

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 15th JANUARY, 2007

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O'Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll,
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir D. Cregan
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community
Mr. B. Geaney, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community
Mr. D. Joyce, Administrative Officer, Roads & Transportation
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, 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 Alice Murphy
- The Domeney family on the death of Eddie Domeney
- Theresa Still on the death of her mother Ann Still
- The Barrett family on the death of their father Bertie.
- Tony White on the death of Mary Leahy

- Catherine Courtney on the death of her husband Michael.
- Owen Cafferkey on the death of his mother Sheila.
- The Couch family on the death of Harry Couch.
- The Mulqueen family on the death of Tom Mulqueen
- Tom Raftery & family on the death of Bredhe Raftery.
- The Murray family on the death of Pat Murray
- Anne Lucey & family on the death of Jim Lucey
- The Cotter family on the death of Abina Cotter
- The families of the missing fishermen from the Honeydew II and the Pere Charles Trawlers.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- Blue Demons Basketball Team on reaching the National Cup Final.
- Derval O'Rourke on being awarded the Irish Times Sports Woman of the Year.

2. **MINUTES**

(a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 15th January 2007 were considered and approved with the following amendment agreed:

Item 9.1

“An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved”

would be amended to read

“An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.”

(b) The Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 18th December, 2006 were considered and approved.

(c) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th December, 2006 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **PART V CONTRACT AGREEMENTS**

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

- (a) To list the developments that received planning permission in 2005/6 where Part V was applicable?
- (b) To state the Part V contract agreement on each development e.g. money, land or units?

| Year Appl | Year Grant | TP no | Developer | Address | Units under Negotiation | Units Agreed | Contribution | Commenced |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2004 | 2005 | 0427994 | Grangefield Developments | Arbutus Lodge | 6 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428017 | Eoin Keane | Laburnum House MFR | | | 20,000.00 | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428230 | Murphy Brothers | Riverview estate | 1 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428398 | Kilbree Investment Co. | Between 81&82 Lwr Glanmire Rd | 3 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428400 | Cumnor Construction | 162-163 Sundays Well Rd | 6 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428496 | Oyster Developments | Farranlea Rd Bishopstown | 12 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428705 | Riga Ltd | Jurys Hotel Lancaster Quay | | | 748,000 | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428804 | Carrolls Quay Devt.Co. | Knapps Sq, Camden Villas | | | 75,000 | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428876 | B C L Moran | Palm Grove Deanrock Togher | 14 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428877 | O'Flynn Construction | Eglinton St | | Site-pp for 18 units | 500,000 | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428965 | Diarmuid Higgins | 38/39 Tower St | | | 91,000 | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0429029 | Frinailla Ltd. | 43-47 Watercourse Rd | 11 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0429030 | Frinailla Ltd | 48-52 Watercourse Rd | 16 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0428939 | Ryan Properties | Skellig Glasheen rd | 4 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0429091 | Richard Walsh/ Dick Kiely | Grianbru, Model farm Rd | 4 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2004 | 2005 | 0429184 | Brideview Developments | Junction of Vicars rd & Togher Rd | 2 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2005 | 2005 | 0529373 +0530294 + 0630618 | McCarthy Developments | Jacobs Island | | 8 Units agreed | | |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0529512 | Mark & Joe Kelleher | Westend & St Francis, | 5 | Under Negotiation | | |

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|------|------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | | | | Bishopstown | | | | |
| 2005 | 2005 | 0529340 | McCarthy Development | Jacobs Island | 6 | Under negotiation | | |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0530254 | Don Carroll | 254-257 Blarney Street | 7 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0529860 | B.Crowley & G.Paul | Riverside farm MFR | 10 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2005 | 0530087 | Firestone | Ursuline Convent | 6 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0529538 | Eileen Daly | Popes Rd | 4 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0529740 | Aldi Stores Devts Ltd. | Heiton Buckleys site, Tory top Rd | 8 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0530132 | Frinailla Ltd | Dennehys Cross | 28 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0530273 | Mark Kelleher | Rosarie Bishopstown | 8 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0530333 | Carey Sheahan | Watercourse Rd | 2 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0530336 | Blackpool Developments Ltd. | Blackpool | 2 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0529416 | Rios Properties | Lake View Ballyhooley Rd | 3 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0630614 | Lynn O'Connor | St Patricks Hill | 2 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0631112 | O'Flynn Construction | Eglinton Street | 1 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0630446 | Ben Healy | Croppy Bay Fairhill | 3 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0630844 | Riga Ltd. | Jurys site | 1 | Under Negotiation | | |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0630692 | Paul Kenny | John A Woods Carrigrohane | 5 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0631158 | Mark Kelleher | West End Bishopstown | No change to unit no. from planning no. 0529512 | Under negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2006 | 2006 | 0631045 | Finbarr Gannon | St Patricks House Lwr Glanmire Rd | 3 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |
| 2005 | 2006 | 0529937 | Church Hill Bldgs. Devts | Lower glanmire Rd | 4 | Under Negotiation | | Not yet commenced |

- (b) The agreements under negotiation have the potential to yield 187 units. I attach for the information of members sanction from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to use Part V contributions which currently stand at €5.85m to subsidise affordable housing delivery in the city's northside. This

will enable the delivery of one hundred units at a substantial discount and provide far in excess affordable housing units than had City Council entered into an agreement for units on site. For example, the 748,000 euro contribution from Jurys Hotel will fund thirty units while such funds would only have acquired three units in the proposed development.

