

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2007

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace,
- 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 S. Martin, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern,
J. Buttimer
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. P. McGuirk, Rapid Co-Ordinator.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

An tArdmhéara welcomed a visiting group of students from University College Cork.

1. (a) VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- O'Keeffe Family on the death of Geraldine Myers O'Keeffe
- Barrett Family on the death of Ted Barrett.
- Murphy Family on the death of Noel Murphy.
- Gould Family on the death of Tracey Gould.
- Kelt Family on the death of Joe Kelt.

1. (b) VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- An Chomhairle welcomed the announcement by An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, to the establishment of the Cork Docklands Development Forum.
- Douglas on their success in Failte Ireland Tidy Towns Competition.
- Brian Dillons Under 16 Comogie Team on winning the County Championship

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 12th November, 2007 were considered and approved with the following amendment agreed;

ITEM 4 - TRADE CENTRE AT MAHON

Comhairleoir M. Barry's opposition to the proposals on the Trade Centre at Mahon, at his request, was noted.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **THE CLOSURE OF THE LANEWAY BETWEEN UPPER DOYLE ROAD AND MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE?**

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

To ask the City Manager to provide Council with an update in regard to the closure of the laneway between Upper Doyle Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue.?

Public notification of the intent to extinguish the public right-of-way over the laneway linking Upper Doyle Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue has been completed. A number of objections opposing the extinguishment were received. Consultation is currently proceeding with objectors and local residents.

3.2 **LOCAL FIRE STATION FOR BISHOPSTOWN, WILTON, GLASHEEN & TOGHER**

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

Does the Manager acknowledge the need for a local Fire Station, servicing the Bishopstown, Wilton, Glasheen, Togher areas?

If so would the Manager report on possible site locations, size of facility, and likely date on its construction/operation in view of the urgency to ensure quick response to this locality with its very high population density and major institutions including the University Hospital, Cork Institute of Technology, FAS, University College Cork, industrial units, shopping centres, housing estates etc located in the area.

The Fire Department has over the past few years been in correspondence with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding the provision of an additional Fire Station. This Station would provide fire cover for

the vast and growing suburban population and the large number of major industries and services in the South Western suburbs. This Fire Station would in addition provide increased cover for City Centre through providing the possibility of having fire appliances responding from different directions.

Various sites were considered however there was a difficulty in obtaining a suitable and available location. The situation at the moment is that a possible site has been located on City Council owned land on the South Link Road.

The decision as to the best possible location will be influenced by the risk based approach to safety management which is part of the Fire Services Change Programme. This is being developed by the Department and is to be implemented on a regional basis by the Regional Control Centers. Any final decision as to the location of any new Fire Station will have to take this process into consideration.

3.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE - SOUTHRIDGE, SILVERSPRINGS**

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

Can the City Manager please confirm up to date position in relation to taking in charge of Southridge, Silversprings and can he identify what issues in particular, in any, are holding up the taking in charge. Over what period do Council officials expect these issues to be resolved by the Developer.

Taking in Charge - Ashmount, Silversprings, Cork No.'s 1-20, 21-40, 71-80, 81-98, 53-70 and 41-52 Under planning references T.P. 01/25316, 99/23842, 99/23405 and 00/24539

There is currently a bond in place in respect of the above development, in the sum of €43,000 with a current expiry date of 30/11/07. A letter requesting an extension of the bond has been issued in the past couple of weeks. The developer has agreed to extend the period of the bond to 31st May 2008, pending the outcome of the review of the outstanding remedial works by the City Council.

The Drainage, Landscape and Public Lighting reports for this development are deemed satisfactory.

We await early confirmation from the Roads & Transportation Directorate and Environment Directorate on their sign off on the works in respect of Roads/Footpaths and Water respectively. Depending on the outcome of these reports, Cork City Council will proceed to initiate the taking in charge process if the development has been completed to our satisfaction. However, if there are outstanding Roads/Footpaths and Water defects, O'Brien & O'Flynn will be notified and given an early timeframe for the completion of same.

The matter will be kept under review and The Planning Authority will consider calling in the bond if the development is not completed to our satisfaction by 28th February 2008.

3.4 **LANDS ADJACENT TO 1 MAHON TERRACE, BLACKROCK**

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

Will the Manager please let me know the following information:

- (a) Who owns the land adjacent to 1 Mahon Terrace, Blackrock?
- (b) If this was Council property was it sold to the owners of 1 Mahon Terrace?
- (c) If this was not sold, why was there no action taken to prevent the tenant of 1 Mahon Terrace from building on this site?

