

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 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 D. McCarthy, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, F. Dennehy.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer.  
Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Docklands.  
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture.  
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.  
Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Planning & Development.  
Mr. S. Coghlan, Senior Engineer, Docklands.  
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Mahony family on the death of Dr. Tim Mahony.
- The Brennan family on the death of Mr. Seamus Brennan.
- The O’Sullivan family on the death of Madge O’Sullivan.
- The Twomey family on the death of Geraldine Twomey.
- The Allen family on the death of Abe Allen.

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

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

- Conor Counihan and the Cork Senior Football Squad, wishing them the Best of luck in the All Ireland Semi Finals.
- Cork City F.C. on winning the Munster Senior Cup.
- Mark Barry of the Irish Examiner on his new career.
- Cllr. Jim Corr and the Organising Committee of the Cork Midsummer Festival on their very successful festival.

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

- Former Lord Mayor, Mr. Pearse Wyse.

2. **MINUTES**

- (a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 were considered and approved with the following amendments, to note under item 9.7 the objection of Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary and M. Barry.
- (b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Whole Council in Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were considered and approved.
- (c) The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008 were considered and approved with the following amendment, to note the objection of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary to the Election of the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor.
- (d) The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 were considered and approved.
- (e) The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE ARD CAIRN ESTATE, BALLINTEMPLE**

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

To ask the Manager, further to my motion to City Council last year, would the Manager update City Council on the present position regarding the taking in charge the estate known as Ard Cairn, Ballintemple.

- (a) What discussions have taken place with the developer in this regard.
- (b) What list of outstanding works has been identified.
- (c) What time scale has been agreed between City Council and the developer for outstanding work to be completed.
- (d) Is a bond in place and for what amount, and will City Council encash this bond and complete the outstanding works if the developer will not do so in a timely fashion.

The Developer of Ardcairn met with staff of the Planning and Development Directorate recently to finalise arrangements in relation to the Taking-In-Charge of Ardcairn.

Following these discussions, I confirm that the Planning and Development Directorate have issued a request to the Roads and Transportation Directorate to initiate the Taking-In-Charge procedure.

### 3.2 **MAINTENANCE WORKS AT ST. PETERS CHURCH LANE**

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

- (a) What action has been taken by City Council to ensure the re-installation of the paving on Peters Church Lane by the developer.
  - (b) Who is responsible for the public lighting in the Archway, installation and maintenance.
  - (c) The installation of the second gate on the Grattan Street entrance.
  - (d) The cleaning of St. Peters Church Lane.
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- (a) The City Council has issued Violation Notices to the Developer who is responsible for this work and is actively following these up.
  - (b) The public lighting on Saint Peters Lane, Grattan Street is in the charge of Cork City Council and arrangements will be put in hand to inspect the location and address any maintenance issues with ESB Contracts.
  - (c) Parks Department has no plans to install a second gate to St. Peters Park.
  - (d) Waste Operations are responsible for the cleaning of St. Peter's Church Lane which is also known as St. Peter's Avenue. This area is swept twice a day from Monday to Friday inclusive and once a day on Saturdays and Sundays.

### 3.3 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL**

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

To ask the Manager – due to the ongoing anti-social behaviour that is taking place on a very regular basis in the vicinity of the Gus Healy Swimming Pool and Japanese Gardens in Ballinlough Park, will the Manager:

- (a) Inform City Council what responsibility the Council has in helping combat this anti-social behaviour.
- (b) Agree that the following measures be implemented in consultation with the local residents to help combat this unacceptable behaviour.
  - A gate be erected at the Douglas Road entrance with a key for local residents who reside on this land.
  - Public lighting be installed in the Park.
  - The entire Park be fenced and a Caretaker/ Park ranger be appointed to open and close the Park and generally supervise the area.

The City Council has responsibility to address issues of anti-social behaviour at the above location in consultation with local residents and the Gardai.

A meeting will be arranged with the residents and the Gardai to discuss the extent of the anti-social activities and, to consider appropriate measures to deter these activities in line with available resources.

3.4 **DEVELOPMENT AT PARKMEADE CLOSE, PARKLANDS UNDER CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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

In relation to the green area of Parkmeade Close, Parklands – would the Manager please inform me as to:

- (a) the level of protection against residential or commercial development afforded to the green under the current City Development Plan.
- (b) If the green is in City Council ownership?

- (a) The area is zoned as part of the Commons *Ridge Protection Zone* in the *Cork City Development Plan 2004*. The objective of this zoning is: *To preserve and enhance the appearance of the ridges, through allowing land uses compatible with the landscape feature*. There is a general presumption against developments in Ridge Protection Zones unless it can be demonstrated by means of a landscape assessment and through appropriate building and design proposals that the proposed development will enhance the overall landscape character of the site and its visual context and subject to criteria set out in Chapter 8: Policy NHR 5.

The area in question is owned by Cork City Council and was acquired by way of Agreement dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 1996, whereby the lands were dedicated to Cork City Council for the use of the public for the use of said lands as public open space including all such uses as amenity areas, features of ornamental landscape etc.

3.5 **REPAIR WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE ATLANTIC POND**

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

To ask the City Manager if repair works can be carried out on the Atlantic Pond, given that the side walls are now collapsing into the pond and there is a significant amount of physical debris at the western stream that feeds the pond.

The Public Realm Strategy (2008) for the South Docks includes proposals for major improvement works and enhancement of the Atlantic Pond. The detailed design for these works will address the issue of repairs to the perimeter retaining walls.

Debris and litter that is deposited in the pond is removed on a regular basis as part of the scheduled maintenance for the area.

3.6 **AMOUNT OF REGISTERED VOTERS AND OFF LICENCES PER WARD**

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

1. Can the Manager confirm the (i) number of off licence premises, and (ii) the number of registered voters in each of the following local authority electoral areas:

- (a) North East Ward
- (b) North Central Ward
- (c) North West Ward
- (d) South West Ward
- (e) South Central Ward
- (f) South East Ward

Information in relation to the number of off-licences is held by the District Court and is not available in the format requested. The list hereunder details the current off-licences in the City and environs.

<b>LICENSEE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	Ballyvolane
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	Bandon Road
Margaret O'Donovan	The Post Office, Bishopstown
Tesco Ireland Ltd	Paul St Shopping Centre
John Galvin	The Shop, Clermont Estate, Douglas Road
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	Curraheen Road, Bishopstown
Tesco Ireland Ltd	Douglas Shopping Centre
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	Douglas Shopping Centre
Arian Horgan	Village Green, Douglas Court
Crimdale Developments Ltd	Hollyhill Shopping Centre
Margaret O'Donovan	Kingsleigh, Douglas East
C.M.C. St. Patrick's Ltd	Supervalu, Merchants Quay
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	North Main Street
Bradleys Supermarket Ltd	81/82 North Main Street
Elizabeth Finn	20 Popes Quay
Cliffords Ltd	91 Shandon St
SCOPETEC Ltd	Togher Shopping Centre,

