

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

- PRESENT** An Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir T. Shannon in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.
- APOLOGIES** Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.  
Ms. E. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation.  
Mr. J. O' Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **SPECIAL MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to hold a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 5.30 p.m. to consider the following:-

- (a) Amendments to the Draft South Docks Local Area Plan, as per City Manager's reports of 6<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.
- (b) Recommendations of the Docklands Policy Committee proposing amendments to the City Manager's reports of 6<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

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

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

- The Lynch family on the death of Michael Lynch.
- The Hallihan family on the death of David Hallihan.
- The Prendville family on the death of Eileen Prenderville.
- The Burke family on the death of Tony Burke.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Congratulations to:-

- Organising Committee of the Cork Jazz Festival in particular Pierce Harvey, Ray Fitzgerald and Jim Mountjoy for their continued hard work on the latest festival and their latest initiative, the formation of Cork Jazz Week.
- Irish Rugby Team on their continued commitment and dedication to the game of Rugby.
- Ronan O’Gara, Peter Stringer, Paul O’Connell, Donnacha O’Callaghan members of the Irish Rugby Team.
- John Miller, Cork Civic Trust on the launch of “Inheritance” honouring the Cork Legacy.
- Diarmuid Coughlan on winning a gold medal at the Special Olympics.
- Cope Foundation on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Organisers and participants of the Cope Variety Concert on its recent success.
- Major General Pat Nash on his appointment to serve as the Operational Commander of the proposed EU Force being sent to Chad and the Central African Republic and Commander Don Harvey who will be accompanying Major General Pat Nash on this mission.

1.(d) **VOTE OF SUPPORT**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of support to the monks and citizens of Burma in their efforts to secure freedom and democracy.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, An Chomhairle agreed that the following motions be listed as an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-

- (a) 07/255 – Implement webcasting to broadcast Council Meetings
- (b) 07/268 – 5 Year Climate Change Strategy.

3. **QUESTION TIME – QUESTIONS SUBMITTED ENCLOSED.**

3.1 **TOP OR TRIM LARGE TREES THAT POSE A DANGER TO PEOPLE**

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

Will the Manager inform Council if there are any procedures or powers available, whereby the City Council can compel or encourage people who have large trees growing on their property, to “top” or trim or cut these trees, if they pose a danger to the health or safety of people living in neighbouring houses?

There are no procedures or powers available to the City Council at present, to take action against the owners of unhealthy and dangerous trees that pose a risk to people living in adjoining properties.

The owners of trees that present an obvious danger to occupiers of adjoining properties are liable for any damages that they cause, provided negligence is proven against such owners.

3.2 **POOR WATER PRESSURE IN LOWER CLARKES ROAD**

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

(a) What steps have been taken by Cork City Council to rectify the poor water pressure in Lower Clarkes Road.

(b) Has City Council reduced water pressure in Pearse Road thus compounding the problem in Clarkes Road.

Complaints relating to poor water pressure on Clarkes Road have been attended to. The Water Section is not aware of any outstanding complaint.

Water pressure on the section of network on Pearse Road which might impact Clarkes Road has not been reduced.

3.3 **RENT ARREARS OUTSTANDING TO CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

Can the Manager tell me the level of rent arrears outstanding to Cork City Council?

(a) What measures are in place to recover rent arrears?

(b) What is the highest amount of arrears outstanding by an individual tenant?

- (c) How many tenants have been brought to Court this year for rent arrears?
- (d) Does Cork City Council seek installment orders and committal orders from the Courts?
- (e) Has Cork City Council evicted any tenant in 2007 for rent arrears?
- (f) Does Cork City Council refer tenants who have serious money problems and rent arrears to MABS Money Advice and Budgeting Service?
- (g) Has Cork City Council a policy of writing off rent arrears where it is clear that the tenant is not in a position to pay outstanding rent arrears?
- (h) Does Cork City Council employ outside collection agencies to collect rent arrears.
- (i) How much is the highest rent being paid to the City Council by an individual in a local authority house?