3.2 **AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS OUTSIDE ST. ALS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

What is the problem with the amber flashing lights (non flashing) outside St. Als Primary School?

The flashing amber lights are part of a school warning sign system to warn motorists of children crossing on Bishop Street at the entrance to St Als Primary School adjacent to St. Finbarre's Cathedral. There are signs on both sides of the roadway and a school warden operates at the location.

Unfortunately the signs are regularly vandalised and they require a lot of attention to ensure they remain in working order. They have now been repaired again and we will within reason, continue to monitor and check the lights so that they continue to remain in good working order.

3.3 **RESURFACING OF ONSLOW GARDENS**

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 if the Roads Programme for 2007 will include the resurfacing of Onslow Gardens?

Gearney's Boreen, which forms the main road and part of the bus route through this area, was resurfaced in 2006. We will assess the other roads in the area and these will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Programme following consideration at the North-West Ward Meeting in late January/early February.

3.4 **STORM CONNECTIONS – RIVER LEE**

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

- A. "Request the Manager, taking the necessary time to examine in detail, investigate fully, identify, list and report on outstanding foul connections, or storm connections containing some foul however small, that are not connected to Cork's

Main Drainage Scheme and continues to flow into the River Lee and or its tributaries with the City of Cork”.

B. How, if any, does the City Council intend to deal with such outflows?

Major investment has been made in the construction of a Main Drainage system over the last number of decades. The primary aims of this investment were removal of continuous discharge of foul effluent to the River Lee and other surface water streams, treatment to an accepted standard and discharge into the estuary at point to cause least water quality impact. It is not correct to assume from this that there will be no foul effluent discharge to surface waters at any time. The objective is to ensure that it is infrequent and as little as possible.

Causes of discharge of foul effluent include

- (i) Incorrect operation of a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). These installations are designed to operate under storm conditions, when excess surface water is removed from the sewer network by overspilling into the river or streams. However if a blockage occurs the overflow can operate in non storm conditions causing discharge of undiluted effluent. We have over 60 such installations. Regular inspection and cleaning is carried out. However we still have occasions when malfunctions occur. In order to reduce the impact of such malfunctions the City Council are in the process of put in place a monitoring system using sensors to radio alerts of incidences of incorrect operation to City Hall for quick response. Elimination of any foul discharge would require major investment in a new stormwater network.
- (ii) Foul discharges overlooked and/or not correctly connected to the main drainage system. Because of the extent and protracted period of the Main Drainage Project it is not unreasonable to assume some discharge points from premises have been overlooked or incorrectly connected. Some have been identified and addressed. Others are being addressed.
- (iii) Incorrect connections to sewers and drains. This can occur when new development, extension and renovation is carried out and new or altered connections are made. Despite the compliance regime in place incidences of incorrect connection occur.

As indicated above the issue of CSO operation is being addressed by increased monitoring and quick response regime.

The issue of outstanding overlooked connections is being dealt with by a systematic review of the network as part of ongoing maintenance.

Incorrect connections are dealt with on an individual basis as discover or reported.

3.5 **CITY MANAGER’S SALARY**

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 his salary for the year 2006?

€136,298

3.6 **INFILL HOUSE – CONNOLLY PLACE**

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

Will the Manager say when the building of the Infill House in the alleyway between Connolly Place and the Green Connolly Road is due to begin?

Work will commence on the construction of the infill unit in March, 2007.

3.7 **REFUSE COLLECTION DISCOUNTS**

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

- (a) How many of Cork City Council refuse collection customers availed of the 10% discount for early payment in 2006.
- (b) Following the case in the Small Claims Court what system will the Manager be putting in place to reimburse customers entitled to the €130 refund?
- (a) 15,421 customers availed of the early payment discount scheme during 2006.
- (b) The Small Claims Court hearing referred to in this question related to the specific circumstances of a particular individual and as such does not have any general applicability to other customers.

3.8 **REPORT – FLOOD RELIEF FOR LEE ROAD & CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

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

To ask the City Manager to present a report to Council on the plans and updated works on flood relief for Lee Road and on how plans also to alleviate flooding on Carrigrohane Road are proceeding?

Both Lee Road (County Council section) and the Carrigrohane Road are within the traditional flood plain area of the River Lee and have been subject to intermittent flooding over the years.

In order to maximise the potential release of water in the recent flooding situation a section of the balustrade fence and supporting plinth (circa 15m) was removed by the Council and related remedial works are now being completed.

There are no proposals at present to carry out works to mitigate or alleviate the risk of flooding in the above mentioned areas. However, the Office of Public Works have commenced a flood risk assessment of the Lee catchment, which will highlight flood hazard areas, measure flood impacts and prepare holistic management proposals. This review, being carried by international consultant Halcrow Ltd., and in cooperation with the City and County Councils, is expected to report by year end.

The preparation of any works programme will await the outcome of the review.

3.9 **CPO – DERELICT SITE JUNCTION, PARNELL BRIDGE**

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

Will the Manager inform Council if he plans to put a Compulsory Purchase Order on the small derelict site adjacent to the traffic lights, at the junction of Brian Boru Street and Parnell Bridge (opposite the Coliseum)?