	The Lough
Margaret O Donovan	9/10 York Terrace, Summerhill
Brian Herlihy	Herlihy's Foodmarket, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown
Aldi Stores Ireland Ltd	Granges Road, Douglas
JFH Ltd	Skehard Road, Blackrock
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	St Patrick's Street
David O'Sullivan	Ashdale Stores, South Douglas Road
Grand CRU Wines Ltd	Unit 1, Block E2, Blackpool Retail Park
Dunnes Stores Munster Ltd	Blackpool Shopping Centre
David O'Sullivan	5 Pearse Street Square, Ballyphehane
Lidl Ireland GMBH	Southside Shopping Centre, Togher
Margaret O'Donovan	89 Oliver Plunkett Street
O'Riordan and Lingane Ltd	Centra, 64 Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane
Joseph O'Donovan	10/11 Pearse Square, Ballyphehane
SD Stores Ltd	Unit 1 Ardfallen Retail Park, Douglass Road
Brian Herlihy	82/83 Grand Parade
Tesco Ireland ltd	Tesco Wilton
Ard Services ltd	Statoil, Lower Road, Tivoli
Tesco Ireland	Mahon Point
Margaret O'Donovan	Grangehill Stores, Douglas
Ard Services	Statoil Frankfield Road
Strand Stores Ltd	Centra Douglas
Frankfield Supermarkets	Supervalu Grange
Jadehall Ltd	Old Youghal Road
Kieran Whyte	Togher Cross
Paul Montgomery	Centra Victoria Cross
St Patrick's Hill Supermarkets Ltd	Centra 21 Coburg St

Aldi Stores Ireland Ltd	Mayfield Business Park
Lidl Ireland GMBH	Ballyhooley Road Ballyvolane
Lidl Ireland GMBH	Mt Agnes Road Churchfield
Aldi	Tory Top Rd Ballyphehane

(ii) **the number of registered voters** in each of the following local authority electoral areas:

- (a) North East Ward            11,920
- (b) North Central Ward        13,455
- (c) North West Ward           12,088
- (d) South West Ward           13,069
- (e) South Central Ward        12,477
- (f) South East Ward            19,018

3.7 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROSE HILL, OFF SUNDAYS WELL**

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

Can the Manager tell me when he believes that Cork City Council would be in a position to take in charge the roadway known as Rose Hill, off Sundays Well Road? Following a recent motion which I submitted to Cork City Council in relation to the condition of the road I was informed that Cork City Council had not taken this particular road in charge. This is a very old part of Cork and this stretch of road is there for a very long time and is in need of urgent resurfacing.

The road in question, Rose Hill (Upper) is a cul-de-sac which provides access to a small number of private houses and as such it is not of general public utility. It is not the intention of the City Council to take this access road in charge and thus upkeep of the road is the responsibility owner(s) of the land over which the road traverses.

3.8 **NOISE POLLTION**

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

- (a) What progress has been made in relation to proposals regarding noise pollution on the streets of our city.
- (b) Has any consideration been given to relaxing parking controls in parishes adjoining the city centre on Saturdays. Such controls to be done on a pilot basis.

- a) The Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 require that local authorities produce noise action plans for areas adjacent to roads above a threshold volume level of 6 million vehicles a year. A draft of these plans must be ready by the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and after a public consultation process, a final version will be transmitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the end of October of this year.

Cork City Council's draft plan will be ready by the deadline and it is intended that the public consultation process will be carried out in August/September, during which time submissions and comments will be invited on the draft plan. A report on the plan and submissions received, will be submitted to Council in October before transmission of the final version to the EPA.

- b) The time of operation of pay parking controls and the duration of parking allowed (1 hour or 2 hour), in residential areas with pay parking controls is the subject of agreement with local residents and their representatives. Contact should be made with the Traffic Division if residents wish to adjust the pay parking controls in their area.

3.9 **DEVELOP LAND BEHIND HUSES AT WOODLAWN, TRAMORE ROAD**

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

Can the Manager indicate if there are any plans to develop the land behind the houses at Woodlawn, Tramore Road.?

The Planning Directorate are not aware of any current plans to develop the land to the rear of nos.51-68, Woodlawn, Tramore Road. No pre-planning consultations have taken place in connection with this land.

The Housing Directorate have confirmed they are not aware of any current plans to develop this land.

3.10 **NEW HOUSING PROJECT ON TORY TOP ROAD**

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

When is it proposed to commence work on the new housing project on Tory Top Road and what is the estimated completion date for the scheme?

A review of all housing project starts is currently being undertaken. While the above scheme is at an advanced stage a commencement date has not yet been agreed.

3.11 **TOTAL WATER CHARGES INVOICED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL TO SCHOOLS**

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

To ask the Manager what is the value of the total water charges invoiced by Cork City Council to schools within its administration area since the introduction of water charges to schools, broken down in each year since the charges were introduced, and showing the amounts of these charges which have been paid, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

As Members will be aware schools have historically been required to pay charges in respect of the operational costs of water supply. The only exception arising concerned schools in disadvantaged areas and this exception ceased with the introduction of the new water pricing policy. It would not be possible to trace sufficient data/records to provide a detailed annual account of bills and receipts over the decades since water charges were originally introduced. However the following information may be useful in developing an overall understanding of the number of schools and the payments involved under the new pricing policy.

There are currently 84 schools listed as customers on the City Councils billing database.

In 2006 schools were billed €250,133.76 for water and payment of € 132,188.23 was received.

In 2007 schools were billed €81,150.00 for water and payment of € 140,791.34 was received.

The amount billed to schools for 2008 amounts to €94,675.00 and receipts to date total €11,312.90

Current arrears on school accounts amounts to €217,674.35. More than half of all schools have their accounts up to date and the majority of the remaining schools have either made some payments or are in dialogue with the Council regarding same.

Members will recall that, in 2007, the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government issued revised instructions regarding the method of charging schools for the years 2007/8/9. Under the revised arrangements water charges for schools are to be levied on the basis of a fixed sum per pupil with full volumetric billing being reintroduced in 2010. The revised arrangements were designed to afford schools an extended opportunity to make any necessary changes in response to the new pricing policy – particularly in relation to water use and leaks. School accounts have been charged in accordance with the Departments instructions and the current arrears figure is reflective of this.

3.12 **MAINTENANCE OF GREEN OPEN SPACES IN BISHOPSTOWN AREA**

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

The public green open spaces in West Bishopstown are in a shocking condition especially-

- (a) The green area at the roundabout at Bandon Road.
- (b) The green area surrounding the perimeter wall of Dunville Estate.
- (c) The green areas from South Link Road leading to Bishopscourt Shopping Centre.
- (d) The walkway between Bishopstown Road and Sarsfield Road Roundabout.
- (e) Wilton Road opposite Wilton Shopping Centre and the green area adjacent to the Wilton Roundabout (not as bad as the others but nevertheless urgently needs upgrading and planting).

The grass is “knee high” and the weeds are taking over in all of these areas.

Why aren't the same standards in relation to the upkeep of green areas pertaining in Bishopstown as in other areas of the city e.g. Douglas?

Most of the internal public open spaces in Housing Estates are maintained entirely by voluntary resident contributions – the residents expect the City Council to maintain the public open spaces listed above which are gateways to the city and the area.

Would it be possible to cut the grass, re-seed if necessary and plant flowers etc especially this time of year when we are trying to attract tourists to our city?

