

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2007

PRESENT	An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair and subsequently Leas Ardmhéara T. Shannon in the chair.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	Senator Jerry Buttimer
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager. Mr. D. O' Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer, Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Mr. P. Moynihan, S.E.O., Housing & Community Mr. J. O'Riordan, S.E.O., Corporate Affairs Ms. P. Hourihan, A/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 Murphy family on the death of Bernie Murphy, former Councillor.
- The Ahern family on the death of Joan Ahern
- The Daly family on the death of Michael Daly
- The Long family on the death of Breda Long
- The Ryan family on the death of Betty Ryan.

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

- The Cork Senior Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland Ladies Football final.
- The City Manager and staff on the quick action taken to resolve the traveller situation on the Boreenmanna Road.
- The Traffic Department and Cork Environmental Forum on the successful Rebel Pedal Parade which took place on Saturday, 22nd September as part of European Car Free Day.
- Billy Morgan, the Cork Senior Football Team & the Cork County Board for their efforts and commitment over the past year in bringing the Cork Senior Team to the All Ireland final.
- The Munster Literature Centre on hosting the Annual Frank O' Connor Awards Ceremony.

An tArdmhéara invited Senator Jerry Buttimer to address the meeting. Senator Buttimer thanked Council and management for all their assistance and looked forward to working with Cork City Council in the future and then withdrew from the meeting.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10th September, 2007.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR HOUSING REPAIRS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Barry which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10th September, 2007, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

How many outstanding requests for housing repairs do we currently have? How does this figure compare with the comparable figures for September 2005 and 2006? How many of the current requests have been in line for (a) less than a month (b) 1-3 months (c) 3-12 months (d) more than 12 months?

1st Sept 2007 : 2494
 1st Sept 2006 : 2379
 1st Sept 2005 : 2423

(a) 157 (b) 346 (c) 688 (d) 1303

It should be noted that Housing Maintenance section received repair requests at an average rate of approximately 1400 per month over the years 2005 to 2007.

Repair requests that are classified as “*Emergency*” or “*Urgent*” are obviously given priority, whilst repair requests classified as “*Routine*” are sometimes more appropriately deferred to cyclical Planned Maintenance or minor / major refurbishment programmes.

3.2 **PLANNING PERMISSION – CHIP ELECTRONICS TP**

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 why planning permission was granted to Chip Electronics TP 0631460 which included a telecommunications mast 20 m high at roof level?

- a) Why was the recommendation of the executive planner overruled?
 - b) Was the assessment by the executive planner correct?
 - c) What reasons did the senior planner have for granting permission?
 - d) What relevance has the letter dated 26/4/07 from Chip Electronics to do with the permission?
 - e) Cork City Council said that they had been in contact with Cork Airport and they indicated that they had no objections to the mast. Why did Cork City Council not make contact with local residents to get their views on the proposed development?
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- a) Having regard to the light industrial zoning of the area subject of the planning application, it was decided to grant permission. Appropriate landscaping (to be agreed with the Planning Authority) will have to be provided.
 - b) The Executive Planner discharged her function as a Planner correctly in dealing with the planning application.
 - c) Because of the light industrial zoning of the area, the Director of Services, Planning & Development granted permission with the appropriate conditions
 - d) The letter dated 28/04/’07 from Chip Electronics Services Ltd was a compliance submission to satisfy pre commencement conditions.
 - e) Cork City Council were not in contact with Cork Airport on this application. The public notices, both on the site and in the press are the means of notifying the public of any application.

3.3 **PELICAN CROSSING – TOGHER ROAD**

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

When will work commence on the installation of a Pelican Crossing on Togher Road adjacent to Ardmanning Avenue and Super Valu?

Work on the installation of the Pelican Crossing adjacent to Ardmanning Avenue and Super Valu is almost complete. Ducting, cabling, controller and poles have been installed. The appropriate adjustments to the footpaths have also been carried out.

We have applied for, and are waiting for the ESB to provide power to the installation. The job will be completed when the power supply is obtained.

3.4 **OUTFLOWS INTO THE RIVER LEE**

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

Request the Manager to-

- Identify and report on locations of outflows (if any) into the River Lee
- Within the City and from its source if possible
- When is it expected that these will be connected to the Cork Main Drainage Scheme?
- Can the quantities of outflow be estimated?
- What effect are the outflows having on the quality of the water in the River Lee?.