At present there are no plans to put a Compulsory Purchase Order on this site. The Property Department, in conjunction with the Planning Development Directorate, are currently reviewing all derelict sites within the city.

3.10 **DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

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

Can the Manager please confirm the total amount due from developers to Cork City Council in development charges at this point in time?

Can he please provide breakdown by name of developer and amount due in respect of amounts over €25,000?

a) The current nett outstanding balance to the 31st December 2006 is €10,267,023.

b) The schedule of developers with a balance due over €25,000 is attached.

It should be noted that majority of these are the subject of queries in respect of duplication (multiple permissions) or rechecking based on revised development proposals, which are at present being examined by the Planning Authority, or for developments on which Invoices have only being issued in December 2006. All

other outstanding balances are being pursued with statutory time frames as Simple Contract Debts or by Planning Enforcement under Part VIII Planning & Development Act 2000.

The schedule of developers with a balance due over €25,000 is set out hereunder

Developer

Cado Systems
Mr Joe Kelleher
Firestone Developments Ltd
U.C.C
Lance Investments
Mr Paul Montgomery
Fernhurst Investments
Project Management
Shul
Con Barry Murphy
Cork Institute of Technology
Lance Investments
Noel Deasy (cars) Ltd
The Freeland Partnership
Johnson & Perrott Motor Group
Descon Ltd
Don O'Gorman
Howard Webworks
Barry Twohig
Pat Kenny
Sharon Russell
Fergus Walsh & Eileen Ryan
Nish Mukerjee
Cork County Council
Brother's of Charity
Softwear Dev Centre Ltd
Motor Services Ltd
Brideview Developments Ltd
Cummor Construction Ltd

4. **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 3 TO CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – VIEWS AND PROSPECTS**

An Chomhairle approved the City Manager's report of 11th January, 2007 on issues raised during the public consultation on the proposed variation to the City Development Plan and proposed amendments to the Variation put forward in the Manager's report. On the proposal of J. Corr seconded by D. Wallace, An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution;

“**RESOLVED**, pursuant to Section 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation No. 3, Cork City Views and Prospects, to Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the recommendations of the City Manager's Report dated 11th January, 2007.”

5. **RIGHT OF WAY AT KNOCKREA LAWN**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the report of City Manager dated 11th January, 2007 on Right of Way at Knockrea Lawn to the next meeting of the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

Comhairleoir C. Burke declared his interest in this matter.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18TH DECEMBER 2006**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 30th November, 2006.

7. **RECREATION, AMENITY AND CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 12TH DECEMBER 2006**

7.1 **REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle noted the Director of Services report on Parks & Recreation Capital Projects.

7.2 **ROLE OF SPORTS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved report from the Sports Committee in relation to its role and remit. The report stated that the Committee recognises that regular participation in sport can promote the physical, physiological and social well being of an individual. Sport contributes in a positive way to the quality of life and has a positive impact in maintaining communities throughout the City.

7.3 **CORK CITY COUNCIL’S SPORTS CAPITAL SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved a report on the City Council’s Sports Capital Scheme as recommended by the Sports Committee. Cork City Council, through its Sports Capital Grants Scheme seeks to assist voluntary sporting and community organisations in developing and enhancing sports and recreation facilities throughout the City.

7.4 **NOMINATION OF THREE MEMBERS TO REGIONAL TRACK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered the nomination of three members to the Regional Track Advisory Committee and the following nominations were approved.

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer proposed, Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham.

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed, Comhairleoir T. Brosnan seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy.

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed, Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell seconded the nomination of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. Ahern.

An tArdmhéara declared the above members appointed to the Regional Track Advisory Committee.

7.5 **NOMINATION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE CORK CITY LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

An Chomhairle considered the nomination of three members to the Cork City Local Sports Partnership Board and the following nominations were approved.

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed, Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer.

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed, Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan.

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed, Comhairleoir C. Clancy seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell.

An tArdmhéara declared the above members appointed to the Cork City Local Sports Partnership Board.

7.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE LEE FIELDS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services, dated 7th December, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council would put in place Public Lighting in the Lee Fields along the Amenity Walk. The Lighting would enhance the area and make the fields a safer place for the many users of this amenity during the winter evenings.

(Proposer:- Cllr. C. Clancy – 06/19)

The report of the Director of Services stated that provision of public lighting along the Lee Fields is included in the upgrading works for the existing footpath/cycleway.

7.7 **DEFIBRILLATION EQUIPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services, dated 8th December, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That Cork City Council will ensure that recreational and amenity facilities belonging to it. Such as its swimming pools and golf course, have Defibrillator equipment available on site and that designated staff are trained in its use.”

(Proposer:- Cllr. C. Lynch – 06/133)

The report of the Director of Services stated that defibrillators can only be operated by highly trained staff, who every 90 days undergo a refresher course in their use and a revalidation text every year. Defibrillators are provided in the City Council's major leisure centres operated by Leisureworld at Churchfield and at Bishopstown where there are a large number of staff ensuring that a trained defibrillator operator is always in attendance whilst the facility is open. It is not practical where attendances are small and/or where staff numbers are small to have defibrillators at these sites. In Douglas Pool, oxygen is available with staff trained in oxygen therapy.