- (a,b,c) The green areas at Bandon Road Roundabout, Bishopscourt Shopping Centre and areas adjacent to the perimeter wall of Dunville Estate were disturbed during the final phase of construction work for the Bishopstown By-Pass, this included the removal of floral beds and shrub areas. Grass areas were reinstated on completion of the works, however, the floral and shrub areas were not restored.

Plans are now in place to reinstate these decorative areas during September/October 2008.

- (d) Maintenance of the walkway between Bishopstown Road and Sarsfield Road Roundabout includes grass mowing, weed control and litter collection on a regular basis and at other times as and when required. All sections of the walkway are presently in a neat and tidy condition.
- (e) Green areas opposite Wilton Shopping Centre and adjacent to Wilton Roundabout are planted with a wide variety of trees, spring bulbs and seasonal bedding and all these areas are maintained to a high standard.

Improvements to the roundabout itself including additional planting will be undertaken during the planting season 2008/09.

### 3.13 **SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

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

To ask the City Manager the following in relation to the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)

- (a) What was the total allocation made to Council in 2008.
- (b) To itemize the breakdown of this sum under its various headings.
- (c) In relation to Circular N23/07 what sum does the Council have available from its own resources to assist the SHIP.
- (d) Within the total budget for this year how many new schemes will be commenced.

(a)& (b) The report of the Director of Services Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 on Circular letter N6/08 Social housing allocations 2008 , to the Housing Functional Committee , sets out the 2008 allocation as follows :

- Housing Construction -- €75,8000,000.
- Regeneration Works -- € 15,000,000.
- Remedial Works -- € 10,000,000.
- Central Heating -- € 2,750,000.
- Total -- € 103,550,000.

(c) The Internal Capital Receipts available for 2008 are € 9.4 m approx.

(d) A review of all schemes on hand is currently underway having regard to the availability of funding.

### 3.14 **DEVELOPMENT AT BRIDEVALLEY PARK**

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

When will the development of Bridevalley Park definitely commence and how much has been allocated to construct it.

The site works for this Park developed is programmed to commence in November 2008. There is an allocated budget of €330,000 for this Park development which is funding dependant.

### 3.15 **HOLLYHILL LIBRARY**

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

Can the Manager please outline to Council:

- (a) When and why the Hollyhill Library was shut?
- (b) How long the people of that area are going to be forced to wait for the library to re-open?
- (c) Whether he shares the view that pre-fabricated accommodation would be unsuitable for a re-opened library?

Hollyhill Library was closed in early June of necessity due to a chronic and persistent rat infestation problem.

It is a priority for the Council to re-commence library services in the area as quickly as possible. While the Council is progressing a long-term strategy for the provision of an upgraded permanent library in Hollyhill, the interim service may well be provided from a temporary premises, along the lines of that in place in Douglas, pending the refurbishment of the Douglas Village Shopping Centre. The temporary, purpose-built accommodation at Douglas is proving very popular and successful and will serve as a model for a similar premises at Hollyhill. There does not appear to be a better option.

3.16 **RESTORE RAILINGS AT BELGRAVE PLACE, WELLINGTON ROAD**

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

To ask the Manager when it is proposed to restore the railings at Belgrave Place, Wellington Road, an area of special conservation.

Some work has been carried out on these railings. As these are of conservation value, quotations from specialist contractors have been sought. The quotations will be examined and work will progress, subject to funding.

3.17 **TRAFFIC CHAOS IN TOGHER**

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

In light of the current traffic chaos in Togher following the installation of the new traffic lights at the Togher/Tramore Road junction, would the City Manager consider reintroducing a roundabout, or mini roundabout, and using the traffic lights for the purpose of pedestrian crossing where they are most needed.

Firstly, I can confirm that there were extensive delays at the junction of Tramore Road- Togher Road on the evening of the 25th June when the traffic light controller was switched into operation. The complaints have been accepted and reports have been logged by the Traffic Division. The difficulties were exacerbated on the junction as it transpired that a detector unit on one approach was not putting in a demand which led to unnecessary delays.

Traffic Division staff attended first thing on the morning of the 26th June to modify timings and settings to cater for the various patterns of flow on each of the approaches.

Although some drivers and residents might dispute the matter, changing from a roundabout to traffic signal control necessitates a considerable change in driver behavior to match the new layout. Initially, drivers or a considerable number of drivers are reluctant to drive into the junction, for instance, when making a right turn. Similarly, drivers continue to go right around the full area of the junction, as against going directly through the crossroads, given the new layout. As observed on site, drivers stopped at a red light are slow in taking off when the green is shown. All of which is to be expected when a new layout is put into operation but as shown in numerous other situations Cork motorists are very quick to adapt to change. However, it does in fact, take time for the new layout to 'settle down' and only then will the delays be minimized with junction timing being fully optimized and indeed Green Time, in particular, fully utilised.

The traffic signal control junction at Tramore Road – Togher Road was constructed on a 'Design for All' approach to improve the access for pedestrians, cyclists and people with restricted mobility in terms of Road Safety on a suburban junction close to schools, medical facilities and local shops. This approach matches the policy set by Cork City Council and reflects best practice with reference to Sustainable Transport.

The installation is being monitored by Traffic Division staff and will be kept under review to ensure that the operation is optimised once traffic patterns settle down.

4. **ROYAL INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS IN IRELAND AWARDS 2008**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008, reporting that Cork City was again highlighted when 5 of the 11 awards were won by buildings in the City. The City Council's New Civic Offices building was the single most successful entrant, successful in three categories: Best Public Building, Best Sustainable Project and Best Accessibility.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 - SECTION 85 AGREEMENT DOUGLAS VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE REVISED RESOLUTION**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 on the Local Government Act 2001 – Section 85 Agreement, Douglas Village Shopping Centre Revised Resolution and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the powers, functions and duties of Cork City Council pursuant to the Fire Services Acts of 1981 and 2003 and the Building Control Act of 1990, as amended, insofar as they relate to the proposed development, extensions and renovations to Douglas Village Shopping Centre, Douglas, which is partly situated in the City of Cork and partly situated in the County of Cork, should be exercised by Cork County Council, Cork County Council being willing and able to perform the said functions, Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council to this effect pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act of 2001”.

6. **DRAFT CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Quill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 setting out agreed amendments to the Draft City Development Plan and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to Section 11 of the Planning Development Act 2000 to amend the Draft City Development Plan to include the amendments set out in the report of the City Manager Dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

7. **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO 8) TO CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – TALL BUILDINGS POLICY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, An Chomhairle approved the following recommendation of the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008 and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

To formally make the proposed variation (no 8) to the Cork City Development Plan – Tall Buildings Policy, subject to the 3 no amendments outlined below by the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, to make Variation No. 8 Tall Buildings Policy, to Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the recommendations of the City Manager’s Report dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, subject to the 3 no. amendments outlined below:

**Amendments**

At Chapter 10: Suburban Areas  
Proposed Material Amendment 3 (MA3)  
North Blackpool  
Policy S8A

***Amendment No 1:***

Bullet Point No 4 to be amended to read:

“...should be located ***in the vicinity of*** the southern corner of the former Sunbeam Factory Site”.