There are a number of potential sources for outflows to the River Lee. In brief, they include the following-

Combined Sewer Overflows are intermittent discharges which are designed to occur at times of heavy rainfall. The combined sewer, instead of surcharging and causing localized flooding, spills over into an overflow pipe and discharges a diluted flow to the river. These chambers are liable to blocking and can cause spillages during dry weather. For that reason a continuous maintenance program is in place to monitor and contain the instances of failure. In all, there are 62 CSOs in the city with 48 overflow points to waterways.

Pump station overflows which can occur if problems arise with individual stations.

Dewatering discharges which are facilitating construction of basements for large developments in the city.

Connections missed under the CMD project which are discharging to old culverts. Tracing of these is ongoing and the number of discharges is very low at this stage,

Patrick's Bridge being the most prominent and another minor discharge at South Mall.

Crossed Connections which occur mainly when householders in areas serviced by a separated system connect appliances, extensions etc. to the storm pipe instead of the foul. These appear generally as grey water discharge to local waterways.

Discharges arising from the foregoing can at times be visually offensive. However such discharges are relatively limited in terms of their occurrence/extent and have no significant overall affect on the water quality of the River.

3.5 **PLAYGROUND AND MUGA – THE GLEN**

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

Can the Manager please provide Council with an update in relation to the provision of a playground and MUGA in The Glen and in particular the current position in relation to the siting of same?

A number of meetings have been held with the Church authorities in relation to advancing proposals in relation to lands adjoining St Brendan's Church, which would be a suitable location for a playground. These discussions are still ongoing. Plans are advanced to locate a MUGA at Mourne Avenue in the Glen with work scheduled to commence in the next few weeks.

3.6 **TALL SHIPS RACE FOR CORK IN 2011**

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

Did Cork City Council participate in any bid to secure the Tall Ships Race for Cork in 2011?

Preliminary enquiries were made but it seemed that the presence of overhead electricity lines were regarded as problematic.

3.7 **PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING**

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

Would the Manager advise us as to when we can expect to have the "pay and display" parking introduced on a wider basis following the lengthy trial period for same?

The original trial for the Pay and Display (P&D) machines was held in the White Street 'Off-Street' Car Park and the performance of the machines have been judged to be satisfactory.

A second trial is planned for the units in an 'on-street' situation. It was planned to hold this trial over the summer months but because of holidays and other work pressures, the trial will not begin until later on in the autumn. Several companies have expressed interest in the project and discussions on costs, arrangements for cash collections, etc. are on going.

The second trial is necessary to ensure that the best available machines end up on the streets of Cork, if it is decided to roll the scheme out city-wide.

3.8 **AFFORDABLE HOUSES ALLOCATED IN 2006**

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

Can the Manager please inform Council as to (a) the number of affordable houses allocated by Council in 2006? (b) the average price charged for them? (c) the average market valuation of these houses? (d) the number of affordable units other than houses provided in 2006 and their average price and market valuations?

- (A) 178 houses.
- (B) €177,700
- (C) €308,980
- (D) 8 units at an average price of €221,000 and an average market valuation of €332,500 per unit.

3.9 **GLENRYAN MEWS – BLARNEY STREET**

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

When will Glenryan Mews off Blarney Street be taken in charge?

A bond in the sum of £6,500.00 (€8,253.30) was in place from December 1989, the bond expired in June 1991 and was not extended by the Suriety/Developer.

The statutory period for taking Planning Enforcement Proceedings has expired since 2001.

The current value of the outstanding remedial works is €3,000. We are currently liaising with the relevant Departments within the City Council in order to consider and agree a schedule for the completion of these remedial works.

Pending the above, on the recommendation of the Senior Executive Engineer Planning, we have recently initiated the Taking In Charge process within the Planning & Development Directorate. It is anticipated that the formal approval of the Director of Services Planning & Development will be forwarded to the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation over the next couple of weeks.

3.10 **HEATHERTON AND HEATHERTON PARK, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

To update the Council on what stage Cork City Council are at with regard to the taking in charge of Heatherton and Heatherton Park, South Douglas Road?

There is a cash bond of €28,524.67 in place for this development. A letter was sent to the Developer on 11th May 2007 making a formal claim on the bond.

We are currently liaising with the relevant Departments within the City Council in order to consider & agree a schedule for the completion of the remedial works & the draw down of the relevant monies to complete same.