There is no defibrillator at Mahon Golf Course, nor in any of our major parks. The provision of a defibrillator would require trained staff at all times present at the golf course and would have major cost consequences for the Council. Additional staff would have to be employed at the Pavilion and or additional course staff would have to be provided to allow for the fact that the course is open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. At present, the Pavilion is staffed by one or two staff members depending on demand. Some golf courses such as Fota and Kinsale

Golf Club have defibrillators but these courses have large numbers of staff working in bars/shops etc., attached to the facilities who are trained in CPR and who are available and working until late each evening outside of normal working hours.

There are emergency procedures in place at Mahon to expedite quick access for ambulances if required.

Given the fact that there have only been three incidents at the golf course in its 25 years history, and the extra staffing costs required, it is not considered feasible at present to provide a defibrillator. However the matter will be kept under review and if further advancements are made in the design/operation of defibrillators, the Council will look to extend their usage.

7.8 **TORY TOP PARK, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services, dated 8th December, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That the footpaths in Tory Top Park be upgraded in view of the increasing use of the park by residents of Ballyphehane, Turner’s Cross and surrounding districts.”

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll – 06/499)

The report of the Director of Services stated that tarmac surfacing of all footpaths within Tory Top Park has now been completed.

8. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 8TH JANUARY 2007**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of December 2006.

8.2 **ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the year ended 31st December 2006.

8.3 **STUDY OF HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 8th January, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a study of its present capacity to carry out housing repairs and maintenance works with regard to:-

- Establishing an appropriate time period for tenants to be waiting to have necessary maintenance or repairs carried out to their home.
- Establishing an appropriate time period for properties which have been vacated and have come back into the possession of the Council to be re-let out to new tenants.

With a view to:-

- Putting in place measures in order that the Council will source alternative options of having these works carried out in the event of this time period expiring.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/541)

The report of the Director of Services dated stated that Members will be aware that a system of categorization of repair requests into Emergency, Urgent and Routine, in accordance with DOE guidelines already exists. Target times for completion of repairs under each category are as follows :

| <u>Repair Category</u> | <u>Target Completion</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Emergency | 3 Days |
| Urgent | 14 Days |
| Routine | 42 Days |

Similarly repairs to vacant properties are categorized as Minor works, Major works and Refurbishment. The level of repairs required will vary considerably from case to case and in these circumstances it is not always practical to set target completion times. Works are organised to facilitate the optimum turnaround to re-letting.

The Housing Maintenance section already continuously reviews its resources and capacity with a view to maximising efficiencies. Within existing procurement and industrial relation constraints the City Council has from time to time outsourced elements of work, again with a view to achieving optimum efficiency. It should be noted, however, that this experience in relation to

contracting out of work has not always resulted in improved service delivery. Difficulties can be experienced in obtaining committed and compliant contractors who are flexible and suitably structured to undertake work which often at times is of a disjointed and dispersed nature. Continuing with this practice, tenders have been received from Contractors for repair works to 10 vacant properties requiring refurbishment or major repairs. These tenders are currently being assessed. The performance of contractors on these projects will be kept under review throughout 2007.

8.4 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Property Disposals:

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- a) Fee simple Interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 9, Eden Grove, Mahon, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated 13th December, 2002 to Myles Boyling for the sum of €94,661.44.

FEE SIMPLE

- a) Fee simple interest in premises known as 11B, Gurranabraher Avenue, Cork to Michael O'Connell c/o, Barry M. O'Meara, & Son, Solicitors, 18, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €3,750.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00.
- b) Fee simple interest in premises known as 111 Knockfree Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork to Michael O'Connell, c/o Barry M. O'Meara & Son, Solicitors, 18, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €4,500.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00.
- c) Fee simple interest in premises known as 11A, Gurranabraher Road, Cork to O'Hanlon's Pharmacy Limited c/o Ronan, Daly Jermyn, Solicitors, 12, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €5,000 plus costs of approximately €1,500.
- d) Fee simple interest in premises known as 2, Glencairn Park, Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork to Jeremiah Enright and Mary Enright for the sum of €6.35 plus costs in the sum of €460.00.

9. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 8TH JANUARY 2007**

9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the Report of Assistant City Manager dated 4th January, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended December, 2006.

9.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE - FOOTWAY OUTSIDE 17, 18 & PART OF 19 HILLGROVE LAWN, OFF SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager dated 4th January, 2007 on the taking in charge of footway outside 17, 18 and part of 19 Hillgrove Lawn, off South Douglas Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution.

“**RESOLVED** Pursuant to the provisions of section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the footway outside 17, 18 & part of 19 Hillgrove Lawn, off South Douglas Road, Cork, be taken in charge.”

9.3 **LINK ROAD FROM BALLINCOLLIG BYPASS TO MODEL FARM ROAD AND C.I.T.**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In order to deal with the high volume of traffic (in particular the huge amount of traffic generated by Cork Institute of Technology staff and students) using estate roads in Bishopstown and in particular Melbourne Road and Uam Var Estate. I am requesting that as a matter of priority Cork City Council and Cork County Council jointly seek the necessary Government funding combined with a capital contribution from both authorities towards the overall cost of the proposed link road from Ballincollig Bypass to Model Farm Road with a link road to CIT.’

