

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

- PRESENT** An Ardmhéara 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, 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. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí C. O'Connell, D. Cregan.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of An tArdmhéara dated 10th April 2007 on the Freedom of the City. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Freedom of the City be conferred on Michael Flatley.
In recognition of his personal achievements as a worldclass dancer, musician, performer and as a person of outstanding artistic talent and capability.
In recognition of his exceptional vision and achievement of raising the profile of Ireland abroad by bringing Irish Dance and Music to a new level and to a worldwide audience through the phenomenal international success of his shows.
In recognition of his pursuit of pushing boundaries and passion for his heritage, and as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Cork, for all

this and much more, the Lord Mayor and Councillors of Cork City Council consider him worthy to be enrolled in the roll of Honorary Citizens and so direct.”

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

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

- Sheehan family on the death of Rose Sheehan
- McIntyre family on the death of Daniel McIntyre
- Moynihan family on the death of Donal Moynihan
- Culpert family on the death of Patsy Culpert
- Moynihan family on the death of Con Moynihan
- Buckley family on the death of Julie Buckley

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

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

- Cork U21 Football Team on winning Munster Championship
- Brian Dillons Football Team on their victory over Nemo Rangers in the U.21 Football Championship.

1.(d) **VOTES OF BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to Séan Ó Callaghan, Housing Assessment Officer, Cork City Council on his recent retirement

2.(a) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th March 2007 were considered and approved with the following amendments:-

Item 9.7

Comhairleoir D. Murphy requested that the minutes reflect that he had no objection to the report of the Director of Services, his objection was to the inadequate discussions on this issue, and that it be recorded that Comhairleoir D. Murphy also requested that this item be deferred for further discussion.

Item 18.13/ 18.14

These motions to be referred to the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

- 2.(b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28th March 2007, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

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

What is the delay in repairing:

1. Number 22 Park Owen
2. Number 36 Willow, South Douglas Road
3. Number 36 Desmond Square
4. Number 39 Mount Sion Road

Given the amount of money voted at estimates towards housing maintenance every year and given all the above are vacant for well over a year the service being delivered is abysmal. Outsourcing repairs should be considered?

22 Parkowen was a fire damaged property and required major refurbishment works to return the property to lettable standard. Repairs are expected to be completed within 4 weeks.

36 Willowpark was also a fire damaged property again requiring extensive repairs. These repairs have recently been completed.

Both 26 Desmond Square and 39 Mount Sion Rd were repossessions. The associated legal process delayed repair work commencing. It is expected repairs will be completed to both these properties within 2 months.

Different service delivery options, including outsourcing work where appropriate, are utilized continuously. Difficulties were encountered during 2006 in securing compliant contractors to both undertake and deliver refurbishment work of this nature. This situation has improved in 2007.

3.2 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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

Will the Manager inform me as to when the opening between numbers 37 & 38 Churchfield Green will be blocked off as anti social behaviour is a huge problem for residents of the area due to it remaining open?

Work in relation to the closing of the above area will be completed in May, 2007.

3.3 **CONFERENCE CENTRE IN CORK**

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

To ask the Manager to make a full statement on reported plans for a Conference Centre in Cork.

To state what reasons were given for the failure to construct an Exhibition Centre in Mahon and what penalties were paid by the developer for failing to construct the Centre and when was the penalty paid?

A report on proposals for a Conference Centre has been circulated to the Council and is listed as item No. 4 on the agenda for Council Meeting of 10th April, 2007.

Regarding the matter of an Exhibition Centre in Mahon it should be noted that such a proposal had been put forward some years back. It was subject to an agreement being negotiated and in default of this and the Trade Centre not proceeding, the developer was to pay the sum of €6,094,742 to the Council.

With changing trade practices and the introduction of sales by internet, the value of a Trade Centre came into question. Rather than abandon the project in its entirety the Council over the past while considered the possibility of securing the provision of a Conference Centre as opposed to a Trade Centre in Mahon. At the same time the Council were exploring the provision of a Conference Centre at a site closer to the City Centre. Last year the Council included as an objective in the North Docklands Area Plan the provision of a Conference Centre at Kent Station.

It is my view, at this stage, that a Conference Centre rather than a Trade Centre is what we should seek. It is also my view that this should be provided within easy reach of the City Centre.

The time has come when we should decide that a Trade Centre in Mahon is not viable and arrangements should be made for the developer to pay over the sum of €6,094,742 to the Council. This could go towards the provision of a Conference Centre.

3.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF CHAPEL GATE AND KEMPTON ESTATES**

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

To ask the City Manager to provide a report for City Council on the value of the outstanding works required to take in charge Chapel Gate and Kempton Estates.

To confirm the current status of the bond and what efforts are being taken to draw it down and to advise when the residents of these estates can expect to finally have the estate taken in charge?

At present there is a Surety Bond in place with a value of €38,092.14 (plus indexation linked to the Consumer Price Index), with a current expiry date of 31st May 2007.

There have been ongoing negotiations by relevant officials from the relevant City Council Directorates with O'Mahony Developments Ltd., in order to have the outstanding remedial works completed to our satisfaction , prior to the taking the estate in charge.

Although some of the remedial works have been undertaken to date, the estimated cost of the remaining remedial works in respect of Chapel Gate/Kempton has been valued at €53,060.25.