The rent arrears currently amount to €1,564,594.55

- (a) Cork City Council uses a variety of methods in relation to the collection of rent arrears and these are set out below:

1. The Area Offices monitor all rent accounts on a weekly basis.
2. Reminder letters are issued regularly to advise tenants of the arrears on their account, requesting the tenants to contact the Area Office to discuss their situation and clear their arrears. The letter also gives tenants the option to contact the Money Advice and Budgeting Service if they are experiencing financial difficulties. The tenants are advised that this is a free and confidential service.
3. Personal visits to tenants to discuss their arrears situation with a view to reaching a settlement to deal with same.
4. Telephone calls to tenants to discuss their arrears situation.
5. All tenants are issued with quarterly statements giving the balance on their rent account.
6. Where all the above methods have failed to achieve a successful reduction in arrears, the tenants are issued with a Notice to Quit.
7. If the tenant fails to reach a satisfactory agreement following the issue of the Notice to Quit, the City Council will issue them with a summons to attend court so that the City Council can obtain a Court Order for eviction.
8. Where the tenant fails to settle their account, the City Council will proceed with eviction.

- (b) €8,173.51

- (c) 44 Summonses issued to appear in court

- (d) No

- (e) Yes

- (f) Yes

- (g) No. Tenants are given an opportunity to pay what little they can on top of their rent to start to clear their arrears.

- (h) No

- (i) €204.90.

### 3.4 **DESIGN OF HOUSING SCHEMES**

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

1. Would the Manager please advise Council how architects employed by City Council can design housing schemes that are so out of touch with what the public wants and can he arrange for these employees to inform themselves by consulting and discussing scheme design with the public and with Ward Councillors in advance of publication?

The Architects employed by Cork City Council directly or employed as consultants help the Council in preparing house designs. Many of the schemes designed in this way have been the subject of very favourable comment with Councillors at times claiming that modern Council houses are superior to private schemes.

There is ongoing regular contact between the Director of Services, Housing and the Ward Councillors. Feedback is welcome and will be taken into account.

### 3.5 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE BALLYPHEHANE AREA**

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

Can the City Manager please inform Council, as to whether any measures have been taken between Cork City Council and the E.S.B. to ensure that public lighting in the Ballyphehane area will not be subjected to a break down in service, as has been the case each winter for a number of years now? (This breakdown in services arises as a result of separate electrical cables touching during times of high winds which cause ongoing blackouts in the area).

The situation as described in the question refers to two or more of the ESB wires between poles becoming in contact with each other and the supply is tripped or “blackout”. Strong winds can cause these wires to become in contact with each other. While it sometimes can cause disruption to domestic and commercial supplies, it is more usual that the supply to the public lighting system is only affected.

The problem can be alleviated by the bundling of the cables or the use of separators between the wires. It is understood that the bundling of the cables is part of an on going process of upgrading and renewal of the ESB network. The issue is being raised regularly as a matter of concern with the business managers and area managers of ESB Contracts and ESB Networks, who are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the ESB power supply.

The ESB have been requested to use separators in areas such as Ballyphehane, at least until the final upgrade works are carried out.

### 3.6 **TRAFFIC AT SKEHARD/ CHURCH ROAD JUNCTION**

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

To ask the Manager none of the proposals in Kevin Terry's report (R.03/04 – 4.1) of the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004 regarding the Management of Traffic at Skehard/Church Road junction have been implemented?

I refer to the three points in the attached copy of report to Council dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004:

- 1) The traffic signals sequence has been altered and the induction loop at the exit from the supermarket car park has been installed.

Traffic exiting the car park and traffic on Church Road have green at the same time and normal rules of the road apply. However if at the end of the green time, there is still traffic queued to exit the car park, their green time is extended while the Church Road green is shut down. This gives them exclusive green time at the junction. A full green light instead of arrow was used to give exiting traffic full options for any direction.

