could make a statement on the matter.

Cork City Council is a strong promoter of economic development in the city. Measures which facilitate economic development include the inclusion of appropriate policies in the City Development Plan, the provision of infrastructure, the efficient processing of planning applications, urban renewal works and the marketing of the city.

One of the specific developments which is geared towards the creation of employment is the regeneration of Cork's Docklands. The City Council has taken the lead in preparing a framework plan for this area which has the

potential to accommodate over 20,000 jobs. The City Council has made a comprehensive submission to Government seeking the introduction of financial incentives to attract investment into the Docklands. The City Council has also submitted a proposal under the Gateway Innovation Fund which includes a request for funding towards the cost of building a new Eastern Gateway Bridge to improve access to the Docklands and to facilitate development.

The City Council has in recent weeks written directly to the Taoiseach on supports sought for the regeneration of Cork's Docklands.

I have also met Minister Micheál Martin and Minister Batt O'Keeffe and discussed the need for financial support for the Eastern Gateway Bridge and for financial incentives to attract investment to the Docklands.

5.12 **SEWER PIPE – KNOCKREA LAWN**

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 circumstances surrounding the laying of a sewer pipe across a private garden connecting Knockrea Lawn, Ballinlough to Knockrea Park, Douglas Road when Knockrea Lawn was developed.

What discussions took place between the developers Kieran Coughlan and City Planners regarding this pipe, during the planning process. Were planners aware or made aware by the resident of this house or the developer that a covenant exists prohibiting any development in Knockrea Park, Douglas Road.

Can the planning file be made available for public inspection.

In developing the above scheme a drainage pipe was laid across a private garden in Knockrea Park. The arranging of this work was a private matter between the householder and the contractor and it is presumed that the work was executed in accordance whatever terms were agreed by the parties.

The planning file is available for inspection and any member of the public may view all file documents including all maps, letters, plans and drawings in relation to the proposed development together with the related engineering and planning reports/ recommendations and subsequent decisions.

6. **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CHRISTCHURCH, SOUTH MAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th September 2008 on the proposed development as required under S.179 (3) Planning & Development Act 2000 in relation to the proposed development at Christchurch, South Main Street, Cork.

The proposed development, as advertised, consists of the refurbishment and minor alterations to the interior of Christ Church and the introduction of a new link between Christ Church and the existing Triskel Arts Centre. Christ Church is a Protected Structure under the Cork City Development Plan. (Ref PS 329) It is also listed under the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (Ref 2051/4004 and is a recorded monument (Ref RMP CO 0743408/3409).

Cork City Council advertised the proposed development as required by Article 17 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006. All necessary statutory notifications were made under the Planning Acts. The proposed development is to be carried out by Cork City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. A site layout and floor plans of the proposed development are shown on the accompanying drawings.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made in relation to the proposed development ended on the 27th of August, 2008.

One submission was received within the specified period. This submission was made by Mr. Thomas O'Scanlon, and the issues raised are dealt with hereunder:

A. NAME PLATE

The submission requested that a proper name plate be erected on the front gates.

RESPONSE TO ISSUE RAISED:

- This request can be appropriately accommodated as part of the proposed works.

B. GRAVEYARD HEADSTONES

The submission requested that the graveyard headstones be cleaned .

RESPONSE TO ISSUE RAISED:

- This request can be appropriately accommodated as part of the proposed works.

C. PUBLIC ACCESS

The submission requested regular access to the building for the public.

RESPONSE TO ISSUE RAISED:

- The development will allow significantly improved access to the public to the church which at present is not possible.

D. BLACK DOWNPIPES

The submission requested that we use cast iron downpipes on the building.

RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED:

- It is not intended as part of the development to alter or replace the existing downpipes on the building.

