

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th DECEMBER 2007

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager & Director of Services Roads & Transportation.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. M. McDonagh, City Architect, Architects.
Mr. P. Moynihan, S.E.O., Housing & Community.
Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, S.E.O., Corporate Affairs.
Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

Comhairleoir. J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir D. Cregan seconded the Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss an appeal to the Minister for Finance regarding Tax Incentives for the Docklands.

Comhairleoir D. Murphy proposed and Comhairleoir P. Gosch seconded the Suspension of Standing orders to discuss an appeal to the Department of An Taoiseach to include at least three members of Cork City Council on the Cork Docklands Development Forum.

Comhairleoir P. Gosch proposed and Comhairleoir D. Murphy seconded the Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss concern at the possible lack of a Swansea/Cork Ferry Service in 2008.

Comhairleoir C. Clancy proposed and Comhairleoir M. O'Connell seconded the Suspension of Standing Orders to allow item 11.5 to be taken before Civic Receptions. Members agreed to take item 11.5 Bantry Park Road before Civic Receptions and to discuss the other matters at the end of the meeting.

ST. FINBARRS FARRANFERRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed and the members unanimously agreed that the Motion 14.15 on St Finbarrs Farranferris Local Area Plan would be taken at the meeting for discussion.

An t-Ardmhéara welcomed the Law students from University College, Cork and the Junior certificate students from Bruff, Co. Limerick who were in attendance in the public gallery.

1.(a) VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Cahill Family on the death of their mother Ciss.
- Ted Crosbie on the death of his daughter Suzanne.
- Murphy Family on the death of James Murphy.
- Lawlor Family on the death of Chrissie Lawlor
- Ryan Family on the death of Mick Ryan
- Coughlan on the death of Margaret Coughlan

1. (b) VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Members extended congratulations to the staff of the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate for the successful event held for the turning on of the lights at the lough.

1. (c) ST. FINBARRS FARRANFERRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

‘That this Council notes the extensive public consultation carried out during the preparation of the Draft St. Finbarr’s Farranferris Local Area Plan (attached), and in taking account of the widespread public support of the plan resolves;

1. To initiate the procedure under Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Act, (as amended) to adopt the Draft Local Area Plan for St. Finbarrs Farranferris
2. To initiate the procedure under Section 13(2) of the Planning and Development Act to make a Variation of the Cork City Development Plan 2004, to allow the

Draft St. Finbarr's Farranferris Local Area Plan to be in compliance with the Cork City Development Plan 2004'

It is further acknowledged that the consultation to date has included the steps necessary to consult the public before preparing a Local Area Plan.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace, Cllr. A Spillane, Cllr. J. O'Brien, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. M. Quill, Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. M. O'Connell, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. J. O'Callaghan, Cllr. D. Cregan. 07/452)

Chomhairleoir J. Buttimer declared an interest as an employee of COPE Foundation

The City Manager circulated a report on the Motion for consideration by the members, dated 10 December 2007.

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 10th December 2007.

The report stated that initiatives to find alternative uses for property at Farranferris are to be strongly welcomed. The City Council for its part has been focused on bringing about substantial improvements to the Northside of the City across a broad range of areas. These include environmental enhancement, community initiatives, job initiatives, provision of amenity schemes, regeneration of housing schemes and securing the provision of substantial private and affordable housing.

Providing training and related facilities in Farranferris would be of considerable benefit to the Northside and would complement the initiatives already in place by the City Council.

However, the motion submitted on the 28th November relating to a Local Area Plan for Farranferris gives rise for concern. It would be highly irregular and totally inappropriate for the Council to adopt a Local Area Plan prepared on behalf of a property owner, favouring the owner's property and then to proceed to amend the City Development Plan in a significant way to accord compliance to a privately prepared Local Area Plan.

There are clear procedures laid down for the making of a Local Area Plan by a Planning Authority and these must be complied with. Before the preparation of a plan the Planning Authority must take steps to consult with the public, with local residents, public sector agencies, non-governmental agencies, local community groups and commercial and business interests within the area.

The motion submitted purports to "acknowledge that the consultation to date has included the steps necessary to consult the public before preparing a Local Area

Plan.” This is not correct. The Planning Authority has not carried out any consultation whatsoever with regard to preparing a Local Area Plan for Farranferris.

If it is the wish of the Council that a Local Area Plan or a development brief be prepared for the Farranferris area I will be very happy to initiate the appropriate process.

2. **MINUTES**

(a) An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th November, 2007.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP OF CONTRACTORS**

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

To ask the City Manager what measures are in place to monitor the quality of workmanship and the standard of works carried out by companies contracted to carry out improvements to Local Authority houses.

Housing maintenance work carried out by Contractors is generally supervised by the Area Housing Engineer. If necessary, any unsatisfactory or incomplete works are required to be remedied before payment is made.

3.2 **SALE OF CORK CITY COUNCIL FLATS**

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

To ask the Manager if he would make a statement on the position of the sale of Cork City Council Apartments and Flats.

There is no current scheme in place for the sale of Cork City Council Apartments and Flats. However, the Social Housing Management (Provisions) Bill is currently being drafted by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and is due to come before the Houses of the Oireachtas in early 2008.

The proposed scheme for the sale of Flats and Apartments will be contained in this bill.