- 2) This situation is being monitored and it does not appear to be a problem at the moment.
- 3) The "wide set-down area" is gone as a result of local footpath widening. It has also been decided not to move the bus stop (City Service No. 10) further west because, while there might be some delays to traffic while it is at the bus stop (mainly setting down passengers), the bus gets through the traffic signals quicker because of its nearness to the traffic signals. This is in line with our overall transportation strategy of giving priority to public transport.

*Content of motion from Roads & Transportation Functional Committee of March 2004:*

### **MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC AT THE SKEHARD/CHURCH RD JUNCTION**

'That City Council would reassess the management of traffic at the Skehard Road/Church Road junction. The current situation provides for a conflict between cars exiting the Supermarket and cars coming from the Church Road direction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/448)

I refer to previous report on the above motion submitted to last month's meeting of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee. The following are further proposals:

- 1) The traffic signals stage sequence will be modified to incorporate an Indicative Right Turn Arrow at the end of green for traffic exiting the Shopping Centre. This arrangement will necessitate the installation of an induction loop at the stop-line which will facilitate the detection of queuing at the exit.
- 2) The habitual parking of a large van on the Church Road approach is causing problems for traffic flows through the junction and this matter will be discussed with An Garda Síochána.
- 3) The bus stop on Skehard Road, approaching the junction from the Well Road side, should be relocated further west to make use of a wide set-down area. This will also improve traffic flows through the junction. This will be discussed with the Gardaí and Bus Éireann.

### 3.7 **COMPLETION OF THE NORTH RING ROAD**

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

Would the Manager please advise us as to the most up to date position regarding the routing and expected completion date of the North Ring Road as traffic congestion and the safety of children in the North West Ward is of huge concern to residents of the area.

The consultants will recommend a preferred route for Phase 2, (the Western Section), of the North Ring Road in November 2007. This preferred route will then be forwarded to the National Roads Authority for approval.

No date has yet been given by the National Roads Authority for the commencement on the ground of the North Ring Road.

### 3.8 **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FUND**

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

In relation to the submissions sent to Government under the Sustainable Communities Fund - Can the Manager inform me:

- (a) How much funding did Minister Batt O'Keeffe allocate to Cork City Council.
- (b) What projects /areas does the Manager intend to support under this funding under the headings:

- i. Integrated initiative in Support of Rapid Priorities in Cork City.
  - ii. Community Development in RAPID area.
  - (c) How much will each project be allocated.
- (a) The overall funding allocation is up to €1.6 million approx over three years.
  - (b) The projects to be supported include:
    - The employment of six Community Wardens to support the Community Safety Initiative.
    - The employment of three environmental workers.
    - The funding of six of twelve general operative posts in the traveler employment project.
    - The employment of a Community building worker for the new Community Building at Churchfield.
  - (c) The funding will be allocated as set out above.

A full report will be submitted to Council shortly.

### 3.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON MELBOURN ROAD**

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

Following continuous delay please explain when Traffic Calming measures will be put in place on the Melbourn Road as agreed to the installation of V.M.S. signs etc.

The speed VMS signs for Melbourne Road were only delivered a few weeks ago despite been ordered since the start of the year. The performance from the manufacturer in the UK was very unsatisfactory.

Locations for the signs have now been selected and arrangements are been made to obtain a power supply from the ESB. A new traffic island with road markings are also being provided on Melbourne Road at the existing pedestrian crossing facility adjacent to the entrance to the Bishopstown Community School, and this project will be carried out as part of the 2007 traffic calming schemes for the City.

### 3.10 **TELECOMMUNICATION DISHES WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES**

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

1. Can the Manager please tell me:
  - (a) How many tele-communication dishes are sited with the City Boundaries?
  - (b) How many of these are sited on buildings?
  - (c) How many are sited on stand alone masts?
  - (d) How many required planning permission?



(e) How many are currently in the planning process?

In relation to (a), (b) and (c) the City Council does not have count of the number of telecommunication dishes in the City.