(Cllr. M. Shields 06/497)

The report of the Assistant City Manager dated stated that Cork City Council and Cork County Council have requested the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to funding of this Link Road from Ballincollig Bypass to C.I.T. and Model Farm Road. We have received no funding to date for this project. It is recommended that this Motion be sent forward to the Joint Committee for consideration. That consideration be given to the proposal that contributions from Cork City Council and Cork County Council would be put towards the provision of this link road and that a further request be made to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the additional funding.

9.4 **ABSENCE OF ESTATES FROM BISHOPSTOWN/WILTON AREA PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council given the absence of Southbury Road, Sandymount Estate, Summerstown Estate, Wilton Lawn and Green Park in the Bishopstown/Wilton Area Plan would give special attention to the estate with a view to enhancement of public realm, paths and roads along with parks landscape and estate signs’.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/525)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads & Transportation Division will consider the above estates when putting together the Roads and Footpath Programme for 2007.

9.5 **ROAD RESURFACING FROM 25 TO 41 EVERGREEN BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Evergreen Buildings from 25 to 41 be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/171)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Evergreen Buildings from 25 to 41 will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.6 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – GREENLAWN, SLIEVE MISH PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines be put in place on both sides of entrances to Greenlawn, Slieve Mish Park, Mercier Park, O’Connell Avenue and Beaufort Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/172)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the entrances to Green Lawn, Slieve Mish Park, Mercier Park, O’Connell Avenue and Beaufort Park will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, the provision of double yellow lines will be carried out.

9.7 **REPAIR / RESURFACE THE FOOTPATHS AND ROADS IN ONSLOW GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to repair/ resurface the footpaths and roads that are not already repaired in Onslow Gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/475)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will examine all the footpaths in Onslow Gardens and will undertake to repair all defective areas in the 2007 Roads Programme of Works.

9.8 **STOP SIGN AT LIAM LYNCH PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a stop sign be placed at exit of Liam Lynch Park onto Glasheen Road at the Eastern End.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 06/528)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Liam Lynch Park will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a stop sign will be provided at the eastern end at the junction with Glasheen Road.

9.9 **RESURFACING OF SILVERHEIGHTS AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide for the resurfacing of Silverheights Avenue in the 2007 Estimate of Expenses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/539)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the road surface in Silverheights Avenue is in reasonable condition. However, it will be considered for attention in the preparation of the 2007 Roads Programme of Works.

9.10 **TRAFFIC SPEED AT UPPER FRIARS WALK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will conduct an examination of traffic speed at Upper Friar’s Walk, with a view to putting in place measures that would discourage motorists from speeding in the area, in order to improve public safety for both local residents and pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/542)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Upper Friar’s Walk will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.11 **HOMEOWNERS GAINING ACCESS/ EGRESS FROM THEIR HOMES**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a policy to assist homeowners in suburban areas in gaining access/ egress for their homes by implementing its policy on the parking of HGV in residential areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/544)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the prohibition of parking by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV’s) can only be implemented by the use of the appropriate regulatory signs. These signs must clearly define the area or zone to which the prohibition applies.

Therefore, there cannot be a blanket ban on parking of HGV’s in suburban residential areas and each roadway or area will be considered on its own merits. The Gardaí must also be consulted with and must agree with any prohibition on HGV parking, as they are the enforcement agency in this matter.

Accordingly, any areas where there are concerns about excessive HGV parking should be communicated to the Traffic Division who will carry out investigations and take appropriate action.

9.12 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – CASTLE STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install additional Public Lighting in Castle Street and also reactivate existing lighting that is out of order.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/174)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a new public lighting scheme has been put in place in Castle Street and power supply connections are in the process of being implemented. The scheme will be fully completed in the near future.

9.13 **STREET LIGHT OUTSIDE NO. 4 PARKMEADE CLOSE, PARKLANDS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to erect a street light outside No. 4 Parkmeade Close, Parklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/476)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the area adjacent to 4 Parkmeade Close will be examined with a view of upgrading the public lighting to modern standards, and any identified works will be put forward to the Ward Members for consideration for funding.

9.14 **REPAIR – FOOTPATHS, HILLCREST DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpaths and resurface the road in Hillcrest Drive as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/512)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will examine the footpaths and road surface in Hillcrest Drive. Any footpath defects will be rectified while the road surface will be considered for attention in the preparation of the 2007 Roads Programme of Works.

9.15 **JUNCTION OF BLARNEY STREET AND SHANDON STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Corks City Council’s Roads and Transportation Department would examine the area at the junction of Blarney Street and Shandon Street with a view to putting in place a pedestrian crossing to allow pedestrians cross from one side of Shandon Street to the other in safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/536)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a major refurbishment scheme has recently been completed in Shandon Street. The junction with Blarney Road was part of this scheme. The project involved major upgrading of the public realm and the new footpaths and surfacing has improved the pedestrian facilities in the area.

In the design of the new scheme, the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Blarney Road and Shandon Street was not envisaged. A pedestrian crossing cannot be provided close to a junction and if pedestrian signals are to be provided here, the junction would have to be fully signalised for road safety reasons.