3.3 **LANE BETWEEN 39 & 40 SHANDON STREET (HAGGINS LANE)**

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

Could the Manager please confirm that the lane between 39 & 40 Shandon Street known as Haggins Lane, that the Right of Way and pedestrian access to the lane has not been extinguished by the planning permissions 0327377 and 0429090 granted by Cork City Council and when will the lane be restored as it now appears to have disappeared with the demolition that has been done on this historic laneway.

Development has commenced on foot of the permission granted by planning reference 03/27377.

The permission is for the demolition of the existing buildings and the construction of a three storey development comprising of 2 retail units at ground floor with 5 apartments overhead. The laneway mentioned is part of the site and while Section 34(13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 states that a person shall not be entitled solely by reason of a permission to carry out any development, the applicant in this case indicated that he has the freehold ownership of the entire site.

From available records, it appears that Haggins Lane was not in the Charge of Cork City Council.

3.4 **BREAKDOWN OF MONIES DRAWN FOR COUNCILLOR'S**

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

Can the Manager provide Council with a full councillor-by-councillor breakdown of monies drawn down for conferences and travel in 2006?

Councillor Michael Ahern - €5,659.42
Councillor Mick Barry - €0.00
Councillor Brian Bermingham - €3,838.12
Councillor Tim Brosnan - €5,289.54
Councillor Colm Burke - €161.25
Councillor Jerry Buttimer - €4,672.18
Councillor Catherine Clancy - €6084.23
Councillor Deirdre Clune - €0.00
Councillor Jim Corr - €5,301.62
Councillor Donal Counihan - €5,631.60
Councillor Denis Cregan - €5,280.00

Councillor Fergal Dennehy - €4,926.83
 Councillor Tony Fitzgerald - €4,759.36
 Councillor Patricia Gosch - €5,523.33
 Councillor John Kelleher - €5,280.00
 Councillor Ciarán Lynch - €7,031.41
 Councillor Sean Martin - €4,726.64
 Councillor Dave McCarthy - €4,711.13
 Councillor Dara Murphy - €1,483.61
 Councillor Jonathan O'Brien - €0.00
 Councillor Con O'Connell - €0.00
 Councillor Michael O'Connell - €5,251.24
 Councillor Tom O'Driscoll - €2,977.80
 Councillor Denis O'Flynn - €5,521.48
 Councillor Gary O'Flynn - €4,271.60
 Councillor Chris O'Leary - €0.00
 Councillor Mairín Quill - €106.46
 Councillor Terry Shannon - €5,441.25
 Councillor Mary Shields - €4,672.23
 Councillor Annette Spillane - €0.00
 Councillor Damian Wallace - €832.44

3.5 **THE CUTTING OF THE GRASS OPPOSITE NO'S 25-30 ARDERIN WAY**

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

Will the Manager inform Council when, if ever, the grass on the embankment facing No's 25 to 30 Arderin Way, The Glen, will be cut?

The grass embankment opposite No's 25 – 30 Arderin Way, The Glen is extremely steep and can only be cut by a hand held strimmer during dry conditions.

The embankment is litter-picked at least once a week and has been cut on several occasions this year.

Given that it is dangerous to use a strimmer on this embankment during wet conditions, a two metre wide strip will be mowed along the edges of the embankment to improve the visual appearance, the remaining grass will be mowed when ground conditions improve to enable the area be strimmed in a safe manner.

3.6 **DEVELOPMENTS CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEM.**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, a

written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

With regard to planning permission granted by Cork City Council for apartment blocks of 10 units or more from 2000 to 2007, including alterations to planning permissions sought and granted within this timeframe for previously granted permissions, would the Manager please inform me as to:

- (a) Whether all permissions granted for such developments have the benefit of being connected to the main city sewage system?
- (b) If any such developments are not connected to the main city sewage system, would he inform me as to the name and locations of these developments and indicate how sewage discharge is dealt with?

It is a standard condition of planning that all developments are connected to the public sewerage system.

Private developments, i.e. developments which are not Taken in Charge by the City Council would have a connection to the public sewerage but all internal drainage would remain private and within the control of the private management company and/or property owners. There could be a number of apartment blocks or houses etc. connected to the private internal drainage system before it connects to the public sewer.

If problems arose within this private drain system it would not be the responsibility of Cork City Council.

3.7 **SURVEY FOR THE ROAD IN BISHOPSTOWN FROM MELBOURN TO ARDROSTIG CROSS**

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

At the Ordinary Meeting of Cork City Council on 12th November under agenda item 8.1 Roadworks Programme, the City Manager gave an undertaking to commission a survey to determine the need or otherwise for the proposed road in Bishopstown from Melbourn to Ardrostig Cross. Can the City Manager inform and comment on:

- (a) Whether this survey has been commissioned?
- (b) Who will conduct the survey?
- (c) What are the terms of reference for the survey?
- (d) What input and weighting will be given to the views of local residents?
- (e) What other stakeholders will be involved in the survey?
- (f) When it is hoped the survey will be completed?

The proposal to construct a link road from Ardostig Cross to Melbourn Road has been on Cork City Council's Development Plans for a number of years. A Feasibility Study will be carried out in relation to this road during 2008. It is proposed that a Consultant be appointed to undertake this study. This will be advertised early in 2008. The terms of reference will contain inter alia

- The need for the proposed link.
- The impact on traffic on the area.
- The land take required for the road.
- A public consultation will be gone through as part of the study, and the views of the local residents will be taken on board.
- Other stakeholders involved in the study will be inter alia – Bus Eireann, The Gardaí, etc.