***Amendment No 2:***

Heading on attached figure 10.2 to be amended to read:

“...by adding a symbol to denote the proposed ***general*** location for a Tall Building”.

***Amendment No 3:***

Figure 10.2 to be amended to read:

“***General*** location of Tall Building” adjacent to star symbol on Figure 10.2.

8. **PROTECTED STRUCTURES IN MARINA COMMERCIAL PARK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in relation to building at Marina Commercial Park, An Chomhairle agreed that Block A and Block J as described in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage National Register of Protected Structures not be included in the City Council’s Register of Protected Structures.

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** the following buildings/ part of buildings **not be included** in the City Councils Register of Protected Structures:-

**Block A** (NIAH Reference No. 20507203) as detailed in Appendix A attaching to the report of the City Manager dated 10th July 2008.

Part of **Block J** (NIAH Reference No. 20507198) as detailed in Appendix B attaching to the report of the City Manager dated 10th July 2008.”

9. **CORK DOCKLANDS**

9.1 **JOBS@DOCKLAND Employments Strategy**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Docklands – JOBS@DOCKLAND Employment Strategy.

9.2 **River Use and Management Plan Draft Scoping Report**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Docklands - River Use and Management Plan Draft Scoping Report.

9.3 **Cork Docklands Telecoms Strategy**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Quill, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Docklands – Cork Docklands Telecoms Strategy.

9.4 **Cork Docklands Business and Implementation Plan**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008. On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Docklands – Cork Docklands Business and Implementation Plan.

10. **CONSULTATION REPORT ON THE DRAFT CORK AREA STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 on the Draft Cork Area Strategic Plan update.

11. **CHAIRS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE’S**

An Chomhairle considered the vacancies arising on the following Strategic Policy Committee’s.

11.1 **CHAIR OF ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SPC & PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SPC**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr a vote was called for to defer the nomination to fill the vacancy on the Roads & Transportation SPC and the Planning & Development SPC to the next meeting of An Chomhairle where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan, D. Counihan, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Kerins, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.- (20)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. O’ Flynn, L. Kingston, M. Ahern.-(4)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.-(1)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the items to be deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

The objection of Comhairleoir M. Barry, at his request was noted.

11.2 **CHAIR OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Corr.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Corr.

11.3 **CHAIR OF RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Murphy.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Murphy.

11.4 **CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy.

12. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2008**

12.1 **DRAFT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 on the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan.

12.2 **LANDSCAPE STUDY**

An Chomhairle approved that the Cork City Landscape Study 2008 be placed in the public domain as a background study to the proposed new Draft Development Plan.

13. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

13.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

13.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 recommending approval to the renewal of the existing level of overdraft facilities of €10m and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** that Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the second-half year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008”

13.3 **CUTBACKS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed and Comhairleoir A. Spillane seconded that An Chomhairle discuss the proposed cutbacks in the Public Sector as featured in the media. A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

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

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, P. Gosch, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, L. Kingston, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer.-(18)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the proposal rejected.

14. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

14.1 **AIR QUALITY**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on Air Quality in the City for year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

14.2 **COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE GRANTS 2008**

An Chomhairle approved payments of €27,225 including €500 to Tracton Lawn Residents Association as set out in the report of the Director of Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on Community Maintenance Grants 2008.

15. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008.**

15.1 **PROPOSED DRAFT BYE LAWS FOR PARKS, CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed to proceed with Draft Bye Laws for Parks,

Cemeteries and Open Spaces with the public consultation phase to commence shortly.

**15.2 REPORT ON LIBRARY SERVICES IN NORTH CENTRAL WARD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Working Group dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the Library Service in the North Central Ward.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The Committee also considered the report of the Director of Services on the various activities being carried out as part of Bonfire Project 2008.

The report of the Director of Services stated that in this year’s budget, Council provided a sum of €24k towards alternative bonfire night activities. Bonfire Night 2008 Project was set up and is co-ordinated by the City Council across the four RAPID areas in the City to facilitate community organized celebrations on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008. A Project Co-ordinator has been engaged by the Council linking between Council officials, RAPID Co-ordinators, Gardaí, Fire Department, Community organizations etc., to assist with pilot projects in each of the RAPID areas.

The following are the main activities organised on the night to-date:-

Togher	Clasduv Park	Fun Day – 4.00pm – 10.00 pm
Mahon	Loughmahon Park	Fun activities/fire – 7.00 pm– 9.00 pm
Mayfield	- Newbury House	Puppet show/pizza night 5.00 pm – 7.00pm
	-KerriganTyrell Centre	Breakdancing/music- 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm
Farranree	Pophams Park	Fun day – 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Glen	Glen Resource Centre	Climbing wall/soccer/fancydress/puppet show – 6.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Blackpool	Blackpool Comm. Centre	Sports tournament
Knocknaheeny	Kilmore Park	Fun day – 5.00pm – 8.00 pm

The Council is also supporting Leedale Residents Association, Model Farm Road as in previous years in its successful efforts in preventing bonfires on greens within the estate.

In addition to the above, the Council's Park Department and Cleansing Department will continue to monitor and remove bonfire material throughout the City prior to bonfire night.

A report on the pilot project will be brought before the next meeting for consideration and a final list of projects with venues and times will be circulated to Committee members and Councillors in advance.

#### 15.4 **YOUTH CAFÉS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Steering Group comprising of representatives from Cork City Partnership, Cork City Council, City of Cork VEC, An Garda Síochána and various youth organizations was established last year to explore the feasibility of establishing youth cafés in Cork. A Youth Café Feasibility Study for Cork City was launched with a strong recommendation that a youth café be established, looking at the need for same and examining national and international youth café models.

It was agreed to establish a pilot youth café in Mahon in the Youth Network Complex at Avenue de Rennes, lead by the youth organisation Foroige. Funding of €49k has been secured from Pobal to assist with operational costs, with the café expected to be opened in September. If successful, it would be anticipated that there would be a roll out of similar cafés to other areas of the City in the foreseeable future.

A further report on the Mahon pilot project will be brought to the Committee at a later date.

#### 16. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

##### 16.1 **COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME OF THE CORK ACADEMY OF MUSIC**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council in acknowledging the very successful community based programme of the Cork Academy of Music under the Directorship of Mr. Bob Seward who are temporary based in the North Monastery due to a fire in their Sunbeam Wolsey premises, who to date have trained over 600 youths, many early school leavers, to qualification standard and a high percentage achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> level musical qualifications, hereby request the City Manager to find a suitable home for Music Training of Northside Youths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 08/160)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has over many years supported the Cork Academy of Music in its work. Grant aid through our Arts Grants Scheme annually has been provided to the organisation in recognition of their outstanding work in the area of music education and in response to their grant applications.

The organisation and Mr. Seward have provided a consistently strong, community based programme of education based in the Blackpool area and its environs, over many years. Many students of the academy have gone on to further third level education and / or musical performance.

Cork City Council receives many requests from the cultural sector for accommodation provision. Regrettably we are not in a position to meet all of these requests. The Arts Office has previously examined the possibility of finding suitable accommodation for the Academy within the existing property stock of City Council and was not at that time able to identify suitable premises.