- (a) This is not City Council property and is in private ownership.
- (b) Cork City Council did not dispose of the property.
- (c) Arising from an inspection of the property, it is considered that the development to the side of 1, Mahon Terrace constitutes exempted development in accordance with the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 – Schedule 2 / Part 1 / Class 3.

Accordingly, no enforcement action would be appropriate in this case.

3.5 **RIGHT OF WAY AT 15 EDWARD WALSH ROAD, TOGHER**

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

Could the Cork City Council please confirm that the plot of Ground which is at 15 Edward Walsh Road, Togher, Cork, which is currently under a Long Term Lease between Ladbroke's Ltd that the freehold to this right of way can be purchased by the potential purchaser Mr. Liam Lynch, c/o John Henchion & Co., Solicitor, Blarney, Co. Cork as the Solicitor for the Purchaser has asked on a number of occasions for confirmation of this.

An application was made in October 2006 for consent to assign the leasehold interest of part of the property at 15 Edward Walsh Road from Ladbroke's to Liam Lynch. This was granted under M/O 5135/07 in July 2007 following various correspondence between all parties involved.

In August 2007 an application was made to purchase the freehold by Mr. Lynch to the portion of the property that had been assigned to him.

In October 2007 Mr. Lynch met with the Senior Executive Estates Officer and applied to purchase an additional plot to the front of this premises.

It was agreed at the meeting that the application to purchase the freehold would be put on hold pending the outcome of his application to purchase the additional ground, so that Mr. Lynch would only incur one set of Legal and Land registry fees.

His application to purchase the additional plot is currently being processed.

3.6 **LIMIT PARKING AT ST FINBARR'S CEMETERY**

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

Would it be possible to limit parking to 1 hour at St. Finbarr's Cemetery? Numerous motorists are using this space as a free car park all day while they go to work etc. Genuine people who are attending funerals and visiting the cemetery are often very stressed trying to find parking spaces in the surrounding areas, as the designated parking spaces are taken up by people who are not supposed to be there. On 15th November there were 15 cars parked there all day.

A recent visit to the parking area in front of St. Finbarr's confirmed that it is being used by all day parkers, thus causing a great inconvenience to those attending funerals or visiting graves.

While the cemetery is within the disc parking zone, it is not intended to implement pay parking controls there. Instead, we will install limited duration parking as we have done adjacent to the Lough and on the 'Straight Road'. It is proposed to install a two hour parking duration limit because:

- The surrounding disc parking area has a two hour duration limit and a different time duration may cause confusion.
- One hour may be too short for some people visiting graves.
- The 2 hour duration will be sufficient to prevent the area being abused by long stay parkers. The situation can be easily changed to 1 hour in the future, if it is deemed necessary.

3.7 **ENTRANCE AT BISHOP LUCY PARK GRAND PARADE**

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

Given that the entrance to the Bishop Lucy Park, Grand Parade, (former entrance to the Haymarket, Anglesea Street) is now rightly a protected structure (Ref. No. PS 123) will the Manager please advise me as:

- Why/how planning permission was granted for the large square kiosk like structure that is now obliterating the view of this protected structure?
- From what points of the Grand Parade are the views of this structure (Bishop Lucey Park entrance) protected?
- Is the Manager happy that the view of this protected structure is now completely blocked from the Grand Parade entrance / exit of the English Market?
- Will the Manager now concede that allowing this structure to be built was a mistake and order its immediate removal?

The planning process for the proposed Kiosks on the Grand Parade was as follows:-

The plans were advertised in the Examiner newspaper on the 16th of April and details were displayed for comments until the 29th of May. Council was advised of the proposals as per the Part 8 planning process and subsequently the submissions were considered by Council and the scheme was approved.

In relation to the other points –

I wish to confirm that the gates and its associated structure are protected. It is worth remembering that prior to the Grand Parade redevelopment the view of the gates from the English Market was screened by two lines of trees, one along the former centre island and the other along the old kerb line in front of the park. There was also an unsightly car parking area in the centre of Grand Parade which has now been removed.

The new scheme has vastly improved the use of the space and the designers have given a great deal of thought to the overall layout and in particular the junction between the park and Grand Parade. They believe it is important to locate a key attraction at this location for a number of reasons including the following:-

- It creates a focal point at a critical junction on the street.
- It will assist in supervising activities in the park.
- It will reinforce the recreational activities of the park and draw them onto the wider pedestrian pavement.

In relation to the actual kiosk structure itself the designers have selected a slender glass box design and once complete it will both enhance the attractiveness and bring a new ambience to the street.

3.8 **DISTRIBUTING RECYCLING BAGS FOR 2008**

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

Will the Manager outline the method of distributing recycle bags to houses that will be in place for 2008?

Recycling bags will be delivered to each valid refuse account holder early in 2008. The logistics of the method and timing of their distribution is being drawn up at present.