It is hoped to have the study completed by the third quarter of 2008.

3.8 **ST ANN'S PARK SHANDAN, OPENING SCHEDULE**

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

When will St. Ann's Park, Shandon be open to the public.

What will be the opening hours.

Will CCTV cameras be installed in the Park.

St. Ann's Park, Shandon is scheduled to be open to the public by mid to late January 2008. Works on the provision of 4 no. car park spaces and a new access off Eason's Hill to facilitate parishioners of St. Anne's will commence week beginning 10th December 2007 and will be completed by March 2008.

Opening hours will be 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday – Sundays including Bank Holidays. Later opening hours (if requested by local residents) during the summer months will be considered in agreement with the local community.

CCTV cameras will be installed at a number of locations in the park.

3.9 **RESIDENTS NOT PENALISED IF THE LANDLORD REFUSES TO REGISTER THEIR TENANCY**

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

To ask the Manager if there are any steps Cork City Council will take to ensure that residents in rented accommodation are not penalised if the Landlord refuses to register their tenancy. In relation particularly to Resident's Parking Permits.

The requirement of a letter from the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) for tenants in rented accommodation is designed to reduce or limit the number of fraudulent resident permits in place.

It is a legal requirement under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 for a landlord to register his/her tenants. The PRTB has the legislative powers to prosecute non complying landlords. Any tenant can contact the PRTB on issues such as registration, obtaining of letters, etc.

Under the current policy, an applicant can get a residents parking permit provided an applicant brings in all the relevant documentation except the PRTB registration letter. A temporary four month permit is issued allowing the applicant the four months to submit a PRTB letter showing that the applicant's landlord has registered them with the PRTB. If this letter isn't forthcoming then the process comes to a halt.

Approximately 40% of resident permits each year are new, i.e. 40% are not renewed and 40% are new applications. The vast majority of these relate to rented properties and if the requirements or controls on the issuing of resident permits are relaxed, the scope for abuse of the system would be huge. A high incidence of fraudulent permits would totally undermine the benefits achieved over the past several years in residential areas which previously suffered the effects of commuter parking.

Accordingly it is recommended that the current practice of requiring a letter from the PRTB be retained.

3.10 **ST LUKES PLAN- PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING**

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

In view of the great interest by residents and businesses alike in the St. Luke's Plan can the Manager confirm he will arrange a further Public Advisory meeting when all adjustments/suggestions and alterations have been made and that there should be an accompanying narrative outlining the project plan and scheduled completion times of each element of the work including what precisely is being done to upgrade the Toll Booth and where the Horse Drinking Trough is to be located.

The suggestions put forward at the public meeting in relation to St. Lukes Plan will be considered in the overall design, and the final scheme will be presented to the Councillors, and in particular the Ward Members of the area. Details of what we propose to do to the Toll Booth and the Drinking Trough will be addressed.

In relation to the completion of works, further details will be identified in relation to programming when a contractor has been appointed following a tender process. Following this we will again meet the Ward Councillors and brief them on the update.

4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to refer to item 11.5 of the Agenda.

4.1 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT BANTRY PARK ROAD/UPPER FAIRHILL, CORK.**

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir M. O'Connell seconded that item 11.5 on the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Bantry Park Road/Upper Fairhill, Cork be deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle. A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. McCarthy, M. O' Connell, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, D. Cregan, L. Kingston. – (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O'Brien, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, T. Shannon, L. McGonigle, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.- (18)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the item carried.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Gosch to approve the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, regarding the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Bantry Park Road/Upper Fairhill, Cork, and also to adopt the following resolution:-

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

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way extending from the existing carriageway and footpath connecting Bantry Park Road with Upper Fair Hill, from the projection of the southern boundary of No.41 Bantry Park Road in a north easterly direction for approximately 42 metres between No.40 and No.41 Bantry Park Road and No. 51 and No.53 Upper Fair Hill to the projection of the northern boundary of No.53 Upper Fair Hill, is extinguished forthwith”.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, C. O'Leary, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, D. Cregan, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.- (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, M. O' Connell, D. O' Flynn, L. Kingston.-(5)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Assistant City Manager approved and the resolution adopted.

5. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- Cork City Football Team on winning the FAI Cup.
- Our Lady Crowned Credit Union Ltd on their 40th Anniversary.
- For the four successful County Bórd na nÓg Teams.

6. **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2008**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle approved the adoption of the following Resolution:

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council's Overdraft Facility for the first-half year to the 30th June 2008”.

7. **NOMINEE FOR SHANGHAI PROJECT GROUP**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle agreed that Comhairleoir D. Cregan would fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Colm Burke M.E.P.

8. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the proposed Schedule of Meetings for January 2008 to June 2008. It was noted that members would subsequently agree the date of the Annual Meeting.

9. **JOINT HOUSING & COMMUNITY & PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 3rd DECEMBER 2007**

9.1 **DRAFT JOINT HOUSING STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle approved the Draft Joint Housing Strategy – Cork Planning Authorities, November, 2007.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd
DECEMBER 2007**

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th November 2007 on Housing for the month of November 2007.

10.2 **FENCING ON WALLS BETWEEN NO'S 21 & 24 COURTOWN DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would erect fencing on the walls between No 21 Courtown Drive and No 24 Courtown Drive. Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/441)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this location has been inspected and it is proposed that the requisite fencing will be put in place early in 2008.