A signalised junction here would be too close to the traffic signals at North Gate Bridge and are also now not appropriate because of the large excavations that would be required in the new surfaces for ducting, etc. Accordingly, the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Shandon Street and Blarney Street is not recommended.

9.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING – TEMPLE VALE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the forthcoming estimates for a traffic calming measure at the entrance to Temple Vale Estate, which is located off Beaumont Drive, in Ballintemple Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/545)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Temple Vale Estate will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of

the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ENTRANCE TEMPLE VALE, BEAUMONT**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be provided at the entrance to Temple Vale, Beaumont.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 06/547)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Temple Vale Estate will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.18 **POT HOLES – LEAFDALE, ASHFORD ESTATE & HILLSIDE DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the three short sections of interconnected roadway, servicing Leafdale, Ashford Estate and Hillside Drive, which are pot-holed and in a dangerous state, be made safe immediately and that the road be included in the 2007 Roads Resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/548)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the three interconnected roadways, servicing Leafdale, Ashford Estate and Hillside Drive, will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, localised repairs will be carried out as considered necessary.

9.19 **STOP SIGN – GENERAL LIAM LYNCH PARK & GLASHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a stop sign be erected as a matter of urgency at the junction of the General Liam Lynch Park with Glasheen Road in an attempt to control the very dangerous situation arising from traffic exiting quickly onto Glasheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/549)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Liam Lynch Park will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, a stop sign will be provided at the junction with Glasheen Road.

9.20 **COURTLANDS MAYFIELD – 2007 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Courtlands, Mayfield in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme as the road surface there is in a very run down condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/551)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the road surface in Courtlands, Mayfield will be considered for attention in the preparation of the 2007 Roads Programme of Works.

9.21 **RESURFACE SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would make a determined effort to completely resurface Silversprings Court under the 2007 Roads Programme as the estate has had a significant increase in traffic due to the construction of Southridge and the Council itself received of the order of €100,000 from developer O’ Brien & O’ Flynn and the Council also levied substantial development charges. The construction traffic also caused significant wear and tear to local road surfaces and as Silversprings Court was the access road, it should be prioritised.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/552)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the road surface of Silversprings Court is in reasonable condition at this time. However, it will be considered for attention in the preparation of the 2007 Roads Programme of Works.

9.22 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, BALLINLOUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That in order to curb the anti-social behaviour in the area surrounding the Ballinlough Community Centre, a public lighting scheme be devised and implemented as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/554)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the area surrounding the Ballinlough Community Centre is a parking area used by the Community Centre, Tennis Club, Boy Scout, etc and is also used by visitors to the nearby public park.

The area will be examined and a scheme will be designed to improve the public lighting to modern standards. Contact will be made with the Community Association, Recreational & Amenity Directorate and Ward Members with a view of identifying a source of funding for any identified works.

9.23 **LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council reports on the future provision of a light rail system within and to the city from Ballincollig, Carrigaline, Blarney, Midleton etc with Park and Ride provision at these locations.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/556)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in the preparation of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) the feasibility of a light rail system for Cork was examined. At the time (in 2000), it was found that the traffic forecasts did

not justify the provision of light rail, however the report stated that the CASP mid term review should re-examine the issue.

A major review of the Docklands Strategy is currently underway and the issue of a light rail system for the area linking to the City Centre is being closely examined. The report of this study is due to be completed in the next two months and it is likely that the provision of a light rail system or at least the provision of corridors for a future light rail system may form part of the recommendations.

The provision of a light rail system for Cork will require a major feasibility study in itself and because there will be important land use issues involved, the appropriate context for the study would be to carry it out during the lifetime of CASP.

9.24 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – TEMPLE VALE, BALLINTEMPLE**

An Chomhairle approved Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place at Temple Vale, Ballintemple, to slow down traffic going through the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/557)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Temple Vale Estate will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.25 **SIGN – WELLINGTON BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would in the short term erect a sign advising motorists to indicate their intention to turn left on to Wellington Bridge when approaching from the Sunday’s Well Road side until such time that the proposed traffic-lights are in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/558)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the sign referred to in the motion, i.e. sign advising motorists to indicate that they are turning left over the bridge was in place for many years. It will now be replaced with a temporary sign until the new traffic signals at the bridge are put in place next year.

9.26 **SIGN – DANGEROUS JUNCTION SHANAKIEL ROAD & BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would erect a sign advising motorists of a Dangerous Junction Ahead at the top of Shanakiel Road and Blarney Road. There have been a number of accidents at this junction over the years and serious consideration should be given to modifying the corner in conjunction with the proposed City Council Housing development in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/559)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Blarney Road and Shanakiel Road will be totally refurbished and upgraded as part of the major Shanakiel Residential Development Scheme, which started recently. The priority arrangements and traffic movements at the junction will be changed, and there will be adequate warning signs advising motorists of the changes and of the new arrangements.

The new junction layout will be safer and an improvement on the current arrangement.

9.27 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION – GARRANE LANE & BISHOPSTOWN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would in light of difficulties being experienced by pedestrians and also by motorists install a yellow box junction and a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Garrane Lane and Bishopstown Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/560)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Garrane Lane and Bishopstown Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed appropriate, a yellow box will be provided at the junction.