Following consultation with the City Council's Law Agent, the necessary documentation and procedures in relation to lodging a formal claim on a bond have been agreed over the past week. The Planning Authority are preparing to issue a formal claim on the bond within the next week and thereafter the relevant certification will be forwarded to the Roads and Transportation Directorate to initiate the formal taking in charge process as set out in the Roads Act 1993.

3.5 **FORUM PROPOSED FOR THE DOCKLANDS**

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

To ask the City Manager if he has had communication from the Taoiseach's office on the forum that has been proposed for the Docklands.

Cork City Council has been in contact various Government Departments over the past last 12 months in order to gather support for the redevelopment of Cork Docklands and to ensure that this major project for the city is on national policy agenda.

I was very pleased with An Taoiseach's recent announcement of the formation of the Cork Docklands National Steering Forum to assist Cork City Council in its effort to secure the sustainable development of Cork Docklands.

The City Council is at present preparing proposals for appropriate aid which will be submitted to Government under the National Development Plan 2007-2013 and the South and East Regional Operational Plan. The Gateways Innovation Fund is part of the National Development Plan.

There is continuous contact with various Government Departments and details of the Cork Docklands National Steering Forum are expected at an early date.

In the meantime, Cork City Council is proceeding to finalise the South Docks Local Area Plan, which will complete a clear development framework for Docklands and give certainty to all stakeholders. It is anticipated that this plan will be brought to Council in the next month.

3.6 **MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION TRANSMITTER ANTENNAE**

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

How many mobile telecommunication transmitter antennae are attached to Cork City Council property? What health indemnity insurance is in place to protect the Council from related insurance claims? If the Council has no such insurance can the Manager please outline why this is the case?

A number of Cork City Council properties have mobile telecommunication transmitter antennae / receiver attached. These include Fire Stations, Civil Defence Building, Depots and the Churchfield/ Knocknaheeny Water Tower. These provide radio communications to a number of public service providers.

The City Council's Insurance Brokers have advised that there is no insurance product currently on the market specific to injury from telecommunications transmitters/antennae.

The City Council's Public Liability Policy would operate in the normal way should any legal liability attach to the Council in respect of use of its property.

3.7 **REIMBURSE TENANTS**

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

To ask the City Manager the following question in relation to Motion 06/464 and its subsequent reply:

Motion

That Cork City Council will no longer charge tenant Pensioners who have become widowed the differential amount of rent for the six week period after their spouse has deceased; as the current practice of adding this amount to the total rent sum is drawn from a short-term social welfare payment, which sets out to assist people in times of hardship and should therefore not be taken into account when setting the rental rate.

Reply

Cork City Council has implemented a change to the computer that calculates the rent on all properties so that in the event of a spouse passing away the differential rent will decrease from the date of the death of the spouse.

Question

Will Cork City Council now reimburse those tenants who following the death of their spouse were charged the increased rent prior to this change in the calculation of differential rate?

The rents charged by Cork City Council are assessed in accordance with the Differential Rent Scheme, and are calculated on the relevant household income as notified to our Rents Department. Following the change referred to above, on notification of the death of a spouse, Cork City Council will apply a reduced rent to the surviving tenant with effect from the date of death.

3.8 EXTRA PLANTING ALONG CUMANN SLIABH NA MBAN

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

To ask the City Manager if Cork City Council has any plans to carry out

- (a) extra planting along Cumann Sliabh na mBan walkway and
- (b) to ask UCC to clean up the extensive acreage along the walkway belonging to them.
- (a) Some planting has been carried out and further planting is planned for later in the year.
- (b) We are in regular contact with UCC and will discuss the areas, in their ownership, with them in the near future.

3.9 BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENITY AREA IN KEMPTON PARK

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

- (A) What is Cork City Council's budget for the development of the amenity area in Kempton Park?
- (B) When will the amenity area be completed and due to open?
- (A) Estimated budget for amenity works at Kempton Park is €300,000.

(B) Park scheduled to be opened by mid June, all works completed by end of September.

3.10 **COMMUNITY MUSICAL CENTRE**

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

Request the Manager to facilitate Cork Academy of Music in developing a state of the art Community Musical Centre at the Old Fire Station, Blackpool which would be ideally situated.

There are currently other services being provided at this location and the rear of the site is now accommodating the new City Archives Building.

The Arts Officer will make contact with Cork Academy of Music to assess their current and future needs and requirements.

3.11 **REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES**

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

- a) Why are Cork City Council charges for refuse collection substantially more expensive than those offered by a private operator and the service inferior?
- b) Would the Manager confirm that he intends to compete with the private operator for refuse collection, will he further confirm that the amount of people availing of the services of the private operator will inevitably lead to redundancies in the cleansing department or alternatively the imposition of unacceptable work practices?

Cork City Council's refuse collection charges are calculated in accordance with the Annual Budget, having regard to the cost of providing waste services. These include:

- Collection of waste and dry recyclables in all areas of the city
- Door to door delivery of recycling bags
- Generous Waiver Scheme and early payment discounts
- Hazardous Waste Collection by Chemcar
- ISO Accredited Landfill Site
- Bulky Goods Collection in selected areas
- Civic Amenity Site
- City-Wide Bring Site network
- Guaranteed legal collection and disposal of waste
- Street cleaning and anti-litter service

Every effort is made to maintain the existing customer base and to expand it where possible.

The determination of appropriate Staffing levels and work practices is a matter for discussion and consultation with relevant Unions in line with normal Industrial Relations procedures.