10.3 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

Property Disposal

- a) Disposal by way of wayleave over land situated Off Berlingford Drive, Church Road, Blackrock, Cork to Daniel Murphy and James Coughlan c/o Brian McCarthy, Solicitors, 6, Lapps Quay, Cork for the sum of €45,000 plus costs in the sum of €1,500.
- b) Disposal of site approximately 350 sq. metres in area situated at former John Street Little, Cork to Heineken Ireland Limited, c/o A&L Goodbody Solicitors, Earlsfort Centre, Hutch Street, Dublin.

- c) Disposal by Lease of site approximately 1.08 hectares in area situated at Trabeg, South Douglas Road, Cork, at an annual rent of €1.27 to the Trustees of Nemo Rangers Hurling & Football Club, c/o Kieran Buckley & Co., Solicitors, 11, Sheares Street, Cork
- d) Disposal of property approximately 3,809 sq metres in area situated and known as Navigation House, Albert Quay Cork to O Callaghan Properties c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors for the sum of €9,200,000.00.
- e) Disposal of site approximately 70.2 sq metres situated adjacent to No. 1, Glencree Crescent, Mayfield, Cork, to Amanda Shine, c/o Kevin Hegarty, Solicitor, Brian Dillon House, Dillon's Cross, Cork, for the sum of €5,000.00 plus costs.

Shared Ownership

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 26, Laurel Ridge, Shanakiel, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 11th May, 1997 to William Magnier and Catherine Magnier for the sum of €37,325.93.

Derelict Site

An Chomhairle approved the report by City Manger dated 29th November 2007 regarding derelict site at junction of North Ring Road and Springfield Road.

11. *ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 3rd DECEMBER 2007*

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following items to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

11.1 *PARKING FINE SYSTEM – ILLEGAL PARKING*

‘That Cork City Council re-instates a parking fine system which notifies motorists of their illegal parking at the time of their alleged offence on the grounds that:

The present ticketless system only informs motorists that they have been fined weeks after the event which in turn both undermines due process along with creating additional bureaucracy.

The placing of parking tickets on windcreens acts as a visible deterrent which discourages further illegal parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/054)

11.2 **PARKING TICKETS – VEHICLE WINDSCREENS**

‘That Cork City Council would end the policy of non placing of parking tickets and from a date in April recommence the practice of parking tickets being placed on vehicles windscreens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/059)

12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd DECEMBER 2007**

12.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended November, 2007.

12.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF LANEWAY AT THE JUNCTION OF HIGH STREET, DOUGLAS ROAD AND BALLINLOUGH ROAD.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, regarding the taking in charge of laneway at the junction of High Street, Douglas Road and Ballinlough Road. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the laneway at the junction of High Street, Douglas Road and Ballinlough Road from the edge of the public footpath for a distance of approximately 49 metres in a North Westerly direction, Cork, be taken in charge.

12.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 56/58/65/68/69 CURRAHEEN DRIVE, CURRAHEEN ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, regarding the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at 56/58/65/68/69 Curraheen Drive, Curraheen Estate, Bishopstown, Cork. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

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

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way between No. 68 and No. 69 Curraheen Drive, from the projection of the eastern boundary at No. 69 Curraheen Drive in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 36 metres to the projection of the northern boundary of No. 69 Curraheen Drive and also in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 23 metres along the rear of No. 68 to No. 65 Curraheen Drive and the rear of No. 58 to No. 56 Curraheen Drive to the southern boundary at No. 55 Curraheen Drive, is extinguished forthwith”.

12.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT FAULKNER’S LANE, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, regarding the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Faulkner’s Lane, Cork. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

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

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way at Faulkner’s Lane from its junction with Emmet Place in a south-easterly direction along Faulkner’s Lane for a distance of approximately 80 metres to a point approximately 18 metres from its junction with St. Patrick’s Street, is extinguished forthwith”.

12.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT CHURCHFIELD GREEN/KILLALA GARDENS, CHURCHFIELD, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, regarding the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Churchfield Green/Killala Gardens, Churchfield, Cork. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

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

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the

Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way extending from the existing walkway and open area between No.37 Churchfield Green and No.38/No.39 Churchfield Green, from the rear of the existing carriageway between No.37 and No.39 Churchfield Green in westerly direction for approximately 17.5 metres to the projection of the western boundary of No.38 Churchfield Green, is extinguished forthwith”.

12.6 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT LOUGHMAHON ROAD/LOUGHMAHON CLOSE, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cregan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr an Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th November, 2007, regarding the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Loughmahon Road/Loughmahon Close, Cork. An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

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

Having considered any representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act, 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way extending from the existing pedestrian laneway between No. 18 and No. 19 Loughmahon Road and No. 5 and No. 6 Loughmahon Court, from the rear of the northern footpath at Loughmahon Road in a northerly direction for approximately 46 metres to southern boundary wall of No. 4 Loughmahon Court, is extinguished forthwith”

12.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – GOLDSMITHS AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council examine the area in front of Goldsmiths Avenue with the view to putting in place traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/203)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Goldsmith’s Avenue is already on the list areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme.

12.8 **INCLUDE COURTNEY LANE IN THE 2008 LANE CLOSURE PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would include Courtney Lane in its 2008 Lane Closure programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/241)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Courtney’s Avenue is included in the current list of requested laneway closures and will again be available for prioritisation by Ward Members in early 2008 subject to funding constraints.