However, in consideration of their ongoing work we propose to meet with them to determine their space requirements and to assess their needs. A further report in respect of this meeting will be referred to the Committee for consideration.

## 16.2 **NEW LIBRARY CENTRE IN BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Cork City Council set up as a matter of urgency a new library centre and service in Blackpool, incorporating the entire modern library and computer services available at the new City Suburban Library on the grounds of Wilton Shopping Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn and Cllr. C. Clancy 08/176)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council established a working group in February 2007 to undertake a comprehensive review of the needs for library services of the various communities which make up the North Central Ward and bring forward proposals to meet these needs.

The working group produced its report earlier this year, which was presented to the RAC SPC on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The establishment of the working group and the production of the report is an acknowledgement by the City Council that the present facility in the ward at St. Mary's Road is insufficient to meet the needs of the area. A copy of the report is attached for Members' information, identifying 3 possible alternative locations to be further considered by the Council.

The City Council is committed to pursuing its aim of upgrading library facilities for the area, including relocation to a more suitable site, to a successful conclusion.

### 16.3 **MOTORISED GOLF CARTS AT TED MCCARTHY GOLF CLUB**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Ted McCarthy Municipal Golf Course is situated on lands adjacent to the Douglas Estuary. The golf holes immediately adjacent to the estuary are on level ground and therefore suitable for Motorised Golf Carts. The remaining holes are situated on land that rises in a north west direction, areas of this land are extremely steep and present a danger to the users of motorized golf carts and other golfers on the course.

The Council commissioned a risk assessment in March 2007 on the use of Motorised Golf Carts on the course and the main findings of the report are as follows:-

- (a) The section of the course from the tee box at hole No. 11 to the putting green at hole No. 18 is largely on level ground and does not present a stability risk for approved motorized golf carts.
- (b) The remaining areas of the course are extremely steep and present a danger to the users of motorized carts and other golfers. These high risk areas are holes No. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10. In regard to hole No. 10, the report finds that the fairway gradients are so steep that there is a high risk of a buggy going out of control whilst being driven and also when unattended when a player is taking a shot.

At present motorized golf carts are allowed on the course from hole No. 11 through to hole No. 18 and arrangements regarding the use of carts can be made through the green fee office.

The remaining holes are considered high risk and unsafe and the use of motorized carts on these holes is prohibited.

A more detailed risk assessment/survey of the high risk holes is to commence shortly as part of the accessibility audits for all parks in the City. The purpose of this survey in the context of the Golf Course is to advise on the remedial works necessary and the cost involved to make these holes safe for motorised cart use.

The necessary remedial works will be included in the 2009 Parks Capital Programme for consideration.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that in late 2007 the Council commissioned the Dept. of Zoology, UCC to undertake a detailed study of The Lough to establish the existing situation in regard to Water Quality, Wild Fowl and Fish Populations, Flora and Fauna and Recreational Use. A major element of the study will be the preparation of a management plan to guide the future management and maintenance of The Lough to safeguard and protect the wildlife and enhance Recreational Uses.

The existing practice of feeding birds with bread and other household foods is included in this study in the context of wildfowl health and water quality. The management plan will address this issue and put forward recommendations which may include the provision of bird seed dispensers.

The Lough Study will be completed in late 2008 and submitted to this Committee for consideration in early 2009.

16.5 **PLAYGROUND FACILITIES – BEAUMONT PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That play ground facilities would be put in place in Beaumont Park so the children in this area would have somewhere to play’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/183)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of a Childrens’ Playground at Beaumont Park will be included in the 2009 Parks Capital Programme for consideration.

#### 16.6 **CORK COUNTY BOXING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That all options be examined in an effort to provide a permanent premises for the Cork County Boxing Board, which comprises fifteen clubs, catering for about six hundred young boxers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 08/186)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a meeting will be arranged shortly with Cork County Boxing Board to establish what assistance the City Council can give to the Cork County Boxing Board in developing its proposal further.

#### 16.7 **PROGRAMME TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE LATE PROF. ALOYS FLEISCHMANN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would, in conjunction with members of the Fleischmann family design and develop a programme to mark the occasion of the centenary of the birth of the late Prof. Aloys Fleischmann.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 08/170)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has been approached by the family of Aloys Fleischmann to consider mounting events in commemoration of the composer.

The work of Professor Fleischmann has had a lasting impact both on the city of Cork and on music, nationally, locally and internationally. The programme of work proposed will of course be supported by Cork City Council, however in order to establish the scale of the event called for and the resources required, we need to investigate in detail the nature of the programmes proposed.

The Arts Office has had initial contact with the Fleischmann family and intends to prepare a report for consideration by Committee on the nature of our involvement in these Centenary celebrations.

It should be considered that we have in the past been involved in a number of programmes working in a collaborative manner with a number of partners in the cultural sector. It is probable that this is the same approach which we would take in respect of this project.

### **Biography of Aloys Fleischmann**

Fleischmann was born in Munich to Ireland-based German parents on a concert tour at the time. Both parents were musicians; his father, Aloys Fleischmann, Sr., organist and choir master at St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork and his mother, Tilly Swertz Fleischmann was a pianist and piano teacher in Cork.

Fleischmann graduated from University College Cork with a BMus in 1931 and a MA in 1932. That year he went to study composition, conducting and musicology at the University of Munich.

He returned to University College Cork in 1934 where he held the position of Professor of Music until 1980. He founded the Cork Symphony Orchestra in 1934 and was involved in the establishment of the Cork International Choral and Folk Dance Festival in 1954. Fleischmann worked alongside Joan Denise Moriarty in setting up the Cork Ballet Company in 1947. In April 1978, he was conferred with the Freedom of the City by the Cork Corporation of the day.

His *Sources of Traditional Irish Music* was compiled during 40 years of work in collaboration with Micheál Ó Súilleabháin of the University of Limerick and published posthumously in 1998.

## **16.8 MAINTENANCE IN GLENFIELDS PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a programme of maintenance for the green area in Glenfields Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/227)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the green areas at Glenfields Park have now been added to the scheduled grounds maintenance programme for the Ballyvolane Area, this will involve grass mowing on a 14 – 16 day cycle, weed control and litter collection.

16.9 **WALKWAY FROM SARSFIELD ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would engage with Cork County Council to ensure that the walkway adjacent to the northern lane of the dual carriageway from Sarsfield Road Roundabout to the Bandon Road Roundabout is maintained appropriately and that anti-social measures are put in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/236)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council manage and maintain the entire length of walkway between Sarsfield Road Roundabout and the Bandon Road Roundabout.

Maintenance involves grass mowing, weed control and litter collection on a regular basis, additional maintenance visits to remove rubbish from the Glasheen River are carried out as and when required.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour are small in number and these are reported to the Gardai as and when they arise for their attention.

17. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008**

17.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended June, 2008.

17.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT STEPS BETWEEN SPRIGGS ROAD AND ST. MARY’S AVENUE, GURRANABRAHER, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008 regarding the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way at steps between Spriggs Road and St. Mary’s Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council 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

steps between Spriggs Road and St. Mary's Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork, is extinguished forthwith".