3.12 **PLANNING PERMISSION PROCESS**

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

Can the Manager please explain how members of the Public who apply for Planning Permission in the normal way and await the outcome of the planning process before proceeding with work are better off than those individuals who simply go ahead, do the work and apply for retention?

The vast majority apply for planning permission and await a positive decision before commencing development work. In so doing they have the comfort of knowing that they are complying with the law. They know that if they develop in accordance with the planning permission they will have no legal complications if they should in the future wish to dispose of the property.

The very small minority who do not comply with the legal planning process risk legal prosecution and fine. They risk having to remove the unauthorised work. They risk complications if they wish to sell the property. The fee for a retention application is treble that for a normal application.

3.13 **WASTE WATER IN CORK CITY**

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

Can the City Manager assure the City Council that the millions of gallons of water being pumped throughout the City of Cork on a daily basis for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes does not contain any element of the cryptosporidium bug and that the treated water issuing from the Waste Water Treatment Plant is also free from the cryptosporidium parasite?

I wish to advise that 70% of the City's water is treated at the Lee Road Water Treatment Plant and the remaining 30% is treated at the Inniscarra Water Treatment Plant. Both plants have a full treatment process which includes sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. A comprehensive monitoring regime is in place in both plants so as to ensure compliance with all EU drinking water standards. Tests are carried out for cryptosporidium and to date no occurrences have been recorded in the treated water.

The treated effluent from the Waste Water Treatment Plant is not tested for cryptosporidium. Testing for this parasite is not required and would only be appropriate if the plant was discharging to a water body that might ultimately be a source of extraction of water for drinking water production. The Carrigrenan Waste Water Treatment plant discharges to saline waters off Marino Point, waters which could never be a source of drinking water.

4. **CONFERENCE CENTRE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 5th April, 2007 on the proposal to provide a Conference Centre.

5. **HUGUENOT GRAVEYARD, CAREY'S LANE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Part 8 report of the City Manager dated 5th April, 2007 on the proposal to restore the Huguenot Graveyard, Carey's Lane.

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 30th MARCH, 2007**

6.1 **HOUSING WAITING LIST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 22nd March, 2007 on the composition of the housing waiting list. The Directors report gave a breakdown of Cork City Council's housing waiting list.

6.2 **SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director dated 22nd March, 2007 which gave an update on the Social & Affordable Housing Action Plan 2004 – 2008.

6.3 **INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 22nd March 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this City Council would install Smoke Alarms free of charge in all of its residential properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O' Brien 06/452)

The report of the Director of Services stated that mains powered smoke alarms are being installed in Cork City Council residential properties in conjunction with the

current central heating installation scheme. It is hoped that all properties currently without central heating will be completed within next 2 to 3 years.

Within that timescale it is intended to introduce a programme of fitting both smoke alarms and attic insulation to Cork City Council rented properties where central heating already existed prior to commencement of current installation scheme. Mains operated smoke alarms are also being installed as part of electrical rewiring being carried out under the Planned Maintenance programme and as part of the routine electrical checks carried out to all houses that become vacant.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.30 p.m.

6.4 ALTERNATIVE HEATING SYSTEMS – OLD AGE PENSIONERS

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 22nd March 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would in view of the recent massive increase in the price of gas which is to be passed on to the consumer from the start of October that City Council would look at alternative energy heating systems and not force their tenants to take gas only and also that they would carry out a survey of all tenants who have received gas central heating to see if they would be interested in a more effective and cost efficient system and in particular that they would make contact with tenants who’s only income is old age pension as a matter of urgency to make sure that they can afford the new price structure as to avoid a situation where older people will not be able to afford heating over the winter months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/456)

The report of the Director stated that when the current Central Heating installation scheme commenced in 2004, it was decided to utilise gas fired heating systems from the point of view of technical feasibility, controllability, ease of use for tenants and minimum disruption, as well as both installation and running costs. The advantages of gas fired heating systems relative to other systems are:

1. No fuel storage, such as oil tanks or fuel bunkers, etc., is required.
2. No flues or chimneys are required, as wall mounted flue outlets are sufficient.
3. Natural gas is a clean burning fuel, with no fumes or smoke and minimum CO2 emissions.
4. Systems are responsive and easily controlled.

5. No physical work such as fuel stoking or ash removal is required by householder.

There are significant difficulties in installing heating systems other than gas fired systems. For example, the majority of the older housing stock has minimum rear yard space. This militates against installation of oil fired or (recently on the market) wood chip or pellet burning systems, which would require fuel hoppers, and some degree of manual hopper refill and ash removal. Oil or solid fuel burners are generally heavier and need to be floor mounted, whereas gas boilers can be easily wall mounted. It is often difficult to install new chimneys or flues, which fully comply with building regulations, in high density social housing areas.

The October 2006 gas price increase was based on rising oil prices and generally there is a degree of interdependency of all energy prices, although the timing of cost increases cost of different fuels may vary.

An analysis was carried out early in 2006 of the relative running costs of gas fired heating and electric storage heating for the smaller units such as flats and apartments, for which some manufacturers have claimed that operating costs of modern “DuoHeat” electric radiators were competitive with gas systems. This analysis indicated that annual running costs using standard rate electricity were 50% dearer than gas, and using urban night tariff electricity were 17% dearer than gas. This analysis is currently being revised to take account of the October 2006 gas price increases and the projected January 2007 electricity price increases. However initial indications are that gas heating will still be cheaper than equivalent electric heating costs.