12.9 **RAMPS AT FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND COURTOWN PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would in conjunction with North Side Parking Initiative put ramps at the entrance between Fairfield Avenue and Fairfield Road when they are putting in the additional parking spaces.’

(Proposer Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/355)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the North Side Parking Initiative can only be used to improve parking facilities in housing estates. The provision of ramps between Fairfield Avenue and Fairfield Road will however, be added to the list 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.

12.10 **UPGRADE THE LIGHTS ON ST. PATRICKS BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Council resolves to upgrade the lights on St. Patrick’s Bridge and to refurbish the Bridge’s stone plaques.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/358)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the lights on St. Patrick's Bridge have been examined and assessed, and proposals for upgrading and improving these lights will be brought forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 road programme.

12.11 **YELLOW BOX – GREGGS ROAD & GILABBEY STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put a yellow box in place at the junction of Greggs Rd and Gilabbey Street. The absence of this yellow box is causing huge problem in the area.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/406)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Gregg's Road and Gilabbey Street will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate a yellow box will be installed there.

12.12 **RE-INSTATE A SECTION OF ROAD ON SOUTH MAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to re-instate a section of road on South Main Street running into Hanover Street and also the severe pot holes before Clarkes Bridge.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/409)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that both of these areas have recently been resurfaced.

12.13 **EDWARD WALSH ROAD TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That because of its bad condition, Edward Walsh Road be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern & Cllr. L. Kingston 07/367)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Edward Walsh Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

12.14 **TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR COPLEY STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a traffic survey is carried out in the Copley Street area to allow safe passage for pedestrians using The College of Commerce and particularly the increased numbers of pedestrians to The School of Music.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/379)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the area adjacent to the junction of Copley Street and Union Quay will be examined with the view of improving the pedestrian crossing facilities in the area to service the needs of the nearby College of Commerce and the School of Music.

12.15 **ROAD RESURFACING OF BEAUMONT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Beaumont Avenue would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/387)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Beaumont Avenue will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

12.16 **TO INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARDYKE WALK TO SACRED HEART CHURCH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To facilitate residents of the area I propose that Cork City Council would install a pedestrian crossing at the western end of the Mardyke Walk across to the Sacred Heart Church.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/388)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there are full pedestrian crossing facilities at the traffic signals on the junction on the Western Road adjacent to the AIB Bank (at the old Greyhound Track). This is a relatively short distance from the western end of the Mardyke. These facilities meet the needs of pedestrians in the area who wish to cross to and from the Mardyke. The installation of a pedestrian facility here so close to a busy traffic junction would be contrary to best practice and would interfere with the movement of traffic on the roadway.

12.17 **ROAD RESURFACING OF POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would please consider Ard Na Rí, Pouladuff Road for Road Resurfacing in their 2008 programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr L. Kingston 07/389)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ard Na Rí, Pouladuff Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

12.18 **ROAD & FOOTPATH RESURFACING AT THE ORCHARDS – MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That as a matter of urgency: the roads and footpaths at “The Orchards” on the Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte be resurfaced. They are in a dangerous

condition with the possibility that subsidence may be causing damage to existing drains.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Murphy 07/390)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Orchards will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Resurfacing and Footpath Renewal Programmes. The issue of subsidence is a different matter. A road in poor condition may be caused by subsidence but in itself will not cause subsidence. There is no evidence of subsidence in the estate at present.

12.19 **SIGNAL CONTROLS BE PLACED AT THE JUNCTION OF TRAMORE ROAD & POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Council place signal controls at the junction of Tramore Road and Pouladuff Road in order to alleviate the considerable tailbacks on Pouladuff Road and Forge Hill throughout the day.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. O’Driscoll 07/394)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the existing roundabout controlled junction of Tramore Road and Pouladuff Road (Casey’s Cross) will be assessed to determine if the installation of traffic signals is appropriate. It is Cork City Council’s policy to replace roundabouts in the City with traffic signals in order to provide pedestrian crossing facilities and to improve the road safety for cyclists.

However in the assessment, consideration will be taken of the “u-turn” facility at the roundabout, which allows for the right turn ban at the on-ramp onto the South Ring Road. This right turn ban would have to be eliminated if traffic signals were installed at the junction in question. The various issues will be examined in consultation with the National Roads Authority and a further report will be submitted with recommended action.

12.20 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT AVONLEA ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines would be placed on both sides at the entrance of Avonlea Estate, Church Road, Blackrock, to stop people parking here, as the residents have difficulty exiting their estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/398)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the entrance of Avonlea Estate, Church Road, Blackrock will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, double yellow lines will be installed at the location.

12.21 TO ALLOW TAXI DRIVERS TO USE THE BUS LANE ON CAMDEN QUAY

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To allow taxi drivers the use of the bus lane on Camden Quay to relieve traffic congestion in this area due to the new layout.’

(Proposer: Cllr A. Spillane 07/400)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the bus lane on Camden Quay is a contra-flow bus lane. National traffic regulations do not allow taxis or other vehicles, except buses to use such bus lanes.

This is in the interest of road safety and a change in the national legislation would have to be implemented to allow for the taxis to use a contra-flow bus lane.