Planning permission is required for the erection of telecommunications masts in most instances, however the attachment of antennae to existing public or commercial buildings or masts is exempted development under Class 31 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. Cork City Council have been notified of 90 such installations. There are no current planning applications in relation to the provision of telecommunication masts.

### 3.11 **CITY WATER THATS LOST DUE TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS**

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

What percentage of the city's water is lost as a result of problems with our infrastructure, pipe leakage, etc? What does this amount to in volume terms in any given year (eg. 2006)? Can the Manager provide an area-by-area breakdown of the age of the water piping in each of the key areas/sectors of the city?

Between 40% and 45% (approximately) of the city's water can be described as Unaccounted for Water (UFW). Studies have shown that between 30% and 50% of UFW occurs at the customer's side of the stopcock.

The volume of UFW at any given period can vary. UFW can be as high as 30,000 cubic meters of water per day (2007)

The age of the water pipe work varies from street to street and road to road. Typically, the suburban areas have the newest pipe work. In suburban areas the age of the water pipe work usually coincides with the age of the properties in that area. The age of the water distribution system in general reflects the age of the properties that they serve.

The pipe work in a large part of the city centre areas is just a few years old and was laid as part of the City Centre Main Drainage contracts.

The Council operates a waste detection scheme and a water conservation scheme in order to reduce levels of UFW. It is not economically viable to seek to reduce UFW below 20%.

### 3.12 **GRANTS ISSUED TO THIRD LEVEL STUDENTS**

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

What procedures are in place to ensure that Third Level students entitled to a City Council grant will have received their grant at the start of the college year? Frequently it seems such grants are not received by students until mid-way through the college year, which causes great hardship to some students struggling to pay for rent, books and living expenses.

How many grants will be paid by the Council this year and what percentage of these will be paid to mature students?

Cork City Council in September of this year issued payment to colleges for renewal students i.e. any student previously in receipt of a grant, subject to eligibility.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications as set out by the Department of Education & Science was 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

Cork City Council has received 253 new applications. These applicants will be awarded a grant in accordance with the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2007 as set out by the Department of Education & Science.

Delays in awarding third level grants in previous years was due to the following:

1. Late Applications i.e. after closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August.
2. Late submission of requested documentation (i.e. income details etc).
3. Late commencement of course (e.g. postgraduate courses).
4. Applications which required further clarification from the Department of Education & Science.

In the academic year 2006-2007 Cork City Council awarded third level grants to 923 applicants, 52% of these were awarded to mature students (any applicant over 23 years of age).

### 3.13 **HOW MANY FOI REQUESTS TO CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

Can the City Manager indicate how many requests were made to Cork City Council under FOI legislation in:

- (i) 2005, 2006, and in 2007 to the present
- (ii) Specify by category the nature of requested information
- (iii) Specify by category the applicants seeking such information
- (iv) Specify the methods used to inform citizens of their entitlement to seek information under FOI?

- (i) 2005: 38 no.
- 2006: 59 no.
- 2007 (1.1.07 – 5.10.07) 38 no.

- (ii) Personal information
  - Planning & Development
  - Roads & Transportation
  - Housing & Community
  - Environment
  - Miscellaneous

- (iii) Individuals
  - Media
  - Miscellaneous

- (iv) Cork City Council's website
  - Cork City Council's intranet
  - Reception Desk, City Hall
  - FOI Section, Corporate Affairs, Cork City Council

### 3.14 **CAMOGIE PITCH FOR THE USE OF 2<sup>nd</sup> LEVEL SCHOOLS**

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

Could the Manager confirm that discussions have taken place regarding the allocation of an additional camogie pitch (on the piece of land adjacent to the existing camogie pitch in Mahon) principally for the use of 2<sup>nd</sup> level schools in Cork City and County? What was the outcome of these discussions?

No discussions have taken place regarding allocation of additional pitch for colleges camogie at Mahon. However, the Councils Sports Committee has agreed to meet a delegation from the Colleges Camogie Board at its next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 to discuss the matter.