3.9 **ON STREET PARKING IN LOCAL RESIDENTIAL ESTATES**

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

Can the Manager outline and comment on discussions held between Cork City Council and the Cork Institute of Technology, FÁS and Cork University Hospital with respect to measures to alleviate on-street parking in local residential estates?

While the City Council has had several meetings and discussions with CUH and CIT in relation to parking issues inside the outside the complexes, the remit of managing the parking problems on the adjacent streets rests with Cork City Council.

The only appropriate measure the Council has available to solve the parking problems is the installation of pay parking controls. This measure has been used very successfully over the years to solve the problems associated with commuter parking in residential areas. The current Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme is due to be completed this year and has already improved the parking environment for residents in some of the streets adjacent to the CUH.

A new scheme, i.e. DPZ Extension Scheme 2008 -2009, will be drawn up and submitted to Council for approval early in 2008. This scheme will include the remaining areas adjacent to CUH and all the residential areas adjacent to FÁS and CIT. When the new scheme is approved, the areas adjacent to the institutions mentioned above will be given priority and the problems associated with all day parkers (mainly students) will be alleviated in the first half of the year.

4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss item 6.2 immediately.

5. **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO. 5) OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 OPEN SPACES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 14th November, 2007 on issues raised during consultation on the Proposed Variation (No 5) to the Cork City Development Plan 2004 – Open Spaces. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir B Bermingham, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 14th November and adopted the following resolution.

‘RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation No. 5 Open Spaces, to Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the recommendations of the City Manager’s Report dated 14th November, 2007 with the insertion of the word “residential” before “estates” in the first line of the proposed change to the policy;’

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th NOVEMBER, 2007**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER, 2007.**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31st October, 2007.

6.2 **FIVE YEAR CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 19th November 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle. An Chomhairle noted the City Manager’s report and agreed that the report would be brought to the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee.

‘That Cork City Council draws up and implements a five year Climate Change Strategy, reviewed every 12 months, to ensure that our forward thinking and dynamic City impacts positively on Climate Change. The first five year strategy will run until the Kyoto deadline of 31st December 2012.

That an interdepartmental group involving Management, Councillors and Civic Groups would be established by September 2007 to oversee this motion and its implementation, including a period of public consultation.

The Climate Change Strategy will develop actions in areas including:

Waste Management: To ensure the diversion of organic waste from landfill disposal to composting, and to promote the reduction, reusing and recycling of all waste as an alternative to landfill & incineration.

Transport: To promote various transport alternatives to cars and to take measures to switch Cork City Council vehicles to renewable energy sources. To engage with public transport providers, including Bus Eireann, and to advance policies which are keeping with this motion.

Planning: Develop planning guidelines for development of lands at risk of flooding, under current climate change forecasts and to ensure that all developments are socially & environmentally sustainable. Develop integrated actions on spatial planning to reduce commuting and other sources of carbon emissions.

Energy generation: That action is taken to increase the use of renewable energy sources in heating existing buildings and new developments and that fitting renewable energy sources be standard in renovation programmes for Cork City Council properties.

Biodiversity: Develop policies to protect sensitive habitats from the negative impacts of climate change.

Policy Proofing: Ensure all policy developed by Cork City Council is environmentally and ecologically proofed to meet the highest international standards.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Leary 07/268)

The report of the City Manager stated that in 2006 the collective recycling efforts of the Council and companies with whom they are in partnership has led to the diversion of 23,376 tonnes from landfill (*up from 18,926 tonnes in 2005 and 12,103 tonnes in 2004*). Approximately 52% of the waster recycled is from the commercial sector, primarily through the operation of the green waste and timber waste recycling initiatives at Kinsale Road and the collection of cardboard from the commercial sector in the city.

During 2006 the quantity of waste landfilled at the Kinsale Road Landfill Site was 41,479 tonnes*.

The recycled materials are as below in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Item No.	Facility / Scheme	Quantity Diverted (Tonnes 2006)
1.	Civic Amenity Site, Kinsale Road	2291
2.	Door to Door Dry Recycling Scheme	7006
3.	Bring Sites	1921
4.	Commercial Cardboard	598
5.	Commercial Timber	9395
6.	Commercial Green Waste	2166
	TOTAL	23,375

It is estimated that 82% of the above is organic materials (timber 41%, Green Waste 11%, paper 19%, cardboard 11%). The above materials are being re-used as alternatives to landfill.

In regard to composting of household waste a community composter was installed in Ard Bhaile in 2006 to service 100 housing units.

A further facility will be in place in Respond Housing Association, St. Francis Gardens, Blackpool, later in 2007 to service multiple developments. These will serve as models of best practice for similar schemes elsewhere in the City.