It is the view of the Housing Department that gas heating offers the overall best form of heating to be provided for existing housing stock that was constructed without heating. Alternative fuel systems are being assessed in relation to new build or properties undergoing major refurbishment.

It should be noted that tenants who qualify for the Dept of Social and Family Affairs Household Benefits Package are entitled to either an electricity allowance or a natural gas allowance. The natural gas allowance covers the supply charge and up to 500 kWh of gas over two monthly billing period during the winter months and 58 kWh of gas per two monthly billing period or either gas or electricity. This equates to a credit on the gas bill of €86 per two monthly bill during the winter period.

Current information from the Dept of Social and Family Affairs indicates that social welfare recipients may still also qualify for the solid fuel allowance of €14 per week for the 29 week winter period, as most houses would still have an open fireplace available, even after installation of gas heating.

6.5 **TENANT PENSIONERS – NO CHARGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 22nd March 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will no longer charge tenant Pensioners who have become widowed the differential amount of rent for the six week period after their spouse has deceased, as the current practice of adding this amount to the total rent sum is drawn from a short-term social welfare payment, which sets out to assist people in times of hardship and should therefore not be taken into account when setting the rental rate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/464)

The report of the Director stated that Cork City Council had implemented a change to the computer program that calculates the rent on all properties so that in the event of a spouse passing away the differential rent will decrease from the date of death of the spouse.

7. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd APRIL 2007**

7.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of March, 2007.

7.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 29th March, 2007.

7.3 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st March, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That measures be put in place to ensure that elderly applicants for a Disabled Persons Grant would receive a prompt visit from an occupational therapist so that their applications can be processed quickly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/021)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council have requested that where Disabled Persons Grants are below the €5,000 threshold, an Occupational Therapist's report commissioned by the applicant would suffice.

Members were informed that this is now generally applied and the turn around period for Disabled Persons Grants has been substantially reduced.

There are no back logs in applications at present for DPG funding. The City Council currently employs one Occupational Therapist and is in the process of advertising for additional Occupational Therapy resources.

7.4 **CENTRAL HEATING IN ARDCULLEN, HOLLYHILL**

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

'I propose that Cork City Council would install Central Heating systems in all houses in ArdculLEN, Hollyhill.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/042)

The report of the Director of Services stated that under the current central heating installation scheme, it is envisaged that tenants of all Cork City Council rented properties will have been offered central heating by 2009. Priority was given initially to properties with elderly or special needs tenants, and then to Flats complexes. Members were informed that these priority categories should be completed this year.

7.5 **WALL BETWEEN NO.'S 85 & 86 LARCHFIELD**

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

'I am calling on Cork City Council to erect a railing on the wall between numbers 85 and 86 Larchfield in the interests of resident's security.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/044)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the properties at No.s 85 and 86 Larchfield are private properties and that boundary fencing was a matter for the property owners.

7.6 **PART V AGREEMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 15th March, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘(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)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Clancy, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary a vote was called for on the report of the Director of Services, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, F. Dennehy, M. Ahern. –(9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, C. O’ Leary. –(4)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development approved.

The report of the Director of Services, Planning and Development stated that all Applicants for proposed developments are advised to enter into preplanning consultation with the Local Authority and are required to submit at Application stage, their proposals with regard to Part V of the Planning & Development Acts, 2000-2006.

The Planning Authority is required to include as a condition of planning permission, a requirement that the applicant enter into a Part V agreement prior to commencement of development. Members were informed that a developer has a period of 5 years to execute the development. The report also stated that it was not possible to attach a copy of the final Part V agreement to the planning permissions granted as agreements are not finalised at this stage.

Members were also informed that all Managers’ Orders in relation to Part V developments contain details of agreements reached for Part V compliance with the developer.

7.7 **CENTRAL HEATING IN COURTOWN DRIVE AND COURTOWN PARK**

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

‘That Cork City Council under the Knocknaheeny Master Plan install central heating to the homes in Courtown Drive and Courtown Park in order to address health and welfare issues of the residents.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/080)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is committed to a policy of providing all Council dwellings with central heating by the end of 2009. All Council properties located at Courtown Drive & Courtown Park without central heating will have a heating system installed within this timeframe.

7.8 **WALLS OF COMPLEX AT SCABEG CORNER IN TURNERS CROSS**

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

‘That Cork City Council will carry out the necessary measures to rectify the appearance of green staining on the external walls of the down sizing complex at Scabeg Corner in Turner’s Cross, as the current state of the facade of the building undermines what is a very positive development for the local community.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/086)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the necessary measures to rectify the situation are currently being agreed.

7.9 **DRIVEWAYS AT COURTOWN PARK**

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

‘That Cork City Council under the Knocknaheeny Master Plan construct driveways for the residents of Courtown Park, Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/096)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of driveways at the above locations will be considered in the context of the overall development of

the area and funding will be requested from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to carry out these works as part of the next phase of the Knocknaheeny Regeneration Project.

7.10 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- (a) Disposal of property at No. 47, Cove Street to Pat McSweeney, c/o Harry McCullagh & Co., Solicitors, The Mill House, St. Patrick's Terrace, Douglas, Cork, for the sum of €452,000.00.
- (b) Disposal by way of Lease of property approximately 225m² situated adjacent to No. 19, Hillgrove, South Douglas Road, Cork to Frank and Fiona Feehely, c/o Guilfoyles, Solicitors, Tuckeys House, 8, Tuckey Street, Cork.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 1A, Glendale Road, Glasheen Road, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 5th July 1999 to Daniel Hargarve and Kathryn Fox for the sum of €17,858.73.