The proposal has been considered by the Planning and Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and all have indicated that they consider the proposed development to be acceptable. The proposed development will protect and safeguard one of the most important, historical buildings within the City, and will enable a positive social and cultural use to be brought to the building whilst facilitating public access at an improved level than heretofore. Having regard to these facts, and to the provisions of the Development Plan, the proposed development is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

7. **ADOPTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 2008**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs dated 4th September 2008 and agreed to adopt the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 2008.

An Chomhairle agreed that clarification should be sought from Department of Education and Science regarding the future administration of the Higher Education Grants Scheme.

8. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 14th JULY 2008**

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th JULY 2008

8.1 **UPGRADE – ENHANCE AREA AT NASH’S BOREEN, FAIRHILL**

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

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with Cork County Council combine efforts to upgrade and enhance the public realm of Nash's Boreen, Fairhill to include:

- a. The complete resurfacing the road where necessary where responsibility rests with each Council.

- b. Provide a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Nash's Boreen on Upper Fairhill.
- c. That all boundary walls where responsibility rests with Cork City Council be repaired and reinstated.
- d. That both Councils combine and implement a litter and environment strategy in maintaining the Boreen in the interest of public health for all the residents.
- e. Upgrade the public lighting
- f. The clarification and completion of the housing developments on the Boreen.
- g. Erect Slow signs and exit notices on the road.
- h. That both authorities publish any future plans for this historic part of the city.

(Proposer Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/256)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

- (a) Responsibility for Nash's Boreen from the junction of Fairhill Upper westwards lies with Cork County Council.
- (b) A pedestrian and traffic survey will be carried out at Nash's Boreen/Upper Fairhill in order to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants are met, the provision of the facility will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.
- (c) Responsibility for Nash's Boreen from the junction of Fairhill Upper westwards lies with Cork County Council.
- (d) Cork City Council cleans the sections of Nash's Boreen within the City boundaries on a regular basis, about six times a year, and will continue to do so. Cork County Council will be contacted in relation to co-ordination of efforts on cleaning of Nash's Boreen.
- (e) The public lighting in the area will be surveyed and assessed, and any necessary measures to improve and upgrade the public lighting to modern standards will be identified. Any identified measures will also be put forward for consideration to be funded from Ward Funds or alternatively to be considered for inclusion in the roads programme.
- (f) At present Cork City Council Housing Directorate are investigating options for the development of a residential development, which may incorporate a relocated Parks/Works Depot, at Nash's Boreen. These plans, which are at an initial design stage, will be advanced through the Part VIII process in due course & will therefore come before the Members of Council.
- (g) Slow signs have proved to be ineffective in the past in reducing traffic speeds. The area will be considered for traffic calming and any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

- (h) Most of Nashs Boreen is in the County area but there is an objective in the City Development Plan to upgrade it as an amenity walkway/cycleway.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1st SEPTEMBER 2008**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the months of July and August, 2008.

9.2 **DISPOSALS**

Comhairleoir C. O' Leary proposed that the property disposals not be dealt with and be deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O' Callaghan, a vote was called for to consider the disposals where there appeared as follows;

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, J. O' Callaghan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer (16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, M. O' Connell, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Ahern. (9)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and put the following forward for consideration.

An Chomhairle then considered the following:

Property Disposals

- a) Disposal of land approximately 0.24 hectares in area situated at The Marina, Blackrock, Cork, to the Trustees of Lee Rowing Club, c/o John O Lee & Co., Solicitors, 30/31, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €10,000 plus €1,500 costs.
- b) Disposal of site approximately 121.6m² in area situated adjacent to No. 1, Fullers Road, Cork, to Donal O'Driscoll, c/o Coakley Moloney, Solicitors, 49, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1,000.00 plus €1,500.00 costs.
- c) Disposal of 16 units situated at Heather Walk and known as Phase 3, Ard-Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork, to 16 no. applicants under the Affordable Housing Scheme.
- d) Disposal of leasehold interest in the dwellinghouse and premises situate at and known as No. 22, Nun's Walk, Pouladuff Road, Cork, to Michael and Theresa O'Leary, c/o Carey Murphy & Partners, Solicitors, 23, Marlboro Street, Cork, for the sum of €1,000.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00.