When the Kinsale Road Landfill reaches its final contours in a few years the residual waste collected by City Council will be processed in a **Mechanical Biological Treatment MBT** facility resulting in a further diversion of organic materials.

Cork City Council has actively promoted the distribution of compost bins to householders in the City and it is estimated that 500 such bins are in place.

Cork City Council has been successfully diverting waste materials from Landfill and its policies into the future will further improve landfill diversion.

TRANSPORT

Concerns relating to climate change are inevitably linked with local and national traffic, transportation and planning policies. Transport is currently one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Ireland, and it is the fastest growing source of such emissions. Transport fumes represent a large proportion of overall air emissions: 78% of carbon monoxide (CO) and 22% of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Car pollutants also include other greenhouse gas.

There are basically three main types of action to tackle climate change in the field of transportation, i.e. choosing more sustainable transport modes, operating vehicles more efficiently and using improved vehicle and fuel types.

1. Choosing More Sustainable Transport Modes

- Increase walking;
- Increase cycling;
- Increase public transport use;
- Increase lift-sharing (two passengers or more sharing a lift);
- Increase car-sharing (using a car without owning one);
- Develop mobility management plans and mobility awareness.

2. Operating Vehicles More Efficiently

- Promote Eco-driving;
- Improve efficiency of transport infrastructure.

3. Using Improved Vehicle and Fuel Types

- Promote alternative fuels;
- Promote fuel efficient vehicles.

The following projects are currently being delivered by the Traffic Division:

- Green Routes project;
- Cork City cycling strategy;
- Mobility management centre project;
- Cork car-sharing club project;
- Local community bus on-demand in the north-western sector of Cork (MASCARA EU Project);
- Walking and cycling promotion (TRENDY TRAVEL EU Project);
- Mobility management plan promotion in the south-western sector of Cork (ADDED VALUE EU Project);
- Buses with high level of service (COST BHLS EU Project);
- European Mobility Week events programme;
- Parking strategy and operations;
- Freight management plan;
- Black Ash Park and Ride facility;
- CASP review;
- Docklands Transportation Strategy;
- Cork Local Transport Plan;

The three following tables demonstrate the positive impacts of Traffic Division's current projects on tackling climate change.

Impacts of Current Projects on Choosing More Sustainable Transport Modes

	Choosing More Sustainable Transport Modes					
	Increase walking	Increase cycling	Increase public transport use	Increase lift-sharing	Increase car-sharing	Mobility management plans and mobility awareness
Green Routes project	●	●	●			●
Cork City cycling strategy	●	●	●			●
Mobility management centre project	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cork car-sharing club project	●	●	●	●	●	●
MASCARA Project			●			●
TRENDY TRAVEL Project	●	●	●			●
ADDED VALUE Project	●	●	●	●	●	●
COST BHLS Project			●			●
European Mobility Week programme	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parking strategy / operations	●	●	●	●	●	●

Freight Management Plan		●				●
Black Ash Park and Ride facility			●	●		●
CASP update	●	●	●	●	●	●
Docklands transportation strategy	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cork Local Transport Plan	●	●	●	●	●	●

● Direct impact ● Indirect impact

Impacts of Current Projects on Operating Vehicles More Efficiently

	Operating Vehicles More Efficiently	
	Promote Eco-driving	Improve efficiency of transport infrastructure
Green Routes project		●
Cork City cycling strategy		●
Mobility management centre project	●	●
Cork car-sharing club project		●
MASCARA Project		
TRENDY TRAVEL Project		●
ADDED VALUE Project	●	●
COST BHLS Project	●	●
European Mobility Week programme		●
Parking strategy / operations		●
Freight management plan		●
Black Ash Park and Ride facility		●
CASP update	●	●
Docklands transportation strategy		●
Cork Local Transport Plan	●	●

● Direct impact ● Indirect impact

Impacts of Current Projects on Using Improved Vehicle and Fuel Types

	Using Improved Vehicle and Fuel Types	
	Promote alternative fuels	Promote fuel efficient vehicles
Green Routes project	●	●
Cork City cycling strategy		

Mobility management centre project	●	●
Cork car-sharing club project	●	●
MASCARA Project	●	●
TRENDY TRAVEL Project		
ADDED VALUE Project		
COST BHLS Project	●	●
European Mobility Week programme	●	●
Parking strategy / operations		
Freight management plan		
Black Ash Park and Ride facility		
CASP update	●	●
Docklands transportation strategy	●	●
Cork Local Transport Plan	●	●

● Direct impact ● Indirect impact

Estimations of Positive Impacts on Climate Change

This section presents data to show that actions undertaken by Traffic Division impact positively on climate change. It must be kept in mind that it is barely possible to gauge the impacts of many projects in a very detailed way.