A pedestrian crossing cannot be provided at the junction and if pedestrian signals are to be provided here, the junction would have to be fully signalised for road safety reasons. There are existing traffic signals with full pedestrian crossing facilities at two nearby junctions, i.e. at junction with Curraheen Road (Bishopstown Bar) and at the junction with Hawkes Road. Pedestrian crossing facilities in the area are therefore very good.

A signalised junction at Garrane Lane with Bishopstown Road would be too close to the adjacent traffic signals and accordingly is not recommended.

9.28 **CLOSE ALLEYWAY FROM PRESENTATION ROAD TO BAKERS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would immediately close off the alleyway leading from Presentation Road to Bakers Road in view of the fact that there has been a huge increase in anti-social behaviour over the last number of years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/517)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the request for the closure of the laneway leading from Presentation Road to Bakers Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 laneway closure programme.

9.29 **THE PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT BALLINSHEEN BRIDGE, BLACKROCK, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 4th January 2007 on the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Ballinsheen Bridge, Blackrock, Cork.

The report of the Assistant City Manger stated that Arising from a request received from the residents of the area, the process of extinguishing the Public Right of Way at Ballinsheen Bridge, Blackrock was initiated.

In accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993, notice of intention to extinguish this Public Right of Way was published on Thursday 16th March 2006.

The notice confirmed that maps showing the Public Rights of Way to be extinguished were available for public inspection at the Reception Desk, City Hall

from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, up to 5.00pm on Thursday 13th April 2006.

The notice provided for objections or submissions to be made in writing to the Assistant City Manager, Roads and Transportation not later than 4.30pm on Thursday 27th April 2006.

A request was received for an oral hearing relating to this extinguishment and an oral hearing was organised and held on Tuesday 7th November 2006. Dr Donnacha Ó Cinnéide was appointed arbitrator for the purpose of conducting the oral hearings. A full copy of all objections/representations is contained in the enclosed report.

Having given the Arbitrators report consideration (please see report below) and studied the findings it now recommend that the Public Right of Way at Ballinsheen Bridge not be extinguished but that Cork City Council give consideration to other methods of alleviating the anti social behaviour in the area.

9.30 **BOLLARDS FOR FOOTPATH BETWEEN NO. 38 GERALDINE PLACE
AND NO. 3 GERALDINE MEWS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 4th January, 2007, on the following motion which was held in Committee.

‘That Bollards be placed on footpath stretching between no. 38 Geraldine Place, Hibernian Buildings and No. 3 Geraldine Mews. These would be similar to the Bollard placed outside No. 1 Albert Road, in order to enable householders to exit safely onto the roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/482)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that following last month’s meeting we have re-examined the situation on the ground.

This has confirmed our view that while the provision of bollards would prevent motorists from mounting the footway, they would also impair the mobility of vulnerable pedestrians, particularly wheelchair users, child buggies, visually impaired people with guide dogs etc. In light of this fact and the low traffic volumes on the street, it is not practical to install bollards generally along the footpath here.

However, we can install several bollards at the northern end of Geraldine Place adjacent to 1 Marina Villas and the shop at 17 Elizabeth Terrace. The footway is wide here and it can accommodate bollards without impairing the mobility of pedestrians. We have seen several cars parked illegally on the footway in this area.

10. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir C. O' Leary proposed and Comhairleoir M. O' Connell seconded a suspension of standing orders to discuss Swansea Cork Ferries.

A vote was called on for where there appeared.

For: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, D. Clune, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, C. O' Connell, (8)

Against: Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, T. O' Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Ahern (10)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the proposal defeated.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

12. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conference:

12.1 **THE RESPECT AGENDA – A STEP FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR MEASURES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at The Respect Agenda – A Step Forward in Implementing Anti-Social Behaviour Measures Conference held on the 12th December, 2006 in Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast.

13. **MOTIONS**

The following motions due notice of which had been given were referred to the next meeting of the appropriate Committee.

13.1 **RAILINGS BE PUT AROUND KENNEDY PARK**

‘That proper railings be put around Kennedy Park and that all the entrances be made wheelchair accessible and that car parking be prohibited across the entrances to the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/176)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee

13.2 **EXTEND THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON CAPWELL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council extend the double yellow lines at the entrances/ exits of Capwell Road with both the front and back Douglas Road. This would allow for better traffic management at both these junctions.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin (06/197))

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.3 **PROVISION OF NURSING HOMES FOR ELDERLY**

‘I propose that Cork City Council call on the Government to provide four state of the art nursing homes in Cork City for the elderly of the city to show our thanks and appreciation to the people that helped build the Country that we have today.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/546)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

13.4 **REMOVE AGE LIMIT**

‘I propose that Cork City Council call on the Government to remove the existing limit on the number of people over the age of 55 who can be employed under the FAS CE scheme.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/550)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

13.5 **20MPH SPEED LIMIT – HIBERNIAN BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council, as a matter of Policy, utilise the discretionary powers granted to it under Road Traffic legislation, in regard to sensitive residential areas. That a 20mph speed limit scheme be drawn up and implemented in the areas of Hibernian Buildings, Electric Terrace, Geraldine Place, Eastville, Marina Terrace and Monarea Terrace which are mainly populated by elderly people living in some of the narrowest streets in Cork City and for whom this type of legislation is envisaged.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/555)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 **VISITORS PARKING PERMIT**

‘That Cork City Council agrees to allow residents in Disc Parking Areas permission to apply for a limited number of Visitors Parking Permits in each calendar year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/562)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.7 **ST. PATRICK STREET – BUSES, TAXIS, VEHICLES**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a feasibility study into restricting traffic on St. Patrick Street to Buses, Taxis, and vehicles, and delivery vans so as to maximize its potential as the premier street in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/563)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 **PART V CONTRACT AGREEMENTS**

“(a) That Part V contract agreements be attached to permissions granted by Cork City Council Planning Dept.