- e) Disposal of 16 no. properties at Dominic Street, Cork, by way of lease to Threshold Limited, 22 South Mall, Cork.
- f) Disposal of site approximately 430m² in area situated at The Maples, Ballinure to Cluid Housing Association Limited for the nominal sum of €1 plus costs.

Derelict Site

- a) To consider report by City Manager dated the 28th August 2008 regarding derelict site at No. 67/68, Shandon Street, Cork.
- b)

Fee Simple Interest

- a) Disposal of freehold interest in premises situate at and known as 9, Derrynane Road, Turners Cross, Cork to Jeremiah and Ellen Falvey for the sum of €10.16 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- b) Disposal of freehold interest in the premises situate at and known as No. 6, Redemption Road, Cork to Martin and Kathleen Corcoran for the sum of €50.80 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

An Chomhairle approved Property Disposals, the report of the City Manager dated 28th August 2008 regarding Derelict Site at No. 67/68, Shandon Street, Cork, and the disposals of Fee Simple Interests.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE– 1st SEPTEMBER 2008**

10.1 **QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH TAXI DRIVER REPRESENTATIVES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 28th August 2008 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there are several taxi organisations in Cork and the Traffic Division is in regular contact with them by telephone. In the past month, there were two meetings held with their representatives and the Gardaí, to discuss various issues concerning the City Centre taxi operations.

There is no need to organise set regular meetings, contact and meetings are held when issues arise and matters need to be dealt with.

An Chomhairle agreed that the Chair of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee should be present at these meetings.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1st SEPTEMBER 2008**

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 28th August, 2008 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended July, 2008.

11.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE – “THE GROVE”, ORCHARD ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 28th August 2008 regarding the taking in charge – “The Grove”, Orchard Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary, An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August 2008 and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in circumstances where Council is being asked to consider the proposed taking in charge of a residential development and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at “The Grove”, Orchard Road, Cork, be taken in charge”.

11.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT LANE BETWEEN 152 – 153 GREENHILLS COURT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 28th August 2008 regarding the proposed extinguishment of public right of way at lane between 152 – 153 Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered the 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

extending from the existing pedestrian walkway between the northern boundary of No. 152 Greenhills Court and the southern boundary of No. 153 Greenhills Court from the projection of the rear of the existing footpath fronting No. 153 Greenhills Court in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 18 metres to the projection of the western boundary at No. 152 Greenhills Court, is extinguished forthwith”.

11.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 173/174 GREENHILLS COURT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 28th August 2008 regarding the proposed extinguishment of public right of way at 173/174 Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O’ Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered the 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 extending from the existing pedestrian walkway between the northern boundary of No. 173 Greenhills Court and the southern boundary of No. 174 Greenhills Court from the projection of the rear of the existing footpath fronting No. 174 Greenhills Court in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 18 metres to the projection of the western boundary at No. 173 Greenhills Court, is extinguished forthwith”.

11.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT GILABBEY STREET/ST. FINBARRS ROAD BETWEEN NO. 21 AND NO. 22 GILABBEY STREET, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 28th August 2008 regarding the proposed extinguishment of public right of way at Gilabbey Street/St. Finbarrs Road between No. 21 and No. 22 Gilabbey Street Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’ Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered the 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 extending from the existing pedestrian walkway between No. 21 and No. 22 Gilabbey Street from the rear of the southern footpath at Gilabbey Street in a

southern direction for a distance of approximately 17 metres to the projection of the southern rear boundary of No. 22 Gilabbey Street be extinguished.”

11.6 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE/FAIRFIELD CRESCENT, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 28th August 2008 regarding the proposed extinguishment of public right of way at Knockpogue Avenue/Fairfield Crescent, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary, An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered the 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 pedestrian laneway between No. 87 and No. 89 Knockpogue Avenue and No. 12 and No. 13 Fairfield Crescent from the rear of the northern footpath at Knockpogue Avenue in a north-easterly and then northerly direction for a distance of approximately 57 metres to the extension of the front boundary of No. 13 Fairfield Crescent is extinguished forthwith”.