Pending the above, on the recommendation of the Senior Executive Engineer Planning, we have recently initiated the Taking In Charge process within the Planning & Development Directorate. It is anticipated that the formal approval of the Director of Services Planning & Development will be forwarded to the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation over the next couple of weeks.

3.11 **ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER TANKS – LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES**

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

On the issue of Asbestos cement water tanks which were installed in local authority houses built in Cork City during 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and early 1970's.

- f) How many houses were built with Asbestos cement water tanks?
- g) Where were these houses located and the breakdown in numbers for each location?
- h) With life term of 35 years for Asbestos water tanks, what plan of works are in place to remove and replace these old and fragile tanks with new modern ones?
- i) When will this replacement work commence?
- j) Has any risk assessment been undertaken over the years on Asbestos water tanks or on the handling of Asbestos products?

- k) What is the current practice on replacing and removing of Asbestos water tanks by Cork City Council in the course of routine maintenance.?

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.

a) , b) : This information will not be available until completion of the stock survey currently underway and due to be completed at end of 2008.

c) , d) , f) : Asbestos cement water tanks are routinely replaced and removed whenever any repair work to the tanks is required.

e) : Yes

4. **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the nomination of three members to the Cork City Audit Committee as agreed by the Corporate Policy Group.

Comhairleoir M. Shields proposed and Comhairleoir F. Dennehy seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir D. Wallace.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle.

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed and Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir M. Ahern.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, L. McGonigle and M. Ahern appointed to the Audit Committee.

5. **DESIGNATION OF CORK DOCKLANDS FOR TARGETED DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE**

An Chomhairle approved report of City Manager dated 20th September, 2007 on Designation of Cork's Docklands for Development Incentives.

6. **SECTION 19 (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – CASUAL VACANCIES**

6.1 **VACANCY IN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir Jerry Buttimer.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of John Buttimer to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir Jerry Buttimer.

6.2 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES – COMHAIRLEOIR J. BUTTIMER**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment to each of the following Committees:

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee
- Environment Functional Committee
- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee
- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee
- South West Regional Authority
- Leisureworld Committee
- School Meals Committee
- Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee
- RAPID – Togher/Mahon
- Cork Area Strategic Plan Policy Committee
- Sports Committee
- Regional Health Forum

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir John Buttimer to the following Committees:

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee
- Environment Functional Committee
- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee
- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee
- School Meals Committee
- Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee
- Cork Area Strategic Plan Policy Committee
- Sports Committee
- Regional Health Forum

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir J. O' Callaghan to the South West Regional Authority.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle to the Leisureworld Committee.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir P. Gosch seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham to RAPID – Togher/Mahon.

An tArdmhéara declared the above members appointed to the relevant Boards/Committees.

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2007**

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST AUGUST 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31st August 2007.

7.2 **MOTIONS**

7.2.1 **MAINTAIN CORK CITY AS GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROP AND FOOD FREE ZONE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to the Corporate Policy Group from An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council takes every possible measure to promote and maintain Cork City as Genetically Modified crop and food free zone. To declare Cork City a GM Free Zone, not only prohibiting the growth of GM crops in our jurisdiction but also prohibiting the sale of any GM foods in this city, lending to a clean green image for Cork, attractive not only to the inhabitants of this city but for the many international tourists arriving here on a continual basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/262)

A vote was called on the decision of the Group where there appeared:

For: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, A. Spillane, M. Barry, G. O’ Flynn, J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. O’Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins (13)

Against: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’ Callaghan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, M. Shields and M. Ahern. (9)

Abstentions: An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan, Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham and J. Buttimer (3)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion adopted by An Chomhairle.

7.2.2 **TWINNING WITH SUNDERLAND**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to the Corporate Policy Group by An Chomhairle.

‘In order to strengthen the close ties and friendship established between Cork and Sunderland since Roy Keane (Freeman of Cork) took over as Manager of Sunderland Football Club. I propose that Cork City Council would begin negotiations with our counterparts in Sunderland with a view to the two cities twinning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/312)

A vote was called on the decision of the Corporate Policy Group where there appeared:

For: An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, C. O’ Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer (22)

Against: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. McCarthy, J. O’ Callaghan, F. Dennehy, M. Ahern. (5)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the decision of the Corporate Policy Group approved.