The figures below are mainly rough estimations and they probably are quite different methods of calculation have been used to estimate fuel consumption and associated parameters – a proper, unique methodology to calculate green house gas emissions and their related estimated costs is not unfortunately readily available.

- Green Routes**

An assumption has been made here of achieving a 1% modal shift with existing Green Routes (from car driving to public transport or cycling). The average trip distance being of 3.5 km, twice a day and 100,000 commuters using the ‘Green Routes’ corridors on a daily basis.

According to this calculation model, the Green Routes project has achieved a positive result of 127,750 litres of petrol saved per year compared with the do-nothing scenario – or 388 tons in terms of a CO₂ saving.

- Cork Car-Sharing Club Project**

Based on the assumption that a car in such a scheme would be shared by 8 persons, with a target number of 20 cars for the initial launch of the scheme in 2008, the new Cork car-sharing club will result in 140 people selling their own car or buying a new

car, resulting in a more sustainable transport mode being employed for the majority of their trips.

The estimate for Cork is of 20,000 litres of petrol saved per year, i.e. 61 tons of CO₂ saved per year and an estimated save in monetary terms of around €24,000.

- **MASCARA Project**

The MASCARA project aims at setting up a local community on-demand bus in the North-Western sector of Cork City. A Cost-Benefit Analysis has been carried out in the framework of the project, listing out the non-monetary benefits of the future DRTS (Demand-Responsive Transport Service). Reduced negative externalities due to modal shift from private car to DRTS have been estimated.

The potential positive impact of the delivery of the DRT service is of 8,228 litres fuel consumption less or 29,197 kg CO₂ emissions less per year.

- **TRENDY TRAVEL Project**

The TRENDY TRAVEL project aims at increasing the number of walkers and cyclists via promotional activities. The estimate for Cork is based on changing 0.5% of the population for daily short trips, resulting in 166,075 litres of petrol saved per year compared with the do-nothing scenario – or 505 tons CO₂ saved per annum (€200,000 saved in direct fuel costs).

- **ADDED VALUE Project**

The ADDED VALUE project's goal is to tackle traffic issues at three key institutions of the city (UCC, CIT and CUH), by way of developing an integrated mobility plan and practical transportation infrastructure for employees, visitors and students.

A total of 572,000 litres of petrol might be saved per year, i.e. 1,740 tons of CO₂ per annum saved and €690,000 per annum saved in direct fuel costs.

- **Black Ash Park and Ride Facility**

140,000 commuters used the Black Ash Park and Ride bus service in 2006, instead of using their private cars to drive into the city centre, thereby resulting in a saving of almost 90 tons CO₂.

ENERGY GENERATION

Cork City Council has been proactive in delivering alternative energy projects such as:

CHP Plant at Kinsale Road Landfill where landfill gas is collected, electricity is generated and transmitted to approximately 1,400 houses in the City representing 4% of the domestic population of Cork receiving its energy from the source.

Lee Road Hydro Scheme where the old turbines at the Waterworks have been modified to provide approximately 20% of City Council's own needs.

Geothermal Projects. Various Geothermal projects are heating City Council's buildings.

Cork City Energy Agency

In addition to these practical measures, Cork City Council operates an Energy Agency whose staff advise the Council on the most efficient energy utilisation and provides advice to the public in regard to energy conservation, renewable energy options as well as providing a Building Energy Audit service both to the Council and members of the public.

BIODIVERSITY

It is proposed that the Cork City Council Heritage Plan will be launched later in November 2007.

Action 1.8 of this proposed plan is to prepare and implement a **Local Biodiversity Plan** for the City. The Plan seeks to identify and protect the biodiversity of the City (i.e. Habitats, Species etc.)

PLANNING AND POLICY PROOFING

In the context of the review of the City Development Plan a Strategic Environmental Assessment is being carried out in parallel with the review.

The SEA process is a valuable tool that will construct baseline parameters, to enable future plans, actions and proposals be measured against, from an Environmental perspective. SEA will improve the environmental sustainability of the new plan and raise awareness of potential environmental consequences of its implementation (or actions contained within the plan).

This will enable appropriate mitigation measures be taken at the earliest stage where appropriate. Thus the City Development Plan and the SEA will act as an Environmental Policy Proofing instrument at a macro level.

The review of the City Development Plan will develop integrated actions on spatial planning with a view to reducing the carbon footprint of the City.