11.7 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT GREEN LAWN/SLIEVE MISH PARK, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 28th August 2008 regarding the proposed extinguishment of public right of way at Green Lawns/Slieve Mish Park, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

Having considered the 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 pedestrian walkway between No. 33 and No. 34 Green Lawn and directly adjacent to the western boundary of No. 66 Slieve Mish Park from the rear of the northern footpath at Slieve Mish Park in a northerly and north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 57 metres to the rear of the southern footpath of Green lawn **not be extinguished.**”

11.8 **PLUNKETT ROAD & MC DONAGH ROAD – 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include Plunkett Road 2 to 36 and McDonagh Road 2 to 18, 1 to 33 in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/185)

The report of the A/Director of Services Roads & Transportation stated that Plunkett Road 2 to 36 and McDonagh Road 2 to 18, 1 to 33 are not included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme. We will consider these areas for inclusion in next year’s programme.

11.9 **STUDY OF FOOTPATHS – 2007/2008 FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out a study of the footpath on Plunkett Road, McDonagh Road, Killeenreendowney and Father Dominic Road with a view to including them in the 2007/2008 footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/186)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that many of the footpaths on Plunkett Road, McDonagh Road, Killeenreendowney and Father Dominic Road have been included in the 2007 and 2008 roadworks programme. The remaining footpaths in these areas will be considered for inclusion in next year’s programme.

11.10 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL AT MARION PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the footpath on the inner circle of Marion Park, Blackrock be completely renewed as it is in a very bad state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/245)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that the footpath at the inner circle of Marian Park, Blackrock will be considered for inclusion in next year’s footpath renewal programme. In the meantime any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

11.11 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL AT MCGRATH PARK BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a footpath renewal programme be carried out at McGrath Park, Blackrock as it is in a very bad state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/246)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that the footpath at McGrath Park, Blackrock, will be considered for inclusion in next year’s footpath renewal programme. In the meantime, any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

11.12 **RESTRICT HGV’S ON THE BALLINLOUGH ROAD FROM HIGH STREET TO BELLAIR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would restrict HGVs on the Ballinlough Road from High Street to Bellair as the Road is very narrow and cannot accommodate these vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/265)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that discussions will be held with the Gardaí on the appropriateness of applying Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) restrictions on the section of Ballinlough Road between the junctions with High Street and Bellair. Approval must be sought from the Gardaí who will be responsible for enforcing such signs. It should be noted that HGV restrictions does not apply to vehicles that are accessing the local area or are making deliveries, etc. The restrictions are designed to prevent rat running by lorries and trucks. If agreement is reached with the Gardaí the signs for the HGV restrictions will be installed as part of this year’s roads programme.

11.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT GATE LODGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would evaluate Gate Lodge, Castle Road, with a view to installing appropriate traffic calming measures’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 08/269)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that Gate Lodge, Castle 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.

11.14 **UPGRADE LIGHTING FOR KILCREA PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council will investigate and report on the lighting requirements for Kilcrea Park, Magazine Road and upgrade the lighting in the park to the highest modern standard.’

(Proposer: Ard Mhéara, Comh. B. Bermingham 08/272)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that the public lighting in Kilcrea Park, Magazine Road will be examined and assessed for necessary measures to bring the lighting quality in the area to modern acceptable standards. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme or alternatively will be brought to the attention of the local Ward meeting for possible funding from Ward funds.

11.15 **SPEED CAMERA AT BOHERBOY ROAD & SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD & SILVERHEIGHTS AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with Mayfield Gardaí introduce speed cameras on a pilot basis at Boherboy Road and Silverheights Road and Silverheights Avenue in order to reduce substantially the danger to youngsters at play and pedestrians and the Programme be funded from the Council’s Traffic Calming budget and fines collected.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/274)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that the location of speed cameras is a matter between the Gardaí and the contractors who have been recently appointed by the Department of Justice. The motion will be brought to the attention of the Gardaí with the view that the areas listed in the motion will be considered as appropriate locations for the use of speed cameras.