7.2.3 **AUDIT COMMITTEES**

The nomination of members to the Audit Committee as agreed by the Corporate Policy Group, was dealt with under Item 4 of the minutes.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2007**

8.1 **PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of City Manager on submissions received on proposed variation to the Cork City Development Plan 2004 with regard to Office Policy and Business and Technology Zoning. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution.

“RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation No. 4 Office Policy and Business and Technology Zoning, to Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the recommendations of the City Manager’s Report dated 5th September, 2007” with the inclusion of the following words after Rail Station “described as Zones 1 and 2 in the North Blackpool Area Plan 2001, west of the Railway Line/Dublin Street”.

8.2 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009 -2015**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development on the preparation of the next Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015, subject to the alteration of the date for the Seminar for Members of Council, Strategic Policy Committees and Senior Staff from 9th October, 2007 to 15th October, 2007.

8.3 **PROGRESS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development on progress on office and retail developments in the city.

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed the suspension of Standing Orders and the meeting to be extended to 8.30pm.

8.4 **CHANGE TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2004**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 6th September, 2007 on the following motion, referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this Council proceeds with a material change to the Cork City Development Plan, 2004 by zoning the Green on Bishopstown Road and bordered by Bishops court Green to the west and Bishops court Drive to the east, a “Public Open Space” and /or “Landscape Protection Zone”.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/259)

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development and that Policy NHR 11 of the City Development Plan would be varied to add the following wording:

“That all open space in estates in the city along with any green area that formed part of a planning application for development and was identified as recreation/amenity/open space is deemed to be zoned as recreation and amenity”.

It is also acknowledged in relation to such areas that if the appropriate colour on the Development Plan map is not in place then it is accepted that it is for technical reasons and not any indication on the part of the City Council that it is not appropriately zoned.

8.5 **ESTATE GREENS PROTECTED AGAINST DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 6th September, 2007 on the following motion, referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That this Council confirms its policy that “Estate Greens” Open green spaces/areas in established estates be zoned “Open Public Spaces” and or “Landscape protection zone” to ensure such areas be fully protected against development”.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/258)

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development and that Policy NHR 11 of the City Development Plan would be varied to add the following wording:

“That all open space in estates in the city along with any green area that formed part of a planning application for development and was identified as recreation/amenity/open space is deemed to be zoned as recreation and amenity”.

It is also acknowledged in relation to such areas that if the appropriate colour on the Development Plan map is not in place then it is accepted that it is for technical reasons and not any indication on the part of the City Council that it is not appropriately zoned.

8.6 **PLANNING PERMISSION TO BUILD ON OPEN SPACE AND AMENITY/RECREATIONAL SPACE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 6th September, 2007 on the following motion, referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That Cork City Council hereby resolves that attempts by developers/speculators to seek planning permission to build on open space and amenity/recreational space in and adjoining Housing Estates will be rejected outright and that Council will bring forward the necessary amendments to the Development Plan, to underwrite this resolution”.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/248)

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development and that Policy NHR 11 of the City Development Plan would be varied to add the following wording:

“That all open space in estates in the city along with any green area that formed part of a planning application for development and was identified as recreation/amenity/open space is deemed to be zoned as recreation and amenity”.

It is also acknowledged in relation to such areas that if the appropriate colour on the Development Plan map is not in place then it is accepted that it is for technical reasons and not any indication on the part of the City Council that it is not appropriately zoned.

8.7 **CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 6th September, 2007 on the following motion, referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That Cork City Council actively roll out with the participation of secondary Schools, an Garda Síochana, H.S.E. officials and other interested public bodies a Civic Awareness Programme”.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/345)

8.8 **AREA ACTION PLAN – MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 6th September, 2007 on the following motion, referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle with a recommendation that meetings of Ward Members be arranged to discuss the issue of Area Action Plans:

“That Cork City Council prepare an Area Action Plan for the Mayfield Area particularly because of the imminent threat to Recreation/Amenity/Sports areas at Tank Field and Tinkers Cross and also with a view to reducing the through flow of heavy traffic.

(Proposer Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/226)

8.9 **AREA ACTION PLAN – SILVERSPRINGS/LOTAMORE/ASHMOUNT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 6th September, 2007 on the following motion, referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle with a recommendation that meetings of Ward Members be arranged to discuss the issue of Area Action Plans:

“That Cork City Council prepare an Area Action Plan for the Silversprings/Lotamore/Ashmount area in conjunction with Cork County Council

in order to ensure that all facilities necessary for the Community are provided and that a co-ordinated approach is taken to Developers”.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/227)

9. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2007**

9.1 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer on Housing Estates from 1st July, 2007 to 31st August, 2007 dated 13th September, 2007.