FEE SIMPLE

- a) Fee simple interest in premises known as 10/11, Pearse Square, Ballyphehane, Cork to Joseph O'Donovan, c/o P.J. O'Driscolls, Solicitors, 41, South Main Street, Bandon, Co. Cork for the sum of €16,375.00 plus costs of approximately €650.00.

8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2ND APRIL 2007**

8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

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

8.2 **GREEN ROUTE NETWORK- CARRIGALINE/RINGASKIDDY TO CITY CENTRE S38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th March, 2007, regarding Green Route Network- Carrigaline/Ringaskiddy to city centre S38 Road Traffic Act 1994.

8.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE – PARKHILL, SKEHARD ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th March 2007 regarding Taking in Charge – Parkhill, Skehard Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Counihan seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Parkhill, Skehard Road, Cork, be taken in charge”.

8.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE – THE GROVE, 1 – 13 DUBLIN HILL MIDDLE, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th March 2007 regarding Taking in Charge – Parkhill, Skehard Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at The Grove, 1 – 13 Dublin Hill Middle, Cork, be taken in charge.”

8.5 **TRAFFIC CHANGES AT THE JUNCTION OF THE WELL ROAD AND DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 29th March, 2007, regarding Traffic Changes at the Junction of the Well Road and Douglas Road. The objection of Comhairleoir S. Martin to the report was noted.

8.6 **FOOTPATH IN MAIVILLE TERRACE**

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

‘That the footpath in Maiville Terrace be reinstated.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/269)

The report of the Assistant City Manager, some of the footways at Maiville Terrace were replaced as part of the 2006 Roads Programme. The rest of the footway here will be considered for inclusion in next year’s Roads Programme.

8.7 **HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

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

‘That Cork City Council repair the roads, address any drainage problems and repair the footpaths in Hollyville Estate, Hollyhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/064)

The report of the Assistant City Manager that, part of Hollyville is on the 2007 Resurfacing Programme. It will be considered again for inclusion on the 2008 Resurfacing & Ecoflex Programmes. As regards drainage, a blockage has been located outside No 46 and this will be rectified shortly.

8.8 **RESURFACING WORK ON LOVERS WALK**

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

‘That Cork City Council will carry out resurfacing work on Lovers Walk – Montenotte in recognition of the fact that a section of that road is in a grossly run down condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 07/066)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Lover’s Walk will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8.30 p.m. to finish the remaining items on the agenda.

8.9 **ERECT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT & SILVERSPRINGS LANE JUNCTION**

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

‘That Cork City Council erect Traffic Lights at the junction of Silversprings Court and Silversprings Lane as residents are greatly impeded and endangered when exiting onto Silversprings Lane due directly to the widening of Silversprings Lane during construction of the Green route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/070)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the provision of additional traffic lights on the North Ring Road/Silversprings Lane at the junction with Silversprings Court was considered as part of the Green Route project in the area and this was rejected because of the existence of traffic signals close-by at the junctions with Colmcille Avenue. The decision was made on safety grounds.

The widening of Silversprings Lane occurred on the north side of the junction with Colmcille Avenue in order to create a storage lane for traffic turning right into Colmcille Avenue from Silversprings Lane. No widening occurred at the junction with Silversprings Court.

8.10 **ERECT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD & SILVERSPRINGS LANE JUNCTION**

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

‘That Cork City Council erect Traffic Lights at the junction of Silverheights Road and Silversprings Lane as residents of Silverheights are finding it both difficult and dangerous exiting onto Silversprings Lane following the changes in road layout introduced by Council officials last year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/071)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the provision of additional traffic lights on the North Ring Road/Silversprings Lane at the junction with Silverheights Road was considered as part of the Green Route project in the area and this was rejected because of the existing of traffic signals close-by at the junctions with Colmcille Avenue and at Tinker’s Cross. The decision was made on safety grounds.

8.11 **PARKING DIFFICULTIES IN CONNOLLY PARK AREA**

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

‘That Cork City Council examine the present parking difficulties with a view to carrying out a series of measures to deal with the problem of all day parking by commuters in the area of Connolly Park and in doing so also put in place double yellow lines at the Connolly Park junction with Pouladuff Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/074)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, a proposal, which involves the provision of a single yellow line, has been submitted to the local residents for consideration. This yellow line will prevent the area being used by all day parkers most of whom are from the nearby UCC Park & Ride facility.

We are still waiting a response from the residents. Eventually the problem will be resolved long term when the disc parking zone will be extended into the area. The area will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed appropriate, double yellow lines will be installed on Connolly Park at the junction with Pouladuff Road.

8.12 **YELLOW FLASHING LIGHT CROSSING**

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

‘That Cork City Council put in place a ‘Yellow Flashing Light Crossing’ at the section of Gillabbey Street outside of St. Finbarr’s School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/075)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Gillabbey Street will be surveyed to determine the feasibility of installing flashing school crossing lights adjacent to St. Finbarr’s School. If there is room, etc. the installation of the lights will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON MELBOURNE ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a meaningful programme of traffic calming on the Melbourne Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/076)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Melbourne Road is a primary distributor road and, though also a “residential road”, is not suitable for the more normal forms of traffic calming devices such as ramps, chicanes, etc. In order to reduce the traffic speeds on the roadway it has been decided to use a technically based form of traffic calming, i.e. variable message signs. (VMS)

These VMS signs will flash the speed limit when any motorist is exceeding the speed limit of 50 kph. They will also urge the motorist to slow down. The signs are being installed on a trial basis and if successful, may be used at other suitable locations.