### 4. **PROPOSALS FOR THE REGENERATION OF KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 in relation to proposals for the regeneration of Knocknaheeny, Blocks E,F,G,H

Comhairleoir M. Barry's opposition to the proposals for the Regeneration of Knocknaheeny, at his request, was noted.

5. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

5.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

5.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

5.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT GLEN AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at the junction of Glen Avenue and Rathmore Road, The Glen, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development at the junction of Glen Avenue and Rathmore Road, The Glen, Cork and the report of the Director of Services with the following amendment thereon:-

**“Cork City Council at it’s meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007, agreed that no off licences should be permitted under this development.”**

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

**LOCATION:**

Site, measuring approximately 0.629 acres (0.25 ha), located at the junction of Glen Avenue and Rathmore Road, The Glen, Cork.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

The proposed development consists of a total of 16 no. dwellings and 3 no. retail units. Access to the proposed development will be via Glen Avenue and Rathmore Road, The Glen. Details of the house types and development proposed are given as follows:

- 10 no. 3 bedroomed duplex units
- 2 no. 3 bedroomed houses
- 4 no. 2 bedroomed apartments
- 3 no. Retail Units with a combined total area of 514 sqm.

Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 17 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006. The proposed development described above is to be carried out in partnership with Cork City Council by Murphy, McGrath Development Limited, pursuant to a contract to be entered into with Cork City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. A site location and layout plan of the proposed development is shown on the accompanying map.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended 12th September, 2007.

No submissions/observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development. There is substantial demand for social housing across the entire city. At 27th September, 2007 there were 6035 eligible applicants seeking local authority housing with a further 1174 applicants awaiting assessment. The proposed scheme will provide much needed accommodation and will help to meet housing demand on the Northside of the city.

The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan. The proposal has been considered by the Planning and Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and all have indicated that they consider the proposed development to be acceptable.

#### 5.4 **DEVELOPMENT AT TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development and the report of the Director of Services thereon.

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

##### **LOCATION:**

Site, measuring approximately 2.0212 acres (0.818 ha), located on Tory Top Road immediately to the east of St. Josephs Cemetery, Ballyphehane, Cork.

##### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

The proposed development consists of a total of 51 no. dwellings and a three storey 740sq.m commercial unit fronting Tory Top Road over basement

comprising basement retail unit, ground floor retail unit and first and second floor office / local services provision.

Access to the proposed development will be via Tory Top Road Details of the house types proposed are given as follows:

- 31 No. 3 Bedroom Townhouses
- 2 No. 2 Bedroom Townhouses
- 16 No. 2 Bedroom Apartments
- 2 No. 3 Bedroom Apartments

Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 17 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006. The development described above is to be carried out by Lyonshall Partnership, pursuant to a contract to be entered into with Cork City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The proposed development is to cater for much needed Social Housing in the area. A site location and layout of the proposed development is shown on the accompanying map.

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The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan. The proposal has been considered by the Planning and Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and all have indicated that they consider the proposed development to be acceptable.

## 5.5 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place measures to ensure that people who are awarded houses under the affordable housing scheme have to give an undertaking that they will reside in the property and not lease it out or put it in the rental market where substantial money can be made by renting out houses particularly in Shanakiel, which is a very affluent area and would attract a very high rental income. Also that Cork City Council would expand on the financial institution that they currently have agreements with to provide mortgages to potential buyers under the scheme which would also include Credit Unions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/315)

The report of the Director of Services stated that members will be aware that Cork City Council operates the Affordable Housing Scheme in its functional area in accordance with the provisions as set out in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 2002 & 2004.

Whilst this legislation places no such restrictions on purchasers as outlined above, the transfer order from the City Council contains a special condition which requires the purchasers to occupy the dwelling as their normal place of residence for a period of twenty years.