6.3 NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 19th November 2007 on the following motions which were referred to the Corporate Policy Group for further reporting by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with other local authorities and the Houses of the Oireachtas would designate a specific day as a Day of Remembrance for those killed in Road Traffic Accidents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/121)

‘I propose that a National Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims be implemented by the Government on the 3rd Sunday of November in line with International practice.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Dave McCarthy 07/190)

The report of the City Manager stated that The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is marked in Ireland by the RSA (Road Safety Authority) and PARC (Public Against Road Carnage) joining forces.

This year in addition to requesting road users to reflect on their own behaviour as a mark of respect to those who have died on Irish Roads, the RSA distributed over 400,000 high visibility arm bands to the public.

6.4 **FORUM – SUBMISSION RELATING TO DOCKLANDS AREA PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City manager dated 19th November 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would convene a forum to allow all interested parties to elaborate on their submissions in relation to the Docklands Area Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/327)

The report of the City Manager stated that there will be a meeting of the Docklands Policy Committee on 3rd December at which this motion can be considered and a recommendation to An Comhairle will follow.

6.5 **INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE AVAILABLE TO COUNCILLORS WHEN REQUESTED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 19th November 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make independent legal advice available to Councillors when requested in relation to Council business.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/344)

The report of the City Manager stated that this matter is covered in the Local Government Act, 2001 which allows for a Local Authority, operating in relation to the exercise or performance of a reserved function, and where a legal opinion was obtained by the Local Authority, the elected Council may (without prejudice to Section 153) by Resolution, direct that a second such opinion may be obtained by the authority.

7. **CORK CITY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE - 19TH NOVEMBER 2007**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Cork City Joint Policing Committee held on 19th November 2007 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cregan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed that a meeting of the relevant Committee should be convened to discuss the Cork City Joint Policing Committee. The Chairman of the Cork City Joint Policing Committee, Comhairleoir D. Murphy undertook to prepare a work programme for the Committee which would be submitted to An Chomhairle for information and further discussion.

7.1 **BLACKPOOL CCTV SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Committee that the proposal for a CCTV Scheme for Blackpool be approved and referred to the Garda Commissioner for authorisation.

8. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19TH NOVEMBER, 2007**

8.1 **RENNES FAIR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the participation of Cork City Council in the Rennes Fair 2008 - March 22nd – 30th. An Chomhairle agreed that the nomination of members to travel to the fair as part of the official delegation, will be forwarded to Party Whips for nomination.

8.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15th November, 2007 on Housing Estates from 1st September – 31st October, 2007.

8.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15th November, 2007 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1st September – 31st October, 2007.

8.4 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15th November, 2007 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st September – 31st October, 2007.

8.5 **REGISTER OF SERVICES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise dated 15th November 2007 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with relevant statutory, non-statutory and voluntary stakeholders would compile a register of services and programmes currently available, identifying gaps in current service provision to the older adult in Cork City and that this register would be disseminated publicly by appropriate means’.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/384)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in the Cork City Development Board’s Integrated Strategy for the Economic, Social and Cultural Development of the City (Imagine Our Future), Cork City Partnership undertook to complete an audit of the needs of older people’s groups. This report was completed in 2006 and includes an overview of current services provided for older people across the city. A working group, made up of representatives of older people, service providers and others is working to progress the recommendations made in the report. One such recommendation is the creation of a citywide older people’s forum which is due to be established in early 2008.

The 3rd edition of the Green Book (Directory of statutory, community and voluntary sector services in Cork) has recently been published by the Dept of Social and Family Affairs. This includes a listing of groups which provide services to older people. Also many parts of the City produce local service directories which include details of services for older people in their areas.

Gaps in information and service provision identified by the audit will be addressed by the Older People’s Forum in 2008.

8.6 **LOUGH VIEW TERRACE – DERELICT SITE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2007 on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the property opposite 3, Lough View Terrace off Bandon Road be declared a derelict site’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/288)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the residential property opposite no. 3 Lough View Terrace was inspected on the 3rd October 2007 by Planning & Development Directorate personnel. From the inspection, the site , which may

have been overgrown up to recently, has been cleared of its overgrowth in the recent past. It is our understanding that the property is due to go on sale in the very near future.

However, following recent works to clear the overgrowth and with the sale of the property pending, the Planning Authority is of the view that it would be premature to take any action, at present, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

However, the site will be monitored and re-inspected in a couple of months in order to ascertain its condition and the status on the sale, with a view to having it declared (or not) a derelict site under Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.'

9. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19TH NOVEMBER 2007**

9.1 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2007 on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31st October 2007.

9.2 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 15th November 2007 on Sanitary and other schemes for the year to 31st October 2007.

9.3 **BULKY GOODS COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 15th November 2007 on bulky goods collection in Mahon and part of Togher areas.

9.4 **COMMUNITY AREA MAINTENANCE GRANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2007, which stated that a sum of €27,000 has been claimed and paid to Residents Associations.