There are some difficulties currently being experienced with the supplier in the UK, but these will be overcome soon and the signs will be put in place in the coming months.

8.14 **RESURFACING IN ASHFORD ESTATE AND HILLSIDE ESTATE**

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

‘That Cork City Council given the poor condition of Ashford Estate and parts of Hillside Estate would as a matter of priority put in place a programme of resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/077)

The report of the Assistant City Manager of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ashford Estate was considered for inclusion in this year’s Roads Programme. It was not selected on this occasion however. Ashford Estate will be considered again for inclusion in next year’s Roads Programme.

The estates at Hillside, Glasheen will be considered for inclusion in next year’s Roads Programme.

In the meantime, any localised repair works considered necessary at Ashford Estate and the estates at Hillside will be carried out.

8.15 **NEW STREET SIGN AT COLLEGE VIEW, COLLEGE ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place a new street sign at College View, College Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 07/078)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a replacement sign for College View was ordered in January 2007. When this sign is delivered to Cork City Council by the manufacturers it will be erected.

8.16 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

‘In order to provide a safe environment for the hundreds of schoolgirls that have to cross the Model Farm Road on a daily basis to access Mount Mercy School I propose that Cork City Council would install a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the school gate as a matter of utmost urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/069)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Model Farm Road adjacent to Mount Mercy School to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants are met, the provision of the pedestrian crossing will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.17 **STOP SIGNS – ASSUMPTION ROAD AND WATERCOURSE ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department reinstate the stop sign at the Entrance to Assumption Road from the Watercourse Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/079)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the entrance to Assumption Road will be examined and any missing or damaged signs will be immediately replaced.

8.18 **GO-SLOW SIGN – LAUREL RIDGE, BLARNEY ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council replace the Go-Slow sign at the entrance to Laurel Ridge Blarney Road which has blown down.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/082)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the entrance to Laurel Ridge, Blarney Road will be examined and any missing or damaged signs will be immediately replaced.

8.19 **FOOTPATHS – CRICKET CLUB TO MARDYKE**

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

‘That Cork City Council carry out an inspection of the footpaths from the cricket club to the top of the Mardyke to determine what repairs are necessary and also to decide what constitutes a footpath particularly where large trees are growing and pedestrians have to use the roadway to walk.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/083)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads and Transportation Directorate is examining the carriageway and footpaths on this road and will prepare a design to improve the public realm along the entire road from the Band Field to the western end. We are also finalising the design of road drainage here as Mardyke Walk does not have a drainage system at present. In advance of resurfacing and footpath work, we propose to install the necessary mainline drainage in order to carry the surface water from gullies to river outfalls. We intend to include new and upgraded footpaths and public lighting as part of the scheme.

8.20 **CONSTRUCT A FOOTPATH – SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

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

‘That Cork City Council construct a footpath on western side Silversprings Lane from the junction with Colmcille Avenue south, to serve the residents of the western side of Silversprings Lane who are finding it impossible to walk from their homes along the existing grass margin. This is a serious safety requirement.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/084)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the construction of a footpath on the western side of the road southwards as far as the existing houses will be considered for inclusion on our 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme

8.21 **CONTINUOUS WHITE LINE – MILITARY HILL & WELLINGTON ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council please put a continuous centre white line on Military Hill south to the junction with Wellington Road for safety reasons.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/085)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the area of Military Hill will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed appropriate for road safety reasons, the installation of a continuous centre white line on Military Hill will be inputted into this year’s road marking programme.

8.22 **UPGRADE – ST JOSEPH’S PARK, BOHERBOY ROAD**

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

‘That St. Joseph’s Park, Boherboy Road, Mayfield be up-graded by:-

- (a) The repair of the broken kerbing along the central access;
- (b) The provision of some litter bins;
- (c) The creation of some flower beds.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/089)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:

- (a) The kerbing along both sides of the central road is in poor condition and as such it has been put on our Works Programme for attention.
- (b) Waste operations does not provide litter bins within housing estates.
- (c) The two green areas at St Josephs Park are well planted with mature trees. Underplanting of spring flowering bulbs will be carried out in the Autumn.

8.23 **FOOTBRIDGE – BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

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

‘That Cork City Council would carry out immediate work at the footbridge at the Bandon Road roundabout. It is in a dangerous condition at present especially at

the Dunne's Stores end. There are ramps on the bridge and all they do is hold water and when it freezes is very dangerous.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/090)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will eliminate surface water from ponding on the Bandon Road Footbridge and the adjacent ramps.

8.24 **PARKING ISSUE – UAM VAR ESTATE & LEESDALE ESTATE**

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

'That Cork City Council would put in place a series of immediate measures to alleviate the ongoing parking issue in Uam Var Estate and Leesdale estate which is causing great stress to the residents of the two estates.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/091)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the parking problems in Uam Var Estate and Leesdale Estate are associated with the overspill from the nearby CIT and FAS campuses. Yellow lines have already been installed in part of the estates in consultation with the local residents and public representatives. Further installation of yellow lines is not planned because of the impact these parking restrictions would have on local residents. The main problems associated with CIT/FAS parking will only be resolved with the disc parking controls are implemented in the area.