11.16 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON UPPER CLARKES ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the footpaths on Upper Clarkes Road be renewed as parts of them are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/275)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that the footpaths at the upper part of Clarkes Road will be considered for inclusion in next year’s footpath renewal programme. In the meantime any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

11.17 **A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CHURCHFIELD AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put in place a Pedestrian Crossing between Churchfield Hill and the Bantry Park Road Housing Development to facilitate older people living in the area to cross the road to the local shop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/276)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that traffic and pedestrian counts will be carried out between Churchfield Hill and the Bantry Park Road Housing Development in order to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the area. If sufficient warrants exist, the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

11.18 **SHANAKIEL ROAD FOR TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council as part of its Traffic Calming Programme would include the junction from Shanakiel Road to Shanakiel Hospital in the 2008 Programme and that a traffic survey be carried out in the area to determine what traffic calming measures are required and that these measures should include the appropriate number of ramps that would slow down traffic coming on to a very dangerous junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/278)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that the section of Shanakiel Road to Shanakiel Hospital will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

11.19 **PELICAN CROSSING BOREENMANNA ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a pelican crossing would be put in as a matter of urgency near Ashton school and Dunmore Lawn Boreenmanna Road so students and residents can cross in safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/280)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that traffic and pedestrian counts will be carried out on Boreenmanna Road between the entrance to Ashton School and junction with Dunmore Lawn in order to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the area. If sufficient warrants exist, the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

11.20 **20MPH SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a speed limit of 20mph be introduced on roads in residential area where traffic measures are required but cannot be implemented due to (a) lack of funds (b) the fact that the road forms part of a bus route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/281)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that 20 mph (30 kph) is a ‘special speed limit’ and the guidelines for the installation of such special speed limits include the following:

- The roads with the special speed limit have been provided with appropriate traffic calming measures to ensure that that vehicle speeds are constrained to 30kph.
- All other relevant engineering safety measures should have been tried or considered not sufficient or appropriate before applying such a special speed limit.

The intention will be that this low speed limit will be used only in conjunction with traffic calming measures and will generally be self enforcing. Providing low speed limits at locations where there would not be a high level of 'natural compliance' could bring the principle of the special speed limits into disrepute and would be counter-productive.

For traffic calming schemes it is better that each location is assessed separately and appropriate traffic calming measures (including possible speed limits) are identified and put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

11.21 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CATHEDRAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place on Cathedral Road, especially on the stretch from St. Enda’s Road to Wolfe Tone St.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/283)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that Cathedral Road between the junctions with St. Enda’s Road and Wolfe Tone Street is on the no.2 Bus Green Route. The issue of speeding and traffic calming on this stretch of road will be brought to the attention of the Green Rotes consultants, and any identified appropriate measures will be installed as part of the Green Routes project.

11.22 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – LIAM HEALY ROAD FAIR HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council agrees to implement traffic calming measures at Liam Healy Road Fair Hill to combat speeding vehicles through the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/284)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that Liam Healy Road, Fairhill will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

11.23 **RESURFACE OF STREAM HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That provision be made to resurface Stream Hill i.e. The Dillons Cross area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 08/291)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that Stream Hill is not included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme. We will consider this area for inclusion in next year’s programme.

11.24 **CAR SPACES AT WYCHERLEY TERRACE/ PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the car parking spaces at Wycherley Terrace and Wycherley Place where they join Magazine Road be repaired and reinstated as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/293)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation stated that we will consider the car parking areas at Wycherley Terrace and Wycherley Place for inclusion in next year’s resurfacing programme.