17.3 **CORK PUBLIC TRANSPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3rd July, 2008 regarding the Cork Public Transport Feasibility Study.

17.4 **WEED CONTROL PROGRAMME IN THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY**

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 include secondary roads & laneways in the northside of the City in its weed control programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 08/228)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that all roads and laneways in the city are included in the weed control programme. It is possible that an individual laneway may be overlooked and if notified we will follow up any omissions.

17.5 **LIGHTING PROGRAMME FOR THE LOUGH**

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 money be put aside for a new lighting programme for the Lough.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/162)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the provision of public lighting in the Lough is a matter for the Recreational & Amenity Directorate. The Traffic Division will give any assistance required, including advice on design, etc.

17.6 **KILLEENREENDOWNEY – 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

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 include Killeenreendowney in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.'

(Programme: Cllr. S. Martin 07/163)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that part of Killeenreendowney Avenue has been included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme. Unless other funding can be made available, the remainder will be considered for inclusion in next year's resurfacing programme.

17.7 **ALLEYWAY BETWEEN FAIRFIELD CRESCENT AND KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE TO BE CLOSED**

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 the alleyway between Fairfield Crescent and Knockpogue Avenue be closed off immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/174)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the procedure to extinguishment the public right-of-way over the existing pedestrian laneway between No 87 and No 89 Knockpogue Avenue and No.12 and No.13 Fairfield Crescent has recently been instigated. Any objections or representations may be made in writing not later than 4.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

17.8 **UPGRADE FOOTPATH ON FAIRFIELD ROAD**

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 would upgrade the footpath on Fairfield Road from house number 13 down as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/175)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths on Fairfield Road have not been included in the 2008 Road Works Programme. They will be considered for inclusion in next year's Programme. Pending this any necessary repairs will be carried out.

17.9 **MARKINGS FOR STREET FURNITURE**

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 markings would be put in place to define the area where traders put there street furniture, as this will prevent them from taking over more of the area than they are licensed for.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 08/206)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a scheme will be devised and instigated for the permanent demarcation of all areas allocated to compliant street furniture applicants.

#### 17.10 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

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 would install a Pedestrian Crossing at J. J O’ Driscoll’s shop on the Ballinlough Road, to facilitate the large number of pedestrians to and from the shop and local Post Office.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 08/223)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a pedestrian and traffic survey will be carried out on Ballinlough Road in the vicinity of J. J O’ Driscoll’s shop and the adjacent post office in order to determine if sufficient warrants exists for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility. It should be noted that there is a large demand for kerbside parking close to the shop and post office, and the installation of a crossing will result in parking restrictions in the area to ensure visibility of pedestrians.

If the warrants are met, the provision of the facility will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

#### 17.11 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON UPPER LOTABEG ROAD**

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 instructs the ESB to upgrade public lighting on Upper Lotabeg Road as the current lighting is of poor quality, the equipment is obsolete and incapable of being properly maintained.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/225)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting on Upper Lotabeg Road 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 be put forward for consideration to

be funded from Ward Funds or alternatively to be considered for inclusion in the roads programme.

17.12 **REDUCE CONGESTION & TAILBACKS AT THE NORTH END OF DUNBAR STREET**

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 a two lane system be introduced at the North End of Dunbar Street in order to reduce unnecessary tailbacks and congestion. Traffic accessing the far side of Georges’ Quay could use the right hand lane while traffic accessing Sullivan’s Quay and the Grand Parade could use the left hand lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/230)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the George’s Quay end of Dunbar Street will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí to determine if:

- a) There is sufficient room to provide two lanes at the exit of the road way and if
- b) There are road safety issues involved in providing the two exit lanes at this location.

If it is deemed appropriate that the two lanes be provided at the exit from Dunbar Street onto George’s Quay, the necessary road markings will be installed as part of this year’s road painting programme.

17.13 **DISK PARKING BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29<sup>th</sup> May on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the proposal to introduce Disc Parking to Ballyphehane would not include the area in the immediate vicinity of the Church of the Assumption so that those attending Mass and other religious ceremonies can continue to park close to the Church.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/231)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there are no immediate plans to install disc parking controls in the vicinity of the Church of the Assumption on Pearse Road, Ballyphehane. Disc parking controls are installed in residential areas in order to eliminate the problems associated with commuter or “outsider” parking, and these controls are provided in full consultation with the local representatives and local residents.

Any proposals in the future, to provide parking controls in the vicinity of the Church of the Assumption will be done in consultation with local interests, and the needs and requirements of the church will also be taken into consideration.

17.14 **FOOTPATHS ON O'CONNELL STREET**

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 the footpaths in O’Connell Street, Blackpool be upgraded in view of the fact that elderly people cannot walk without fear of falling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 08/234)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpath on the southern side of O’Connell St has been upgraded using a thin coat asphaltic overlay as part of this years Roadworks Programme. The northern side will be considered for next year’s Programme.

17.15 **ROAD LAYOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF TOGHER ROAD & PEARSE ROAD**

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 would investigate the current road layout at the traffic light controlled junction of Togher Road and Pearse Road at the Lough to determine if a right hand turn filter lane can be installed for traffic travelling from Togher Road onto Pearse Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/235)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Togher Road and Pearse Road will be surveyed and assessed to determine the feasibility of providing a separate right turn lane for traffic turning right from Togher Road onto Pearse Road.

If there is sufficient room at the junction to provide the right turn lane, the necessary road markings will be provided as part of this year’s road painting programme.

17.16 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS – WILTON GARDENS & WILTON ROAD**

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 traffic lights be installed at the junction of Wilton Gardens and Wilton Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/182)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Wilton Gardens and Wilton Road was recently assessed by consultants in the context of the Bus no. 8 Green Route and except for minor changes to the bus lane, no changes were recommended.

The installation of traffic signals at this junction would cause further delay to the traffic on the main road and reduce the effectiveness of the Green Route. Accordingly, traffic lights are not recommended for the junction of Wilton Gardens/Wilton Road.

17.17 **INNER CIRCLE, WILTON GARDENS INCLUDED 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

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 the inner circle of Wilton Gardens be included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/184)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the inner circle of Wilton Gardens has not been included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing Programme. It will be considered for inclusion in next year’s Resurfacing Programme.

17.18 **PARKING BAYS AT KILNAP GREEN**

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.

‘To facilitate residents of the area, I propose that Cork City Council incorporate parking bays for residents on the green area in Kilnap Green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 08/188)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kilnap Green was not selected for the ‘Green Areas to Parking’ scheme for 2007. No funding was made available for 2008. It will be considered for inclusion in any future scheme.

17.19 **FREE ROAD LICENCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

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.

‘I propose that any senior citizens in receipt of the state pension that wish to acquire a road licence should have the licence issued to them free of charge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Dave. Mc Carthy 08/224)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that applicants for roadwork applications must have Public and Employers liability insurance to be fully compliant.

Where compliant personal roadwork applications from senior citizens in receipt of the state pension are received, they will be processed free of charge.

However in the vast majority of cases it is not the senior citizen but their contractor who applies directly for the licence. It is worth noting that the €500 refundable deposit is returned to the applicant.