It should be noted that only four Financial Institutions, namely Bank of Ireland, the Educational Building Society, First Active and IIB Home Loans have entered into arrangements nationally with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the provision of loans under the Affordable Housing Scheme.

## **5.6 LIST OF BUILDERS FOR DISABLED PERSONS CONVERSIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council requests the immediate compilation of a list of registered builders who are experienced in disabled persons conversions and specialist equipment installation, which could be made available to residents who need these services, for information purposes, without endorsement or recommendation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/269)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will examine the possibility of compiling a list of registered builders who are experienced in disabled persons conversions and specialist equipment installation to be made available for information purposes.

This examination will include any possible legal ramifications for the City Council. A further report will issue to Members in due course.

## 5.7 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

### **Shared Ownership**

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 1, Churchfield Terrace East, Churchfield, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2002 to Dara O’Sullivan for the sum of €89,122.43.

### **Fee Simple**

- (a) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as “Grove Vale”, No. 16, Iona Road, Mayfield, Cork to Thomas O’Sullivan for the sum of €127.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (b) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as “Inis Saor”, Iona Road, Mayfield Cork to Cornelius O’Connell and Kathleen O’Connell for the sum of €127.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (c) Disposal of Freehold interest in land approximately 2637m<sup>2</sup> located at Hollymount Industrial Estate, Cork to Pat Luttrell and John Dinan c/o Sean Murphy & Co., Solicitors for the sum of €5,000 plus costs of €1,500.

## 6. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

### 6.1 **BISHOPSTOWN & WILTON AREA ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 regarding the consultation on the Draft Bishopstown & Wilton Area Action Plan, and also considered the proposed variation (No.5) to the Cork City Development Plan 2004 which relates to the Bishopstown & Wilton Area Action Plan.

On the Proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, a vote was called for to amend the City Managers report dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007, to include the following:-

**“In residential areas development will not be allowed to exceed three storeys in the Bishopstown and Wilton Area Action Plan.”**

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



**FOR:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, T. O'Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, L. Kingston, F. Kerins. (15)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, G. O'Flynn, P. Gosch, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, B. Bermingham, J. O'Callaghan, J. Buttimer. (11)

**ABSTAIN:** J. Kelleher (1)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the City Manager dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 amended.

On the proposal of M. Ahern, seconded by M. Shields, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution:-

***“RESOLVED THAT*** the Bishopstown and Wilton Area Action Plan is hereby made, in accordance with the report of the City Manager dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007”.

An Chomhairle approved the proposed Variation (No. 5) to the Cork City Development Plan to proceed to public consultation.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

7.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September, 2007.

7.2 **SECTION 38 PROPOSAL TO REVERSE DIRECTION OF FLOW ON SECTION OF PINE STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the Section 38 proposal to reverse direction of flow on section of Pine Street.

7.3 **YELLOW BOX ON KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a yellow box junction be immediately installed on the Kinsale Road its intersection with Slieve Mish Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/346)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction on the Kinsale Road at the intersection with Slieve Mish Park will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate a yellow box will be installed there.

It should be noted that yellow boxes are very expensive to lay and maintain, and can only be installed at locations where there is a well established need.

#### 7.4 **SURVEY – MOUNT EDEN TERRACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department survey Mount Eden Terrace with the view to putting in place traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/198)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mount Eden Terrace 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 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected.

#### 7.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ORCHARD COURT, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would put in traffic calming measures in Orchard Court, Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/199)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Orchard Court, Blackpool 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 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected.