11.25 **WILTON COURT BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2009**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 28th August, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Wilton Court (the area accessed from Sarsfield Road) would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/294)

The report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation stated that we will consider Wilton Court (the area accessed from Sarsfield Road) for inclusion in next year’s resurfacing programme.

11.26 **EXTRA PARKING AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, dated 28th August, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a report on the green area between No 61 and No 78 Knockpogue Avenue Farranree to see if extra parking can be provided as part of the green area to parking scheme. This is a very narrow stretch of roadway and is the only on-street parking available to residents. It is causing huge problems for residents because once a couple of cars are parked on the road it is impossible for anyone else to drive through. This would also apply to emergency services who would find it very difficult to access the area in case of emergency. Also that the green area in Fairfield Crescent Farranree be converted to parking. This is a very small area which has the unanimous support of all residents who now find themselves in the situation where they cannot park their cars in the area which they live. They believe that by converting the green area for parking would help elevate the chronic situation which now exists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/277)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the report of the A/Director of Services, Roads and Transportation back to Roads and Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1 **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir D. Murphy advised An Chomhairle that a Progress Report on the activities of the Joint Policing Committee will be forwarded to An Chomhairle for information.

13. **CONFERENCES**

13.1 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald & T. O’Driscoll at the Local Government Planning Service held in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Co. Cork on the 4th – 6th July, 2008.

13.2 **THE JOHN HEWITT INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL “LET THERE BE NO WALL”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O’Flynn at the John Hewitt International Summer School “Let There Be No Wall” Conference held in the Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre, Armagh on the 28th July – 1st August, 2008.

13.3 **THE SLIABH LUACHRA SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle at the Sliabh Luachra Summer School held in the Bruach na Carraige Cultural & Heritage Centre, Rockchapel, Co. Cork on the 5th – 10th August, 2008. Comhairleoir M. Shields did not attend this conference.

13.4 **PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Shields, D. McCarthy and F. Dennehy at the Parnell Summer School 2008 held in Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on the 10th – 15th August, 2008.

13.5 **MERRIMAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Shields, F. Dennehy and J. Kelleher at the Merriman Summer School 2008 held in Ennis, Co. Clare on the 17th – 23rd August, 2008.

13.6 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & THE ARTS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and M. O’Connell at the Local Government & The Arts Conference held in Dooley’s Hotel, Birr, Co. Offaly on the 22nd – 24th August, 2008.

13.7 **95th AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn, J. O’Callaghan, M. Shields, M. O’Connell, T. Shannon, F. Dennehy L. McGonigle and D. McCarthy at the 95th AMAI Annual Conference 2008 to be held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on the 10th – 13th September 2008.

13.8 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF FOLK STUDIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, M. O’Connell, J. Kelleher and P. Gosch at the Annual Conference of the Society of Folk Studies to be held in The Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 18th – 21st September, 2008.

13.9 **2008 LA TOUCH LEGACY SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, P. Gosch at the 2008 La Touch Legacy Seminar to be held in the Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 3rd – 5th October, 2008.

13.10 **LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCING – “A CRISIS BREWING, THE CHALLENGE FOR COUNCILLORS”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. Shannon and P. Gosch at the Local Authority Financing – “A Crisis

Brewing, the Challenge for Councillors” to be held in Killarney Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, Co. Kerry on the 16th – 18th October 2008.

13.11 **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & ASSOCIATED HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, J. Kelleher and P. Gosch at the Anti Social Behaviour & Associated Health & Safety Issues to be held in the Carrig Hotel, Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Tipperary on the 31st October – 1st November, 2008.

13.12 **GETTING A GRIP 2008 “ADDICTION PROOFING OUR COMMUNITIES”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell, T. O’ Driscoll at the Getting A Grip conference to be held in The Malton, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 2nd – 3rd October 2008.

13.13 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll at the Freedom of Information Conference to be held in Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on 10th – 11th October 2008.