12.22 CHANGE THE NAME OF GRATTAN’S HILL

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Bearing in mind that Grattan’s Hill and Grattan Hill are two separate road-ways within a short distance of each other on the Lower Glanmire Road, that Council would consider changing the name of Grattan’s Hill (which has thirteen houses), to avoid confusion for Taxi, Postal, Fire Brigade and other important services.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Kelleher 07/402)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that on the 22nd of October this issue was discussed at the North East Ward Meeting. The meeting was

informed that Grattan Hill (there is no such place as Grattan's Hill) comprises two sections. The first section contains house numbers 1-13 and the second section contains house numbers 14 to 35. There is also a section of road which links to Grattan Hill called Lower Grattan Hill. The Ward meeting agreed that an improvement in the street signage on these three roads should alleviate any issues being experienced by residents.

It is therefore intended to erect the additional signage in 2008. At this point in time this issue can be reevaluated to ascertain if the improved signage has solved the problems being experienced by residents.

12.23 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES TO BE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE TO BERLINGFORD DRIVE

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines would be put in place on both sides of the entrance to Berlingford Drive as the residents have difficulty exiting their estate when people park at the entrance to this estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/403)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the entrance to Berlingford Drive will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, double yellow lines will be installed at the location.

12.24 RESURFACING OF BOHERBOY CLOSE

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make financial provision for the resurfacing of Boherboy Close in the 2008 Estimates.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/404)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Boherboy Close will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

12.25 **RESURFACING OF THE AREA BETWEEN NO'S 85 AND 122 SILVERSPRINGS COURT, TIVOLI**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make financial provision in the 2008 Estimate of Expenses for resurfacing the area between No.’s 85 and 122 Silversprings Court, Tivoli.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/405)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Silversprings Court will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

12.26 **TO IMPROVE A SCHEME TO INCORPORATE A SPORTING WALK OF FAME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council as part of The Mardyke Improvement Scheme incorporate a sporting walk of fame at various locations along the Mardyke recognizing the achievements of some of Cork’s greatest sporting heroes wheather they be G.A.A., Soccer, Athletics, Cricket or Tennis who played in the Mardyke and who subsequently became part of Cork’s sporting folklore.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/406)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the provision of a Sporting Walk of Fame comes under the remit of the Arts, Heritage & Sports Officers and has been referred to them for their consideration. If a scheme were to be approved the physical work necessary could be carried out in conjunction with the Mardyke Improvement Scheme. The provision of such a scheme would among other things be dependant on funding being made available both for the design and installation of the scheme.

12.27 **TO INSTALL PUBLIC LIGHTING ON CAREY’S LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install public lighting on Carey’s Lane, giving particular importance to the St. Patrick’s Street entrance. The current lighting situation is extremely poor and is a cause of concern to the traders of Carey’s Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/408)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting on Carey’s Lane will be examined and any necessary improvements required to upgrade the lighting to modern standards will be identified and these measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

12.28 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT KILLEENS PLACE, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place at Killeens Place, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/410)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Killeen’s Place 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 2008 Roads Programme.

12.29 **THAT BARRETTS BUILDING BE DESIGNATED AS DISC PARKING AREAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the three Barretts Buildings be designated as disc parking areas as persons working in the city are parking their cars there all day Monday to Friday and this is causing serious obstruction for the residents of the area as well as inhibiting access for emergency vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/411)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a new Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme will be drawn up and submitted to Council for approval early in the New Year. The three Barrett’s Buildings will be included in the new

scheme and if approved, pay parking controls will be installed in the area during 2008. This will eliminate the nuisance caused by the all-day parkers in the area.

12.30 **TARA COURT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Tara Court would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/412)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Tara Court will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

12.31 **CURRENT TRAFFIC SYSTEMS ON THE WILTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of the effectiveness of the current traffic management systems on the Wilton Road and would include in such a review the effectiveness of the traffic light controlled junctions of (1) Dennehy’s Cross and (2) Bishopstown Ave and Model Farm Road. The bus lane on Wilton road and the ability of residents to enter and leave Wilton Gardens via Wilton Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/413)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic signal junctions at Dennehy’s Cross and on Model Farm Road/ Bishopstown Avenue are part of the SCOOT UTC traffic control system and these signals are continuously being optimised and adapted to the current traffic conditions.

The bus lane on Wilton Avenue in the context of the junction with Wilton Gardens was recently assessed by the consultants for the Green Route in the area, and no change was recommended to the current situation.

However, the Traffic Division will again review the issues raised in the motion and a further report will be submitted to An Chomhairle for approval.

12.32 **TO INSTALL A PUSH BUTTON PELICAN CROSSING ON THE DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install a push button pelican crossing on the Douglas Road, in the vicinity at Ardfallen Hall, to facilitate pedestrians wishing to cross at this very busy intersections.’

(Proposer: T. Shannon 07/414)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Douglas Road is on the no. 7 City Bus Service Green Route and the installation of a push button pedestrian crossing facility at Ardfallen Hall, will be put forward for consideration to be included in this project.

12.33 **WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT WHITETHORN, DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘ That the following much needed works be carried out at Whitethorn, Douglas Road:

1. Investigate the ongoing problem of low water pressure, and install new piping where necessary.
2. Resurface the road carriageway which is in a poor state of disrepair.
3. Install new concrete footpaths on both sides of the road, but reduce their width, in so doing increase the width of the road, in order to resolve the problem of motor congestion here.
4. Commence an upgrading of the public lighting, and install white lanterns which will improve the degree of lighting.’