#### 7.6 **FOOTPATH IN VICINITY OF 23 TOWER STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That in the interest of safety, measures be taken to discourage motorists from constantly mounting the footpath in the vicinity of 23 Tower Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/275)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Tower Street is a narrow street which caters for two way traffic. In the vicinity of No 23 the carriageway is 3.8m wide and there are footpaths on both sides of the road. Each of these is approximately 0.9m wide. There are several options available to discourage traffic from mounting footpaths. They are as follows:

- Reconstruct the footpaths at a higher level with a higher kerb height. This is not feasible as many of the existing door levels, including that of No 23, are quite low relative to the existing footpath.
- Restrict traffic flow on Tower Street to one way. This is not a favoured option by the Traffic Division as they have a policy of providing two way traffic flow on streets, where possible.
- Install bollards on the footpath. This would reduce the clear footpath width between the building line and the inside of the bollards to 0.65m. This could be undesirable as it may have negative impacts on accessibility for those with impaired mobility, e.g. those using walking sticks, crutches or walking frames.

If the local residents are in favour of the bollards option we can install them on a trial basis, so that the positive and negative impacts can be assessed.

#### 7.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING – WOODVIEW, DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Woodview, Douglas Road be considered for traffic calming measures in 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/281)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Woodview, Douglas Road 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 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected.

#### 7.8 **ROAD RESURFACING – BROWNINGSTOWN EAST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27th September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Browningstown East be included in the road resurfacing programme of 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/282)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Browningstown Park East will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

#### 7.9 **RESURFACE – HOLLYMOUNT, BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27th September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that Cork City Council resurface the roadway in Hollymount, Blarney Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/295)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Hollymount will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

#### 7.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON THE ROAD INTO DOUGLAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27th September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place on the road into Douglas Swimming Pool to slow down speeding traffic in this area as young children use this road on a daily basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/299)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the roads into Douglas Swimming Pool, which is off Nursery Drive, 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 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected.

**7.11 NURSERY DRIVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATES FOR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/300)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Nursery Drive will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

**7.12 CLOSE OFF NARROW LANEWAY BETWEEN VICTORIA TERRACE & DILLONS CROSS AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the narrow lane-way between Victoria Terrace, Alexander Road, St. Lukes, and Cassidy’s Avenue, Old Youghal Road, Dillons Cross, be closed off.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/302)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the 2007 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a meeting in early 2007. The laneway between Victoria Terrace and Cassidy’s Avenue will be included in the list of locations for the next programme and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

7.13 **CAR PARKING SPACES IN THE OAKPARK HOUSING ESTATE, BALLYVOLANE**

**On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion be withdrawn.**

‘That extra car parking spaces be provided in the Oakpark Housing Estate, Ballyhooley Road, Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/303)

7.14 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON TOWER STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide traffic calming measures on Tower Street between the junctions of Friars Walk and Evergreen Street. It has now become dangerous for residents to step outside their homes safely onto Tower Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/306)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Tower Street is already on the list areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected. The provision of bollards on the footpath will also be considered as one of the measures to improve safety for the residents in the area.

7.15 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To ensure pedestrian safety, that a pedestrian crossing be put in place to facilitate access between Ballyphehane Community Centre shopping area of Tory Top Road Library and Tory Top Road shopping area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/307)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Tory Top Road between the Ballyphehane Community Centre and the local shopping area 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 added to the list of requests for pedestrian facilities and it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

7.16 **DISC PARKING AREA AT GLENRYAN MEWS, BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would make Glenryan Mews, Blarney Street, a disc parking area whilst offering residents parking permits in view of the fact that Glenryan Mews is being used as a free car park by those who are in business in the city and who leave their cars there all day depriving the residents of car park spaces in what is a very congested area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/308)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Glenryan Mews is within the Disc parking Zone (DPZ). No evidence of commuter parking was visible during a recent visit there. However, if the residents so wish, disc parking controls will be installed in the estate and residents will be able to apply in the normal way, for residents’ permits.

7.17 **SIGNS FOR CHILDREN CROSSING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council as a policy, that includes Roads, Housing and Recreational and Amenities Departments, erect new signs to alert motorists to the fact that children may be crossing or are in the vicinity of a recreation park or sports ground, crèche or pre school, on roads leading to the significant number of Parks and recreational areas such as Pophams Park, The Fairfield, Jerry O’Sullivan Park, Gurranabraher, Kilmore Road Park, Fitzgerald’s Park, etc, or any other amenities across the city, in the interest of child safety and that any signs erected for this purpose would not be taken from the Ward Funds.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/309)

The report of the Director of Services stated that if there is an established need for a crossing facility for children at a particular location, then either a school warden or a push button pedestrian crossing should be provided. The use of signs alone is

generally not effective, and as well of adding to the general clutter of signs in areas, they are largely ignored by motorists.