13.14 **MACGILL SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the MacGill Summer School to be held in Glenties, Co. Donegal on 12th – 19th July 2008.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **FRIARS WALK, TORY TOP ROAD – 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Friars Walk, Tory Top Road junction in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/187)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING – FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

‘That traffic calming be installed in Father Dominic Road, between 8 and 11 on the sweep of the bend and that the footpath outside 2 to 8 be immediately resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/189)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **LAKE LAWN, WELL ROAD BE SURVEYED**

‘That Lake Lawn, Well Road be surveyed with a view to the Road Carriageway being resurfaced in the two Cul de Sac where road subsidence is a major problem. This work should be included in the 2009 Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/247)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **BELMONT PARK, BALLINLOUGH INCLUDED IN 2009 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

That Belmont Park, Ballinlough be included in the 2009 Road Resurfacing Programme as the road carriageway is in a very poor state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/248)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install double yellow lines outside the entrances to homes adjacent to J.J. O’Driscoll’s shop on the Ballinlough Road, in an effort to reduce the amount of illegal parking in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/279)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **PEDESTRIAN BARRIER ON THE BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council replace the pedestrian barrier at the foot of the steps at hillcrest Estate on the Blarney Road in the interest of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/285)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **PREVENT MOTOCYCLES AND HORSE AND TRAPS ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & WALKWAYS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce measures in Meelick Park and Park Court Estates in Ballyvolane to prevent motorcycles, and horse and traps being used on the public footpath and walk ways. Can the existing bars be extended to prevent motorcycles entering the green areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/288)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 **BONFIRE DEBRIS AT PARK COURT/ CLONARD ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council remove the bonfires debris on Park Court/Clonard Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/289)

Environment Functional Committee

14.9 **CLOSE THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN VILLE VIEW TERRACE AND STRAWBERRY HILL**

‘That Cork City Council would close off the alleyway between Ville View Terrace, Strawberry Hill and Shanakiel Road following requests from residents. This alleyway is not in use and is causing anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/295)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **WALL TO BE BUILT BETWEEN THE GREEN, ST. JOHNS WELL AND BRIDEVALLEY VIEW**

‘I propose that a wall be built between the Green, St Johns Well and Bridevalley View.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/304)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.11 **2009 ROADS PROGRAMME – KILCOLMAN LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would include Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road for inclusion of the 2009 Roads Programme given the poor state of the carriageway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/305)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Gosch, seconded by D. Murphy a vote was called for to suspend Standing Order and continue the meeting to 8.30pm where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, J. O’ Callaghan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, Ardmhéara, M. Ahern and J. Buttimer (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields. (8)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the meeting continued to 8.30pm.

14.12 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT GLENGARIFF ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put in place traffic calming measures in Glengariff Road, Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Fitzgerald 08/306)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **CORK CITY – A RENDITION FREE ZONE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion;

‘Cork City Council is totally opposed to the illegal detention, transfer and torture of prisoners in all circumstances. There is never a legitimate reason for illegal detention, transfer and torture of anyone. Cork City Council commits to ensuring that our community is a Rendition-free Zone effective immediately.

To this end Cork City Council will ensure that where there is reason to believe that actions are planned, aimed at carrying out such activities as renditions or associated operations, the relevant law enforcement authorities will be notified and public records of all such notifications will be maintained.

The human rights of all individuals must be upheld, protected and promoted at all times. Cork City Council will endeavour to ensure that our community

leads the way in upholding the human rights of all people within our jurisdiction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 08/307)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, a vote was called for that a vote be taken on the amendment of the motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O’Connell, J. O’ Callaghan, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, Ardmhéara, J. Buttimer (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, G. O’ Flynn, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, S. Martin, M. Ahern. (7)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and a vote to be taken on an amendment.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J.Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, a vote was called for to amend the motion; where there appears as follows;

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O’ Connell, J. O’ Callaghan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, Ardmhéara, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer (18)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry (1)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir S. Martin (1)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and An Chomhairle approved the motion with amendment;