9.5. **ANTI LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2007 on Litter Management for the year ended 31st December 2006.

9.6 **LIFETIME LAB**

An Chomhairle approved the annual report on activities at the Lifetime Lab.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

11.1 **AN ISLAND OF IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Mc Gonigle at the An Island of Ireland Local Government Partnership, to be held in The Regency Hotel, Swords Road, Dublin on the 1st December, 2007.

11.2 **TACKLING POVERTY AND SOCIAL NEED IN IRELAND, NORTH AND SOUTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn and M. O’Connell at the Tackling Poverty and Social need in Ireland, North and South, to be held in Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh on the 7th December, 2007.

12. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee

12.1 **RESURFACE FOOTPATH – CONGRESS ROAD**

‘That the footpath outside 25 to 31 Congress Road be immediately resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/410)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 **ONE WAY SYSTEM 98 STREET GILABBEY ST TO NOONANS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put a one way system in place on 98 Street from Gilabbey St. to Noonans Road, and consideration be given to inclusion on next years traffic calming programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin. 06/461)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON ST THERESA’S ROAD GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place Traffic calming measures on St. Theresa’s Road Gurranaברה.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/251)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.4 **SURVEY – GLENFIELDS PARK, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council would survey Glenfields Park Ballyvolane with the view to putting in place Traffic calming measures’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/270)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **REDUCE SIZE OF GREEN NEAR NO. 34 CLOVER HILL ESTATE**

‘That the size of the green area near No. 39 Clover Hill Estate be reduced as to make easy access for service vehicles i.e. rubbish trucks, as this is a very narrow stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/348)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **PARKING PERMITS BE REVERSED FOR THE LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That as a matter of urgency the changes in the residents parking permits for the Lower Glanmire road be reversed’

(Proposer: Cllr. Dara Murphy 07/392)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **PLACING A PEDESTRAIN CROSSING ON THE MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That due to the overriding concern of parents and elderly people; that Cork City Council road engineers be instructed to find a means of placing a pedestrian crossing on the middle Glanmire Road (near St Lukes cross).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 07/393)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **RESURFACING OF THE GROVE ROAD FARRANLEA PARK**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to resurface the road in “The Grove”, Farranlea Park as it is in extremely poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/397)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **TO PROVIDE A REHABILITATION CENTRE AT THE ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL GURRANABAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘Due to the phenomenal demand in Cork, and due to the fact that two Wards of the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire have been closed down, I am now calling on the Government to provide a Rehabilitation Centre for major trauma to be located in the grounds of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurrana Maher Cork as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/399)

12.10 **FOOTPATH TO BE INSTALLED AT WOODHARA PARK**

‘Following the resurfacing of the road carriageway at Woodhara Park, Douglas Road that a footpath be installed along the left hand side of the park from the entrance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/416)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **CARRIAGEWAY TO BE RESURFACED**

‘That the main carriageway at Belair be resurfaced in 2008. It is in a very bad state of repair, and is a main traffic route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/417)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.12 **TAX CREDIT FOR HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES**

‘That Cork City Council grants at source the tax credit for Household waste management charges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/422)

Corporate Policy Group

12.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT KILLEENS PLACE**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/423)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.14 **RESURFACING THE ROAD – SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council make provisions in the 2008 Estimate of Expenses for resurfacing the roadway between nos. 43 and 64, Silversprings Court, Silversprings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/424)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.15 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT MARYVILLE ESTATE BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That double yellow lines would be placed at Maryville Estate, Ballintemple (main road to CAB) due to cars being parked at the entrance to the residents drives.’

(Proposes Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/427)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.16 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATH ON PEARSE ROAD**

‘That the section of footpath on Pearse Road between the Church and Maria Assumpta Convent School be renewed as it is in poor condition and is used by a large amount of pedestrians.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/429)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **PREVENT INDISCRIMINATE PARKING IN CONNOLLY PARK**

‘That measures are taken to prevent:

- (a) Indiscriminate parking in Connolly Park (off Pouladuff Road)
- (b) This housing estate from being used as an unofficial extension to the adjoining UCC Park and Ride facility’

(Proposer Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/430)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.18 **RAMPS INSTALLED AT GLENTHORN MEWS**

‘That ramps be provided at Glenthorn mews as it is now being used as a main thoroughfare resulting in risk to locals.’

(Proposer Cllr. P. Gosch 07/431)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.19 **TO FIT HANDRAILS ALONG DUBLIN HILL**

‘That Cork City Council would fit handrails on the footpath on Dublin Hill between the Long Lane and the entrance to Glenthorn Estate as well as between Glenthorn Estate and the railway bridge on Dublin Hill in view of the height of the footpath over the main road which is extremely dangerous.’