9.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services & City Engineer, Planning & Development dated 13th September, 2007 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1st July – 31st August, 2007.

9.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 13th September, 2007 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st July – 31st August, 2007.

9.4 **ORCHARD COURT, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 13th September, 2007 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That Cork City Council Planning Department take in charge Orchard Court, Blackpool”.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/194)

The report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that planning permission was originally granted on 22/12/97 under T.P. 97/21491 to construct 44 houses and 8 duplex apartments; 4 shops with 4 apartments overhead; group medical consulting rooms; car parking and vehicular bridges at lands between Thomas Davis Street and Commons Road, (Known as Tuckers Field) Blackpool, Cork.

On satisfactory completion of the above development the bond was released on the 01/05/07.

However, Planning permission was granted under T.P. no. 04/28210 on 30/09/04 to erect 10 no. 2 storey dwellings.

With regard to this development, Public Lighting & Landscaping works have been passed as satisfactory.

Site inspections continue to be carried out & we expect the Developer to have the estate completed to a satisfactory standard and suitable for taking in charge shortly.

10. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2007**

10.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

10.2 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved report of Director of Services on Sanitary and other schemes for the year to 31st August 2007.

10.3 **ANTI LITTER INITIATIVES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services which indicated that a grant of €40,000 had been received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to help fund a number of anti litter initiatives.

10.4 **COMMUNITY AREA MAINTENANCE GRANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services which stated that three further applications under the above scheme had been received which met the criteria set out in the report of the Director dated 21st May 2007.
Comhairleoir M. O'Connell asked that his interest in the Briarscourt Residents Association be noted in the minutes.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

12. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following conferences:

12.1 **RURAL TOURISM 2007-2013**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn at the Rural Tourism 2007 – 2013 conference held in Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare on the 7th September, 2007.

12.2 **AMAI – ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern & D. Cregan at the AMAI – Annual Conference 2007 held in Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Co. Wexford on the 13th – 15th September, 2007.

12.3 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O' Flynn, J. Kelleher & T. Brosnan at the Planning Seminar for Councillors conference to be held in the Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee on the 12th & 13th October, 2007.

12.4 **THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn at the Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland conference to be held in the Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 19th October, 2007.

12.5 **“THE CHANGING IRELAND – ARE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PREPARED”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn at “The Changing Ireland – Are Local Authorities Prepared” conference to be held in the Charelesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 28th – 30th September, 2007.

12.6 **WINNING OR LOSING? THE BATTLE AGAINST SUBSTANCE & ALCOHOL MISUSE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Corr and J. Kelleher at the Winning or Losing? The Battle Against Substance & Alcohol Misuse conference to be held in The Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 4th & 5th October, 2007.

12.7 **LAMA WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the L.A.M.A. Winter Conference being held in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow, on 9th and 10th November, 2007.

12.8 **BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY GROUPS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Bringing Together Community & Voluntary Groups Conference being held in the Imperial Hotel & Silversprings Moran Hotel on 5th & 6th October, 2007.

13. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 23RD JULY, 2007**

13.1 **PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS – 3D GRAPHICS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council resolves that it should produce 3D representations and as constructed 3D graphics for all projects involving/requiring public consultation as it is ridiculous to expect members of the public and councillors to form opinions based on 2D representations/communications of architects and engineers who are speaking in their own professional techno-jargon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/287)

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed the suspension of Standing Orders and the meeting to be extended to 8.40pm.

14. **MOTION REFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2007**

14.1 **CUTBACKS IN THE H.S.E.**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘Cork City Council, opposed to cutbacks in the Health Service, voices its concern at the decision of the HSE to freeze recruitment in the Health Service, a decision which includes a ban on the recruitment of frontline staff.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/323)

15. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee:

15.1 **PARK OWEN – RECREATION & LIVING SPACE**

‘That the open spaces adjacent to Park Owen be immediately C.P.O. and that Housing and Recreation prepare a plan for the future development of the Park as a recreational and also a living space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/386)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.2 **UPPER CLARKES ROAD – 2007 ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Upper Clarkes Rd be included in the 2007 roads resurfacing programme and that an additional ramp be put in place between Pearse Rd and the last ramp on Upper Clarkes Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/387)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.3 **ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT – GLENHEIGHTS PARK, WEEKLY CLEANING**