(Proposer: T. Shannon 07/415)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

1. We surveyed 4 to 5 houses in Whitethorn and carried out flow and pressure tests. The results of the tests are being assessed at present. When this assessment is complete we will be in a position to put in place remedial measures if necessary.

2. & 3. The carriageway at Whitethorn, Douglas Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme. We will consider increasing the carriageway width when it is next being resurfaced.
4. The public lighting at Whitethorn, Douglas Road will be examined and assessed, and any necessary improvements required to upgrade the lighting to modern standards will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

12.34 **INSTALL FOOTPATH ON SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install a footpath on Skehard Road, from Douglas Hall Mews to the roundabout at Church Yard Lane and join it to the new footpath on the Well Road in order to insure public safety for pedestrians and residents living here.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/252)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the existing carriageway width at this location is 7.5m. The minimum recommended width for a major traffic route, like Skehard Road is 7m. In light of this, there is insufficient space within the existing carriageway footprint to construct a footpath and maintain an acceptable width for traffic. In light of this, we do not envisage constructing a new footpath here in the short term.

In the current Development Plan, we have made provision for the realignment of this road to the north. This realignment would allow the construction of a continuous footpath along the southern side of Skehard Road from the Well Road/Skehard Road Roundabout to Park Hill.

We plan to complete a preliminary design and cost estimate of the proposed realignment during 2008. When this is complete we will seek funding for the construction.

12.35 **WORKS – LANEWAY OFF SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That the following works would be carried out on the laneway from Skehard Road to Mahon Golf Club.

- The height railing be re-installed at the Skehard Road end of the laneway.
- Further traffic calming measures be installed on the lane, to reduce the speed and volume on the lane.
- Repair work would be carried out on the boundary walls of houses whose back gardens extend down to the lane. These walls have been damaged principally by City Council tractors using this lane as an exit onto Skehard Road.
- All heavy vehicles, including delivery trucks, City Council and others be directed to access the area via the industrial estate entrance.
- City Council Drainage Department would investigate the major pooling problem that occurs on the lane and storm drains would be installed where needed.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/204)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a meeting was held on site and the following road safety issues were identified:

- Traffic exiting the laneway onto Skehard Road and crossing over a wide pedestrian footpath where visibility for pedestrians is poor.
- Pedestrians walking along what is a relatively narrow laneway felt unsafe due to the presence of large trucks on the laneway. Many of these trucks and other traffic use the laneway at peak traffic periods to avoid the traffic signals at Bessboro Cross.

In order to mitigate the problems on the laneway, it is proposed that the Northern end of laneway be made one-way inbound from Skehard Road to eliminate the conflict with pedestrians at the exit onto Skehard Road. It is essential that traffic calming be installed in conjunction with the new one-way system to avoid traffic speeds increasing on the roadway. Part of any traffic calming measures will be overhead devices to prevent large trucks from using the laneway.

Repairs were carried out on the damaged boundary walls last May. Any damage caused to walls by tractors, etc. used by City Council personnel will be repaired by the City Council.

The Roads Maintenance Division has recently carried out drainage work to solve the surface water ponding problem highlighted. The work carried out has almost eliminated the problem. We will carry out further work required to eliminate the problem completely.

Accordingly, the laneway will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 traffic calming schemes and the implementation of the one-way system will be carried out in conjunction with the traffic calming measures.

12.36 **STOPCOCK COVERS – CITY FOOTPATH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th November, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council (a) take charge of stopcock covers on all City footpaths and repair/replace broken ones (b) in the event of this not being legally possible, Cork City Council will periodically advise residents that they are liable for stopcock covers, advise them of where these may be sourced and advise people that insurance claims have resulted from persons tripping over uncovered stopcocks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/298)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Law Dept does not recommend that the owner of a premises, who is legally liable for the cover of the stopcock serving that premises, should be relieved of that responsibility.

The Roads & Transportation Directorate will review the procedure for advising building owners of their responsibility regarding missing or defective stopcock covers which directs them to carry out the necessary works, when we have become aware of such occurrences.

We can also consider the best means of generally publicising the matter of responsibility for missing or defective stopcock covers. Media to be considered could include Cork City Council Website, ‘City News’ and Newspapers.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

14. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at The Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland Conference held in The Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 19th October 2007.

14.2 **19th NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – TOURISM FOR CHANGING LIFESTYLES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy and D. Murphy at the 19th National Tourism Conference – Tourism for Changing Lifestyles held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 22nd – 24th November, 2007.

14.3 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O’Callaghan, C. Clancy and J. Buttimer at The Local Government Budget 2008 held in The Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on the 1st December, 2007.

15. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee:

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **CANTYS FIELD CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council

1. Immediately install the additional public lights as agreed.
2. Install additional seats as per discussions with residents.
3. Upgrade the footpath and
4. Re-instate the Boer War monument as promised by City Manager earlier this year.

All above works relate to Cantys Field Connaught Ave.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/502)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.3 **NAME PLATE TO BE ERECTED FOR MERVUE LAWN**

‘That a name plate be erected for Mervue Lawn at the junction to Ballyhooly Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/271)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Mary Aikenhead Place, Gurranabraher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/272)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **RESURFACE THE ROAD IN PARKMEADE CLOSE, PARKLANDS**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to resurface the road in Parkmeade Close, Parklands as a matter of urgency due to the number of large potholes in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr D. Mc Carthy 07/401)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **YELLOW BOXES BE INSTALLED ON THE SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That yellow boxes be installed on the Skehard Road at Cloverlawn & Kilbarack Lawn, and a ramp be installed at the entrance to both estates.’