(Proposer Cllr. P. Gosch 07/435)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.20 **TO CLOSE THE ALLEYWAY ALONG THE OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate measures to close the alleyway leading from Murmont Circle to Murmont Villas, old Youghal Road due to ongoing antisocial behaviour.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/436)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.21 **SPEED RAMPS AT FAIRFIELD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put in place speed ramps at Fairfield Road. Farranree in order to reduce speeding in the area.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/437)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.22 **TO SET PROCEDURES WHICH WILL FACILITATE ELECTIONS TO THE RECOGNISED LOCAL COUNCILS**

‘That this Council agrees to set in motion procedures which will facilitate elections to the recognised Local Councils called Community Associations on a single mandate basis on the same day as the forthcoming Local Elections 2009.

Cork City Councillors welcome this increased stronger voice and support for Communities within their Ward area facilitating increased concentration on the

City of Cork and its macro issues in an National, European & Global context.
City Budget-Income & Expenditure-Planning-City and Area Development Plans-
Economic Development-Infrastructure-Transportation-Environment-Housing-
Welfare-Amenity-Recreation-Culture-Tourism-Security-Law & Order-Health,
Education-etc.

Such reform will result in

Extending local democracy, with responsibility, into the heart of Communities in the City of Cork.

Facilitating wider participation in leadership roles within Communities.

Creating democratic local communities with a mandate to speak on behalf of local areas as defined.

Establishing new and extending existing local area services on a firm financial basis e.g. Meals on Wheels, Park Maintenance, Community Halls and facilities etc.

Establishing Local Area Committees with Ward/Community Councillors joining with Cork City Councillors enhancing representation of local areas with a remit to engage in and oversee, amongst others, Local Planning issues with initial City Council advice and backup – reporting its advice to Cork City Council Planning Committee Area/Community Policing/Wardens forum-Environmental matters.

(Proposer Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/439)

Corporate Policy Group

12.23 TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE METROPOLITAN CORK AREA

‘That it becomes the policy of Cork City Council who will seek Cork County Council’s support in establishing a Statutory Regional Development Authority for the METROPOLITAN Cork area as defined in the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP)’

(Proposer Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/440)

Corporate Policy Group Functional Committee

12.24 **ERECT FENCING BETWEEN NO 21 AND NO 24 COURTOWN DRIVE**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.25 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN STRAWBERRY HILL**

‘That Cork City Council would take some traffic calming measures in place at the bottom of Strawberry Hill, Shanakiel and also a sign indication that Strawberry Hill is unsuitable for heavy traffic.

(Proposer Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/442)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.26 **INCLUDE SYCAMORE PLACE ON ROADS RESURFACING 2008**

‘That Sycamore Place, Togher would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/443)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.27 **AUDIT OF THE USE OF LITTER BINS IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an audit of the provision and use of litter bins in the South West Ward, so as to identify where such bins are required but not currently located, paying particular attention to high user amenity sites e.g. bus stops, the Lough, public walkways and children’s playgrounds, and that litter bins would be installed in areas where there are currently none as quickly as possible’

(Proposer Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/444)

Environment Functional Committee

12.28 **PARKING IN ST PETER’S STREET**

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a study of parking in St. Peter’s Street, Grattan Street area, with a view to putting in place a parking system to accommodate local residents. In carrying out this study Cork City Council will liaise with residents.

(Proposer Cllr. L. Kingston 07/445)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.29 **PHOTOGRAPH WITH EVERY PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED**

‘That Cork City Council will set in place for archive reasons a requirement for a photograph to be submitted with every planning application (not just listed buildings) in view of the very fast changing face of Cork.

(Proposer Cllr. L. Kingston 07/446)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.30 **ADDITIONAL SUM FOR THE PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & TREES**

‘That in proposing the annual commercial rate, the City Manager would include a separate, additional sum, to be ringfenced specifically for the provision of Christmas lights, trees and any other provisions that go to make up the spirit and the atmosphere of Christmas’

(Proposer Cllr. M. Quill 07/447)

Corporate Policy Group

12.31 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - WELL ROAD DOUGLAS**

‘That the Traffic Department of City Council would survey the Well Road, Douglas and consider it for Traffic calming measures, given the high volume and speed of traffic in what is still a residential road’

(Proposer Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/448)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.32 **TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SKEHARD ROAD/MAHON AREA**

‘That the Traffic Department of Cork City Council, would carry out a Traffic Impact Assessment in the Skehard Road/Mahon area of the city. Owing to the huge increases in traffic following the developments in and around Mahon Point and also the new development at Eden. The assessment should also allow for any traffic from the potential developments in Healy’s, Motorola and the bourns sites.’

(Proposer Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 07/449)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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