The two estates are not in the 2006-2007 Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme and disc parking controls cannot be installed there at present. However, because of the parking problems in the area it is likely that they will be included in the next DPZ extension scheme.

8.25 **WOODLAWN ESTATE**

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

'That Cork City Council would carry out immediate repairs to the road at Woodlawn Estate, Togher and that in consultation with local residents that Woodlawn be considered in the next traffic calming programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/092)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will carry out repairs to the carriageway at Woodlawn Estate, Togher and we will consider it for inclusion in next year's Roads Programme.

Woodlawn Estate will 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.

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

8.26 **RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

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

‘That Cork City Council would carry out immediate repairs to the road at Riverview Estate and adjoining roads in advance of resurfacing to the road at Riverview.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/093)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will inspect Riverview Estate and carry out any localised repairs considered necessary.

8.27 **FILTER LIGHT – TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT COMMONS ROAD**

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

‘In the interests of road safety Council requests that a filter light be installed immediately on traffic lights at the Commons Road so as to allow traffic heading towards the city turn right safely into the estates at Onslow/Parklands, etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/094)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the installation of the right turning arrow light for traffic coming from the County direction and turning right into Onslow Gardens/Parklands is part of the 2007 roads programme.

Some preliminary work has been carried out and the complete installation of the right turning arrow facility will be completed in the coming months.

8.28 **CUT BACK THE TREE ON NOONAN’S ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council cut back the tree between 27 and 29 Noonan’s Road and that gates be installed on the adjacent laneway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/271)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that remedial pruning on the tree at this location will be carried out within two to three weeks. The programme for installation of gates on pedestrian laneways was agreed at a recent meeting of the ward members. Noonan’s Road is not included in the list of prioritised locations for 2007 but will be included in the current list for prioritisation by ward members in early 2008 subject to budgetary constraints.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, J. Buttimer, D. Murphy and T. Fitzgerald at the Kerry Environmental Conference held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry on the 28th March to 1st April 2007.

10.2 **ON MESSAGE: COMMUNICATING THE CAMPAIGN**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, J. Buttimer, at the On Message: Communicating the Campaign Conference held in the O’ Rahilly Building, Room 255, UCC on the 29th March 2007.

10.3 **TOURISM – FOSTERING LOCAL AND REGIONAL REGENERATION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’ Flynn and D. Cregan at the Tourism – Fostering Local and Regional Regeneration Conference held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow on the 29th – 30th March, 2007.

10.4 **L.A.M.A. ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE – “MEETING THE CHALLENGE – PROVIDING THE SOLUTIONS” – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007 – 2013**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, T. Brosnan, C. Lynch, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. Fitzgerald, P. Gosch, B. Bermingham, J. Buttiner and D. O’Flynn at the L.A.M.A. Annual Spring Conference – “Meeting the Challenge – Providing the Solutions” – National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 Conference held in the Gleneagle hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry to be held on the 12th – 13th April, 2007.

10.5 **IRISH RURAL DWELLERS ASSOCIATION PLANNING CONFERENCE 2007 – LAST CALL FOR RURAL PLANNING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, J. Buttiner, S. Martin and P. Gosch at the Irish Rural Dwellers Association Planning Conference 2007 – Last Call for Rural Planning held in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry to be held on the 18th – 20th April, 2007.

11. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2007**

11.1 **ONLINE GAMBLING – DIRECT BANKS & CREDIT COMPANIES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion

‘Given that casino type online gambling is a serious addiction that undermines the family, dashes dreams and frays the fabric of society, I propose that Cork City Council would ask the Government to direct banks and credit companies to outlaw the processing of online casino bets. The bottom line is simple: internet casino type gambling should be made illegal. However as we can’t monitor every online gambler or regulate offshore gambling, we can police the financial institutions that disregard our laws if implemented.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/078)

11.2 **YOUTH CAFÉ’S**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a programme of youth cafes in consultation with relevant agencies, youth organisations, government departments and authorities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 07/122)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to amend the wording of the motion to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council would explore the feasibility of putting in place a programme of youth cafes in consultation with relevant agencies, youth organisations, government departments and authorities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/122)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

12. MOTIONS

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

12.1 YELLOW BOX – CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

‘That a yellow box junction be installed at the entrance to Christ the King Church.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/275)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 PROVIDE LIBRARIES IN KNOCKNAHEENY/HOLLYHILL AREA AND FARRANREE/PARKLANDS AREA

‘To help promote the outstanding work carried out by the library services in Cork, I propose that Cork City Council would make funds available to provide libraries in;

- (a) The Knocknaheeny/ Hollyhill area.
- (b) The Farranree/ Parklands/ Fairhill/ Onslow Gardens area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/099)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.3 RESURFACING OF HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE

‘That Cork City Council include Hollymount Estate for resurfacing on the Roads Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/101)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.4 **TARMAC EXISTING WALKWAY AROUND THE FAIRFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council tarmac the existing walkway around the Fairfield as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/106)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **REFUSE COLLECTIONS IN CITY**

‘A. That Cork City Council regulate the times of private refuse collection within the City.

B. That all private refuse collection trucks have at least one other staff member other than the driver in the interest of safety and traffic freeflow.