17.20 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT RICHMOND/ CLANRICKARDE, BLACKROCK**

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 Traffic Department in consultation with local residents carry out a traffic survey at Richmond/Clanrickarde, Blackrock which is being used as a rat run by motorists, with a view to implementing a No Right Hand Turn into Clanrickard from the Boreenmanna Road and a No Right Hand Turn into Richmond from the Blackrock Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/243)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a traffic survey will be carried out at Richmond/Clanrickade Estates to determine the various traffic movements to and from Blackrock Road and Boreenmanna Road. These surveys will have to be done in the Autumn, as carrying out surveys in July/August during holiday periods will not give a proper representation of normal or average traffic movements in the area.

The following will have to be considered before the ban on right turn movements in the estates can be implemented:

- The right turn bans will affect accessibility to the estates from two directions and many residents may not be happy with this proposal.

- The Gardaí, who would have to enforce the right turn bans, would probably only accept the bans if accompanied with physical measures, i.e. traffic islands, etc. The compliance with a “signs only” situation would be quite low and the Gardaí have not the resources to commit Garda personnel to police the area on a regular basis.

When the surveys completed, a further report will be forwarded to An Chomhairle.

#### 17.21 **FOOTPATH AT MAHON TERRACE, BLACKROCK**

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 a total footpath renewal programme be carried out at Mahon Terrace, Blackrock as they are in a very poor state of repair.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 08/244)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider Mahon Terrace for inclusion in next year’s footpath renewal programme.

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

**An Chomhairle agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of 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)

17.23 **RESURFACE CARRIAGEWAY – BERNADETTE WAY, BALLINLOUGH**

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 would resurface the carriageway of Bernadette Way, Ballinlough, given the very poor condition of the surface.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/257)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Bernadette Way will be considered for inclusion in next year’s Road Resurfacing Programme.

17.24 **SPEED CAMERAS ON THE OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

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 the Gardaí arrange for locating fixed speed cameras on the Old Youghal Road as boy racers are a cause of serious danger to pedestrians and motorists particularly near the exit/ entrance to Murray’s Centra and at the nearby traffic lights.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/260)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the contract for supplying and managing speed cameras has recently been awarded by the Department of Justice to a contractor on a national basis. The location of these cameras, some fixed and others mobile, is a matter for the Gardaí.

When the scheme is up and running, the Gardaí will be requested to consider the use of speed cameras on Old Youghal Road adjacent to Murray’s Centra Shop.

17.25 **KENLEY ROAD BE INCLUDED IN ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2009**

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 Kenley Road would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/263)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kenley Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Resurfacing Programme.

17.26 **HALLDENE GROVE BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2009**

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 Halldene Grove (Lower) would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2009’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 08/264)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Halldene Grove (Lower) will be considered for inclusion in the 2009 Resurfacing Programme.

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

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The “Portacabin” manned by inspectors 7 days per week is used by Bus Eireann as a Control Unit for City Centre Operations. This structure replaced the original structure that was located adjacent to the Fr. Matthew Statue and the relocation of same was envisaged as part of the revamped St. Patrick’s Street. The matter of relocating the structure to an off street location will be discussed with Bus Eireann.

17.28 **SAFETY BARRIERS ON COMMONS ROAD**

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.

‘Council agrees to erect a safety barrier in the middle of the motorway opposite the Statoil Service Station on Commons Road to prevent dangerous drivers exiting and blindly crossing two lanes of oncoming traffic on this very busy highway, which otherwise will result in fatalities.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. O’Callaghan 08/197)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Roads Design & Construction will establish plans for a median Safety Barrier as outlined in the

motion. This design will then be circulated to appropriate authorities namely the Gardaí and the NRA for their approval. If the proposal is deemed safe and viable it will be put forward for consideration within the 2009 roads programme.

17.29 **UPGRADING OF TINKER'S CROSS, MAYFIELD**

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 would put in place a plan to upgrade the environs of Tinkers Cross Mayfield, including the shopping centre, the entrance to the industrial estate and the signage thereto and the overall unkempt appearance of the roadways particularly the road leading to Upper Glanmire.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Quill 08/124)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in relation to this area, there are currently no funds within the 2008 budget to undertake upgrading works in the area of Tinkers Cross, Mayfield. However Roads Design & Transportation will examine the area, establish appropriate enhancement measures and cost out the proposals. This work will then be forwarded for consideration as part of the 2009 Roads Programme.

18. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008**

18.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

18.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

18.3 **HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 on the Housing Construction Programme and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** in accordance with S.106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €50m towards the funding of a land acquisition programme for housing construction and the acquisition of housing units to meet social housing demand. Borrowing to be

subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government”.

18.4 **REPLACEMENT OF ASBESTOS WATER TANKS**

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

‘That Cork City Council begin a replacement programme of asbestos cement water tanks which were installed in Local Authority houses built in Cork City, during 1940’s, 1950’s, 1960’s and the early 1970’s.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/134)

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that correspondence should be forwarded to the Minister on this matter.

The report of the Director of Services stated that based on the Health and Safety Authority guidelines regarding asbestos cement products, including water storage tanks, it is considered that the continued use of these tanks has no safety implication for householders.

Asbestos cement water tanks are routinely replaced and removed by Housing Maintenance Department whenever any repair work to the tanks is required.

18.5 **ALLEYWAY BETWEEN KILKIERAN CLOSE AND ARDCULLEN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would appoint Officials from the Housing Department to facilitate discussions with residents of Kilkieran Close and Ardculen Estate in relation to the alleyway which connects both estates. For the last number of years gates have been provided in the alleyway which are opened and closed at agreed times by local residents. The situation has now arisen whereby some residents want the right of way through the alleyway to be extinguished. It is important that the harmony that has existed between residents over the years continues and that a resolution to this matter that would take on board the concerns of all residents be found as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/229)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the situation is currently being monitored by the North West Area Housing Office and discussions will continue with both residents of Kilkieran Close and Ardculen Estate to resolve the issue.

18.6 **HIGH RATE OF HOUSING OFFERS BEING REFUSED BY APPLICANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council as part of its scheme of letting priorities would compile a report on the high rate of housing offers that are being refused by applicants, which are averaging over thirty per cent each month and that the report should outline the reasons why applicants are consistently refusing offers of housing with some applicants refusing as many as three or four offers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/258)

The report of the Director of Services stated that members will be aware that under the scheme of letting priorities the City Council can defer a persons housing application where two offers of accommodation in an area of the applicants stated preference have been made and refused.

The level of refusals has been consistent over a number of years and is mainly due to the fact that applicants can be selective in the areas that they would accept local authority housing and selective in the type of accommodation that they are willing to accept. In other cases the offers have either not been responded to or the applicants are no longer interested in local authority housing.