‘That Cork City Council Environment Department include Glenheights Park, Ballyvolane in its weekly cleaning programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/200)

Environment Functional Committee

15.4 **2008 PUBLIC LIGHTINGS PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include the area adjacent to No.108 Glenheights Park, Ballyvolane in the 2008 Public Lightings Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/201)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING – BROWNINGSTOWN EAST**

‘That Browningstown East and West be surveyed by the Traffic Dept. of City Council, and that traffic calming measures where needed be installed in 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/283)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **PALACEANNE LAWN – RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Palaceanne Lawn be included in the estates resurfacing programme 2008, as the road carriageway is in a very poor state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/284)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **PUBLIC LIGHT – 1 MCDONAGH RD., CATTLE MARKET ST.**

‘That an additional Public Light be placed in the vicinity of 1 McDonagh Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/289)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 **FENCE – PRESENTATION PLACE & DEERPARK**

‘That a fence be placed on the wall that divides Presentation Place and Deerpark in accordance with the wishes of local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/297)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.9 **ARDFALLEN ESTATE BE INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATES FOR 2008**

‘That Ardfallen Estate would be included in the estimates for 2008 for resurfacing as this road is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/301)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **RE-ALIGN LANES ON THE LOWER GLANMIRE RD AT TIVOLI**

That, in order to improve safety and the flow of traffic, the lanes on the Lower Glanmire Road at Tivoli (outside the Silversprings Hotel) be re-aligned, including the provision of two lanes for traffic entering the city from the east.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/304)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **BAN ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOL**

'That Council urge the Government to ban all advertising of alcohol.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/305)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

15.12 **YOUTH CENTRE IN FARRANREE**

'I propose that Cork City Council would provide a youth centre in Farranree to serve this and surrounding areas.'

(Proposer; Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/313)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

'That Cork City Council would carry out an assessment of the traffic calming requirements for Hollymount Estate, and that they would also include the estate in the next resurfacing programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 07/316)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.14 **CHANGE REGULATION 2001 SI NO 11 – 77 OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

'That Cork City Council change regulation 2001 SI no 660 11-77 of the Development Plan from 'That telecommunications installation will not be favoured in residential areas.' To

'That telecommunications installation will not be erected in residential areas.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. M. O'Connell 07/319)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

15.15 PARK & RIDE – TERENCE MCSWEENEY QUAY

‘That the Park and Ride bus would turn right onto Terence McSweeney Quay and continue down the dedicated bus lane onto Anglesea Street, rather than congesting traffic on Albert Quay/Albert Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/324)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.16 CASTLE CLOSE ESTATE, MAHON – RD. RESURFACING PROGRAMME

‘That Castle Close Estate, Mahon be included in the road resurfacing programme of 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/325)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.17 ENHANCE – CITY’S WATER THEME

‘That this Council, desiring to enhance the City’s water theme following the upgrading of the quality of the River Lee, considering River Transportation, Marinas, developing Water Sports, Boating, Riverside Board Walks, now wishes to embark on a programme of Fountain Construction in various designs and locations in the City including the suburbs giving to its citizens an increasing pleasant harmonious and peaceful environment and increasing the attractiveness of the City to Tourists with cultural and economic benefits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/329)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.18 WILTON ROUNDABOUT – WATER FOUNTAIN

‘That this Council in its plans for the Wilton Roundabout seeks to create a Water Fountain, designed to give the existing work of art by artist, John Burke, fuller prominence with attractive lighting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/330)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.19 **TRAFFIC SPEEDING – SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate measures to slow down traffic speeding on Silverheights Road as it is now a serious danger to residents and children in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/335)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.20 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION – BOHERBOY ROAD/SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

‘That Cork City Council officials take responsibility for the traffic congestion and problems they have caused at the junctions of Boherboy Road/Silversprings Lane and Silverheights Road/Silversprings Lane by installing traffic lights that will allow local residents exit right onto Silversprings Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/336)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.21 **HOUSING DEPT., - 100% REFUND ON RENTS**

‘Council calls on the Housing Department to pay a 100% refund on all rents paid on temporary contract leases by successful affordable housing applicants at Hollyhill Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/337)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.22 **GOVERNMENT CHANGES – COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SUBVENTION SCHEME**

‘Council expresses its grave concern at planned Government changes to the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/338)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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