That Cork City Council inform Cork County Council of this policy and incorporate the regulations in all permits granted for Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/119)

Environment Functional Committee

12.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN CUSHING ROAD, SEMINARY WALK AREA.**

‘That Cork City Council request E.S.B. Networks to survey the area of Cushing Road/ Seminary Walk with the view to sorting out the ongoing problem of loss of public lighting in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/120)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **SEATING IN EMMET PLACE**

‘In order to enhance public space in the city, I propose that Cork City Council would provide seating and street furniture in Emmet Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/125)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **MARKETING FUNDING – TOURISM UNITED STATES**

Deferred to next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council calls for any marketing funding that’s made available to promote tourism in the United States to be distributed on a fair and equitable basis to each region in the country.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/126)

12.9 **WINDOWS & CENTRAL HEATING – SUNVIEW, FAIRHILL**

‘That double glazed windows be installed in Sunview, Fairhill. Central heating was installed but heat is being lost through the windows and the residents are mostly elderly people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/127)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.10 **GATES – COURTNEY’S AVENUE**

‘That gates be placed at both ends of Courtney’s Avenue in order to eliminate the serious anti-social behaviour in what is a very quiet pedestrian laneway.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/128)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN – GREENHILLS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a local area development plan to deal with the parking problems and the recreational Greenfield site running parallel and behind Greenhills Court and Estate. There are huge issues of anti social behaviour on a nightly basis. A combined approach with City Council taking the lead working in close partnership with Gardaí, residents associations and elected representatives is required to solve the problem.

The alleyways between 152 and 153 and 173 to 174 need to be secured immediately. In the medium to long term a decision needs to be taken by the City Council to either develop the Greenfield site as a secure park on its own or to develop the site for housing for the elderly with a park.

The concept of a road running at the back and parallel to Greenhills Court should also be investigated as this would allow additional parking and access to the back of houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/130)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

12.12 **REPLACE FOOTPATHS – VENUE BAR**

‘That the footpaths from the Venue Bar to Longboats Bar in Ballintemple would be replaced as a matter of urgency as they are in a very poor condition.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 07/131)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 **DESIGNATED AREAS – ENTERTAINMENT ON STREETS**

‘That Cork City Council would designate different areas around the City for outdoor performances for groups of musicians and other street performers. If this was done it would allow Cork City Council to control the type of entertainment on the streets whereby performers would have to apply for a permit for one of the designated areas. Also that a specific time be allocated to performers for one to two hours. This could result in a wide range of different music events around the City. It could also ensure that the current practice of buskers performing at the entrance of business in the City and people begging on the streets could be eliminated. This practice is currently in operation in many cities throughout the world and has led to the enhancement of the cultural life of the cities for both the locals and visitors alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/133)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.14 **RESURFACE KILNAP GREEN AND KILEENS GREEN**

‘That Cork City Council would resurface Kilnap Green and Kileens Green in Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/134)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.15 **PLAQUE/MONUMENT – CANTY’S FIELD**

Deferred to next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘That this Council agrees that the plaque/monument at Canty’s Field, Connaught Avenue, be re-dedicated to specifically commemorate those who fought in Major McBrides Brigade in the Boer War to establish freedom and democracy in South Africa and afterwards returned to Ireland to fight under Major McBride in the Irish Republican Army at the Easter Rising for our own freedom.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’ Connell 07/135)

12.16 **POLICY – LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ADVICE**

‘That Cork City Council consider the position and adopt a policy in relation to the benefits of Councillors having available to them independent Legal and Financial advice in relation to matters brought before Council by officials of Cork City Council eg, Disposals, Estimates, Material Contraventions of Development Plan etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/136)

Corporate Policy Group

12.17 **PEDESTRIAN CONDITIONS – STREAM HILL, DILLONS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate emergency measures to eliminate the terrible pedestrian conditions which the residents of Stream Hill, Dillons Cross have to endure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/137)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.18 **LITTER WARDEN – FIVE CONSTITUENCIES**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a litter warden for each of the five constituencies to combat the problem of illegal dumping.

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 07/138)

Environment Functional Committee

12.19 **KERBING – GREEN OF ELTON LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the kerbing on the green of Elton Lawn and put in place a programme of enhancement of the green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/139)

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12.20 **BUS SERVICE NUMBER 10**

Deferred to next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council calls on Bus Eireann not to remove the bus service number 10 thorough the estates of Clashduv, Riverview, Summerstown and Sandymount.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/140)

12.21 **MICHAEL FITZGERALD ROAD – MAINTENANCE & TRAFFIC CALMING**

‘That Cork City Council put in place a mechanism to ensure that areas which fall between wards, such as Michael Fitzgerald Road, Edward Walsh Road and Charles Daly Road are adequately catered for in terms of road resurfacing, footpath maintenance and traffic calming. The mentioned areas act as a divide between the South West and South Central wards and are not being adequately catered for. Either a once off allocation of funding or an allocation of funding from both wards will be required to resolve the problems that exist in these areas.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/141)

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12.22 **RESIDENT PARKING SPACES – SYCAMORE PLACE, TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council introduce dedicated resident parking spaces for the flats complex at Sycamore Place, Togher, and that this would be a pilot scheme to be extended to all other flats complexes where applicable. This is common practice in private developments where residents do not have to worry about finding parking spaces outside of their dwellings as they are allocated and reserved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/142)

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12.23 **RAMPS COPPER HILL ESTATE, BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That ramps would be placed in Copper Hill Estate, Ballintemple to slow down traffic going through this area where young children play on a daily basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 07/143)

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13. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 4 no. Housing Dept – Window Replacement 2007
- 2 no. 4 No. Lane Closures at Gearney’s Boreen/ Murmount Road/ Iona Road & Glenthorn Drive, Cork City.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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