‘Cork City Council is totally opposed to the illegal detention, transfer and torture of prisoners in all circumstances. There is never a legitimate reason for illegal detention, transfer and torture of anyone. Cork City Council commits to ensuring that our community is a Rendition-free Zone effective immediately **whilst relying on the Department of Justice and An Garda Síochána to achieve this objective.**

14.14 **COBBLESTONE ROAD SURFACE ON BEASLEY STREET**

‘That the old cobblestone road surface on Beasley Street (off Oliver Plunkett St.) be re-instated as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 08/308)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.15 **CULTURAL TOURIST TRAIL IN THE SOUTH PARISH**

‘That a cultural tourist trail be established linking St. FinBarre’s Cathedral, Elizabeth Fort, Red Abbey Tower and other historic buildings in the South Parish and that funding be sought to improve the appearance of the surrounding streets.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/310)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

14.16 **FOOTPATHS ON LOWER CONNOLLY ROAD INCLUD**

‘That the footpaths on Lower Connolly Road be included in the 2009 Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/311)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT, TIVOLI**

‘That Cork City Council would put traffic calming measures in place in Silversprings Court, Tivoli in consultation with the local residents and the Silversprings Court Residents Association in order to ensure safety for children and pedestrians and local drivers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/314)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.18 **UPGRADE LIGHTING ON SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would seriously upgrade public lighting on Siliverheights Road and Boherboy Road both of which are part of the No. 8 Bus route and have high pedestrian and traffic use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/315)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.19 **BYELAW TO OUTLINE HEIGHT REGULATIONS OF HEADSTONES**

‘That Cork City Council agree to introduce a Byelaw to outline height regulations etc. regarding the erection of headstone memorials in our graveyards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/316)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

14.20 **BYELAW TO BAN THE IMPORT, SALE OR HIRE OF ANY SWORD WITH BLADE OF 50 CM OR MORE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the following motion with amendment;

‘That Cork City Council agrees to introduce a Byelaw to ban the import, sale or hire of any sword with a curved blade of 50 centimetres or more in length **and replica fire arms** in the interest of public safety’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 08/317)

An Chomhairle agreed that this motion be forwarded to the Joint Policing Committee, and the Department of Justice.

14.21 **CURBSTONES SURROUNDING THE GREEN AREA IN PARKVIEW**

‘That the City Council carry out a costing to replace the curbstones surrounding the green area in Parkview, Parklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 08/319)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.22 **HANDRAIL FOR STEPS TO LOWER BARRETT’S TERRACE**

‘That a handrail be located at both sides of the steps to Lower Barretts Terrace from Lower Barretts Buildings in view of the fact that there are a lot of elderly people in that area who find the steps very dangerous and furthermore, that a public light be located at the end of the steps as they are insufficiently lit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/320)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.23 **FOOTPATH ON GARANE LANE**

‘That the footpaths on Garane Lane (i.e. from the Bishopstown Road to Woodhaven) and Laurel Grove in Bishopstown would be surveyed so as to replace and repair the surface of the footpath and to raise the height of the footpaths above the road surface level.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/321)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.24 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON FARRANLEA ROAD**

‘That additional traffic calming measures be introduced on the section of roadway at Farranlea Road from the junction at Farranlea Grove to Farranlea Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/322)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Gosch, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, a vote was called to Suspend Standing Orders for a further half an hour to discuss the cutbacks in the public sector.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’ Callaghan, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, F. Kerins, Ardmhéara B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, M. O’ Connell, C. O’ Leary, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Ahern. (9)

15. **IMPACT OF CUTBACKS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

An Chomhairle discussed the Public Service cuts and they raised a number of queries in relation to the impacts the cuts will have on the operations of the City Council.

The City Manager responded to queries, confirming that the Government had written to Council requiring a 3% reduction in payroll costs.

The Manager indicated that all options would need careful consideration and before finalising plans to deliver the 3% reduction, substantial consultation and discussion will be required with all relevant stakeholders including staff and unions.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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