(b) That Council be informed of contracts agreed.”

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/564)

Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee

13.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING – BURLINGFORD DRIVE**

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place at Burlingford Drive, to slow down traffic going through this park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/566)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.10 **INSTALLATION OF LIFT – STAGE IN CONCERT HALL**

‘That This Council agrees to install a lift (sufficient in size) at the side stage in City Hall to facilitate wheelchair users to independently access the stage in a dignified manner to participate and be involved in a performance, production, etc.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/567)

Corporate Policy Group

13.11 **ADVERTISING – ALCOHOL LEVEL**

‘That this Council calls on the Minister to bring in the necessary regulations ensuring that all advertising in newspapers, flyers, menu’s price list etc, etc will inform the public of the % alcohol level for each item advertised facilitating greater understanding and choice to choose low alcohol level products if desired.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/568)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

13.12 **PLANNING – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MUSGRAVE PARK**

‘That this Council agree that any planning permission already granted for the proposed development at Musgrave Park be withdrawn. There currently is an acute parking problem in the area on match days. The scale of the proposed development would have a devastating effect on the quality of life of the residents and cause acute road safety problems. Given the foregoing facts there should be some type of public enquiry set up, so that all parties may have a say in the important matter which affect so many peoples lives.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’ Connell 06/570)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

13.13 **FOOTPATH – DUNRAVEN DOWNS TO AFRICAN MISSIONS CHURCH**

‘That a footpath would be provided on the stretch of road from Dunraven Downs to African Missions Church, Blackrock Road (right hand side), to facilitate the residents of this area, who attend mass on a daily basis and find this stretch of road extremely dangerous to cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/572)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.14 RESURFACE FOOTPATH – EAMONN DEVALERA BRIDGE

‘That Cork City Council Road Dept. would resurface the footpath on Eamonn DeValera Bridge as it is in a very poor condition.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/003)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.15 ZEBRA CROSSING – BLARNEY ROAD & HOLLYHILL LANE

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the controlled zebra crossing at the junction of Blarney Road and Hollyhill Lane.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/004)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.16 DISCONTINUE FLOURIDE IN PUBLIC WATER

‘That Cork City Council again calls on the Minister for Health to discontinue the practice of insisting on the addition of fluoride to the public water supply and that the dangers of the long term accumulation of fluoride in the human body be taken seriously.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/005)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

13.17 CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND, THE GLEN

‘That Cork City Council expedite the construction of a children’s playground in the Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/006)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee

13.18 UPGRADE FOOTPATHS OPPOSITE NORTH CATHEDRAL

‘That Cork City Council would immediately upgrade the footpaths opposite the North Cathedral, between the Presbytery and Shandon Street as well as outside the medical clinic on Cathedral Road in view of their dangerous condition. Also repair the seats outside the medical centre which are the property of Cork City

Council and to generally upgrade the appearance of the area in what is one of the focal points of the Northside.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/007)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.19 DISCLOSURES – COUNCILLORS

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to strengthen the rules of disclosure as they effect councilors who are also auctioneers and estate agents in their dealings with planning and land re-zoning issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/008)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

13.20 IMPROVE – ROAD SURFACE – ‘THE SQUARE’, UPPER CONNOLLY ROAD

‘That Cork City Council will as part of its 2007 road works programme put in place measures, such as improving the present road surface, along with providing appropriate parking spaces outside residents’ homes in ‘The Square’ on Upper Connolly Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/009)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.21 RIGHT TURN – CHESTNUT GROVE

‘That Cork City Council given the problem the residents of Chestnut Grove have in turning right, out of the estate introduce measures to ease the plight of residents. Cars parked on the outer road of Chestnut Grove make turning right even more hazardous.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/012)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.22 GRASS AREA – CUH

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the grass area to left of Cork University Hospital unfinished following the Green route expansion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/013)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.23 **BYE-LAWS FOR CONTRACTORS – CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

‘In order to avoid the problems created when construction materials enter common sewers I am proposing a new bye law of Cork City Council making it mandatory that contractors who undertake such work as underpinning foundations of houses be required to apply for a temporary discharge licence before commencing the work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 07/014)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

13.24 **LIGHTING & FOOTPATHS – BISHOPSTOWN HOUSE**

‘Upgrade courtyard and car park; provide adequate lighting and footpaths at Bishopstown House, Murphy’s Farm, Bishopstown’

Bishopstown House and the scout hall attached are used by many groups especially young boy scouts, youth club members, tennis club members etc and the courtyard and car parks are in a very dangerous condition due mainly to large pot holes full of water. Children have to find their way around these obstacles in the dark as the public lighting is totally inadequate. High visibility lighting is necessary from a safety viewpoint and also to discourage anti social behaviour in the area. It is imperative these works are carried out as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 07/015)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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