18.7 **DISPOSALS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle approved the following Disposal:-

**Property Disposal**

- a) Disposal of land approximately 2.832 hectares in area situated at Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork, by way of Sporting Lease, to the Current Trustees of Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí and their successors and assigns, c/o Doyle O’Driscoll & Associates, Solicitors, 11, South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork, at an annual rent of €5.00.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

20. **CONFERENCES**

20.1 **IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF RAPID**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Implementation of Phase 2 of RAPID held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

20.2 **SUCCESS ON YOUR DOORSTEP – MANAGING YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FOR TOURISM GROWTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Success on your Doorstep – Managing your Local Environment for Tourism Growth held in the Ramada Hotel & Suites, Killerig Golf Resort, Killerig, Co Carlow on the 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

20.3 **BYRNE/PERRY SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, D. Murphy, P. Gosch and T. O'Driscoll at the Byrne/Perry Summer School held in the Byrne/Perry Summer School, Gorey, Co Wexford on the 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

20.4 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, J. O'Callaghan, J. Kelleher and L. Mc Gonigle at the Local Government Planning Service held in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, West Cork on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

20.5 **28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MACGILL SUMMER SCHOOL & ARTS WEEK 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, C. Clancy, L. Kingston, J. Kelleher, L. McGonigle, D. Murphy and P. Gosch at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual MacGill Summer School & Arts Week 2008 to be held in the Glenties, Co Donegal on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

20.6 **HUMBERT SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J.Corr, T. Brosnan and M. O'Connell at the Humbert Summer School to be held in Ballina, Killala, Lacken & Kilcummin Co. Mayo on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

20.7 **95<sup>TH</sup> AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, M. O'Connell, T. Brosnan, P. Gosch, S. Martin and J. Kelleher at the 95<sup>th</sup> AMAI Annual Conference 2008 to be held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

20.8 **JOHN HEWITT INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL**

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

20.9 **PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, S. Martin and M. O’Connell at the Parnell Summer School 2008 to be held in Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on the 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008

21. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

21.1 **AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION – TO ALLOW TAXIS PARK AT BUS STOPS**

**An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion back to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.**

‘That Council calls for legislation to be amended to allow taxis to park at bus stops outside of bus operational hours.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/255)

21.2 **REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF BORD PLEANALA**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion and agreed that the District Court be requested to issue a list of applicants for Gaming Licences:-**

‘That Cork City Council calls for a complete review of the operation of Bord Pleanala which in effect functions as a faceless, unaccountable, quango.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/261)

21.3 **ALL CYCLE-WAYS TO BE PROTECTED**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That all cycle-ways be “protected” from other road users by the provision of plastic road furniture, poles about one metre high, set at intervals of every two metres along the cycleway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/366)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan a vote was called for to reject the report available on this matter where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O' Connell, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.-(23)

As there were no votes in opposition to the motion, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

22. **MOTIONS**

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

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.3 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL AT MARION PARK**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.4 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL AT MCGRATH PARK BLACKROCK**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.5 **RESTRICT HGV’S ON THE BALLINLOUGH ROAD FROM HGH STRET TO BELAIR**

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.6 **WATER FLOW ON CHURCHFIELD WAY LOWER & SUN VALLEY DRIVE**

‘That the Water Department inform Council on a strategy to resolve the problem of water constantly flowing down Church Way Lower and also on the top of Sun Valley Drive which were highlighted in March 2007, and are of concern for many residents for many years, and that the strategy would include and outline:

- a) The origins of the problem in each area, and
- b) What steps are in place to solve in the short and long term.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 08/268)

**Environment Functional Committee**

22.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT GATE LODGE**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.8 **REPAIR OF WALL OUTSIDE 29 LIMWOOD GROVE ONSLOW GARDENS**

‘Given the unstable and dangerous condition of the wall outside 29 Limewood Grove, Onslow Gardens; I propose that Cork City Council would carry out repairs to same as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/270)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.9 **PARK RAILING OUTSIDE 1 PINWOOD GROVE ONSLOW GARDENS**

‘I propose that a railing be erected on the park wall opposite number 1 Pinewood Grove, Onslow Gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 08/271)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

22.10 **UPGRADE LIGHTING FOR KILCREA PARK**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders and continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m.

22.11 **RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES BE ENTITLED TO A MEDICAL CARD**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion,

‘That all retired members of the permanent Defence Forces who have served in that capacity for 21 continuous years or more be granted entitlement to a Medical Card for themselves and their spouses on reaching age 65.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/273)

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O' Connell, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.-(20)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Corr, S. Martin.-(2)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

22.12 **SPEED CAMERA AT BOHERVOY ROAD & SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD & SILVERHEIGHTS AVENUE**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.13 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON UPPER CLARKES ROAD**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.14 **A PEDESTRAIN CROSSING AT CHURCHFIELD AVENUE**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.15 **EXTRA PARKING AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE FARRANREE**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

'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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**22.17 PELICAN CROSSING BOREENMANNA ROAD**

'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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**22.18 20MPH SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREA**

'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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**22.19 MEMORIAL TO THE LATE GENERAL TOM BARRY**

'That Cork City Council would assist where possible both in financial and location advice, in response to the proposal to erect a memorial to the late General Tom Barry.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 08/282)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

22.20 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CATHEDRAL ROAD**

‘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. Patricia Gosch 08/283)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.22 **REMOVAL OF RUBBISH AT CNOCMHUIREA FAIR STREET**

‘That Cork City Council remove the rubbish on regular intervals at Cnocmhúireá, Fair Street, Cork as people are dumping there illegally. Can you please send a litter warden up there once in a while also? Please also arrange for the facility to be painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/286)

**Environment Functional Committee**

22.23 **NEW SIGNAGE IN BLACKPOOL**

‘A) That Cork City Council would erect new signage on the Main Cork Mallow Road, to indicate Blackpool Village.  
B) That Cork City Council would clearly identify all streets and laneways in Blackpool with new signage as agreed by Cork City Council when the Road Renewal Schemes were constructed, which would include Finger Post Signs showing, for historical reasons all the lanes of Blackpool, which no longer exist.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 08/287)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

22.24 **RESURFACE OF STREAM HILL**

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

## 22.25 **THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF THE IRISH PEOPLE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘ That Cork City Council recognises that the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box is sovereign, and recognising that if all member states of the EU do not ratify the Lisbon Treaty it does not pass into law, and further recognising that the people of Ireland exercised their rights as citizens to reject the Lisbon Treaty, this Council rejects the calls from Europe to re-run the Lisbon Treaty referendum, and we call on the EU Commission, the EU Council of Ministers, the EU Parliament and the authorities in the other EU states to accept and respect the verdict of the Irish people, as they accepted the will of the French and Dutch people following their decision to reject the EU Constitution.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/292)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle agreed to approve the following amended motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises that the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box is sovereign, and recognising that if all member states of the EU do not ratify the Lisbon Treaty it does not pass into law.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 08/292)

## 22.26 **CAR SPACES AT WYCHERLEY**

‘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)

### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

## 22.27 **WILTON COURT BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2009**

‘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)

### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

23. **CHAIRS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE'S**

23.1 **CHAIR OF ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Clancy.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir L. Kingston to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Clancy.

23.2 **CHAIR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Wallace.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir G. O'Flynn to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Wallace.

24. **MEMBERSHIP OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE'S**

24.1 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir L. Kingston.

An Chomhairle approved that Comhairleoir C. Clancy would fill the vacancy on the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir L. Kingston.

24.2 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Clancy.

An Chomhairle approved that Comhairleoir L. Kingston would fill the vacancy on the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Clancy.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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