(Proposer: T.Shannon 07/418)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **DANGEROUS PARKING AT BALLINLOUGH**

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

(Proposer: T.Shannon 07/419)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 **FOOTPATHS AT MURMONT CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council to include footpaths at Murmont Crescent in the 2008 footpath reinstatement programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/425)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **PLAQUE ERECTED FOR CHRISTY RING AND JACK LYNCH**

‘I purpose that a plaque be erected on the Grand Parade to mark the achievements for Christy Ring and Jack Lynch’

(Proposer Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/426)

Corporate Policy Group

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

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.11 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION IN BLACKROCK**

‘That a yellow box junction would be placed at the entrance to Berlingford drive Church Road, Blackrock to allow the residents easier access in and out of this estate as the residents have great difficulty exiting their estate.’

(Proposer Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/432)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **CORK CITY COUNCIL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

‘That Cork City Council take full responsibility for the provision, maintenance and erection of the Christmas lights in Cork City Centre. Any cost incurred would of course come from collected rates.’

(Proposer Cllr. D. Murphy 07/434)

Corporate Policy Group

15.13 **HORSE DRINKING TROUGHS IN CORK CITY**

‘That further to correspondence in July 2000 as a result of my representations regarding the state of repair of Horse Drinking Troughs in Cork City that the Environment Functional Committee be given a full report on location/state of repair etc of all such drinking troughs as they represent a very valuable link with the Corks heritage and commercial history and as such are worthy of proper care and attention. The report to the committee should include locations, photographs, status report initially. Where Council workers have removed Horse Troughs this should also be noted and the current location of such troughs confirmed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/450)

Environment Functional Committee

15.14 **SHANDON AREA – SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST**

‘That Cork City Council designate the Shandon Area as a area of special interest’

(Proposers: Cllr C. Clancy, Cllr. G. O’Flynn, Cllr. D. Wallace, Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. P. Gosch 07/451)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.15 **RESTORATION OF THE ROCK OF CASHEL**

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

“The 4th Century Rock of Cashel with its collection of ancient walls, towers and halls in one of the most enduring images of Ireland”

‘This Council request the Government to give favourable consideration to funding is complete restoration with Irish natural materials to enhance and enable ancient Irish cultural activities arts and music to find a national home henceforth’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/453)

15.16 **RESTROOMS IN ALL PUBLIC FACILITIES**

‘In an attempt to extend access to the public, this council will require buildings open to the public to provide rest room facilities in buildings not presently covered by regulations such as Department Stores, large shops/ Churches and others as identified.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/454)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

15.17 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – MEELICK PARK – LEEDS FOOTBALL GROUND**

‘That Cork City Council provide public lighting on the laneway from Meelick Park to Leeds Football Ground as there is ongoing antisocial behaviour and vandalism affecting the residents of Kempton Park, Meelick Park and Chapel Gate.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/455)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.18 **GATES INSTALLED AT HILL LANE/ FRIARY PLACE ON DOMINIC ST., SHANDON**

‘That gates be installed at the top and bottom of Hill Lane/Friary Place on Dominic Street, Shandon due to the anti-social behaviour in the laneway day and night which is causing serious stress to the local residents and also due to the fact that, in the last six months, several houses have been broken into in the laneway where people have broken in and squatted and local elderly residents are being attacked in their own halfway arising for underage drinking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/459)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ORCHARDS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would agree to introduce traffic calming measures at Orchard Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. O’Callaghan 07/460)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.20 **EXTRA PARKING SPACES – FAIRFIELD AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council as part of its Green Area to Parking provide extra parking spaces on the left-hand side of Fairfield Avenue, Farranree, between Killeen’s Place and Farranferris Place.

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 07/461)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.21 **BOLLARDS TO BE PLACED AT THE JUNCTION OF SHANAKIEL**

‘That Cork City Council would put bollards at the junction of Shanakiel Road and Ashboro, Shanakiel to stop parking at the corner where a number of accidents have occurred recently’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/462)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.23 **RAILINGS & GATES BE ERECTED AT BALLINLOUGH PARK**

‘In an effort to eliminate the inordinate amount of anti-social behaviour taking place in Ballinlough Park at night, I propose that Cork City Council would erect railings and gates around the Park, which would be closed at night and maintained in much the same way as Fitzgerald’s Park’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/464)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.24 **RIVERVIEW, GLASHEEN INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Riverview, Glasheen (off the bus route) be included in the roads resurfacing programme for 2008’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/465)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.25 **WOODLAWN, TRAMORE ROAD INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Woodlawn, Tramore Road be included in the roads resurfacing programme for 2008’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 07/466)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.26 **ARGOS DECISION TO FLY IN STRIKE BREAKERS FROM BRITAIN**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘Council voices its strong criticism of the decision by Argos management to fly in strike breakers from Britain to run its shops during the recent pay strike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/467)

15.27 **LIGHTING FOR DERRYNANE ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 10 no. re: extension to 20 Fairfield Road
- 9 no. re: extension to 8 Spriggs Road

An Chomhairle agreed that the Suspension of Standing Orders issues, raised at the beginning of the meeting would be deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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