Where there is a perceived requirement for a pedestrian crossing facility traffic at a location, pedestrian surveys will be carried out to determine if sufficient warrants exist for the installation of a pedestrian facility. If the warrants are met, the provision of the pedestrian crossing can then be added to the list of requests for pedestrian facilities and it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

The necessary surveys will be carried out at any location identified by Members.

7.18 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE GREEN IN FRONT OF 1-25 HORGANS BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council request the ESB to add public lighting on the green area in front of No’s 1 to 25 Horgans Buildings in the interest of older people’s needs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/310)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting on the green area in front of No’s 1 to 25 Horgan’s Buildings will be examined and assessed, and measures necessary to improve and upgrade the lighting quality to appropriate standards will be identified. These measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 roads programme.

7.19 **RAISED ROADWAY AT PARNELL PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council will liaise with Bus Eireann to satisfy itself that the raised roadway painted red with white pedestrian lines and no warning signs is not a danger to pedestrians exiting the Bus station at Parnell Place and also to suggest a change in the park and ride bus route from the Black Ash to discharge passengers at City Hall instead of Lapp’s Quay which will help improve traffic flow in the general Parnell Place/ Lapp’s Quay area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/320)



The report of the Director of Services stated that the raised area of “impressed colour concrete” at the Bus Station was provided in conjunction with the recent major refurbishment of the station. The purpose of the raised area is to highlight the presence of pedestrians and to slow down the movement of vehicles in the area. The white lines provide guidance to the visually impaired.

The various movements of buses in such a confined area rule out the possibility of traffic light control. A visit from representatives for the Cork Access Group to the Bus Station accepted that the raised platform was a large improvement on what previously existed and is the best possible measure in what is a difficult area. The safe movement of pedestrians in Parnell Place in the vicinity of the Bus Station will be a major design issue when a scheme for the total refurbishment of Parnell Place is brought forward.

The Park & Ride bus sets down passengers at Lapp’s Quay in order to provide easy access to the City Centre for pedestrians. Discharging passengers at City Hall would be perceived as providing a lower level of service to the public because the lack of ‘penetration’ into the City Centre.

Business groups, etc. have requested that the bus travel further into the City centre, such as St. Patrick’s Street, however, Lapp’s Quay is regarded as a good compromise between providing a service to the City Centre and the ability of the bus to provide a frequent ‘turn around’ service to the Black Ash site. Accordingly, no change is recommended.

#### 7.20 **CAR PARKING SPACES AT OAKPARK, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provision under the enhancement scheme for the northside for additional car parking spaces to be provided at Oakpark, Ballyvolane in accordance with the request from the local residents association.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/321)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of additional car parking spaces will be considered under the Northside Environmental Enhancement Scheme.

7.21 **2008 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME – CAHERGAL LAWN & CAHERGAL AVE.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the 2008 Roadworks programme and the 2008 Estimate of Expenses for the completion of road resurfacing at Cahergal Lawn and Cahergal Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/322)

The report of the Director of Services stated that roads in Cahergal Lawn and Cahergal Avenue, not already resurfaced, will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

7.22 **STOPCOCK COVERS – CITY FOOTPATH**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

**Following discussion, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer this motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee for further reporting.**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

9. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

9.1 **SLIABH LUACHRA SUMMER SCHOOL 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Sliabh Luachra Summer School 2007 which was held in Bruach Na Carraige Cultural & Heritage Centre, Rockchapel, Co. Cork on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

9.2 **AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald and C. Clancy at the AMAI Annual Conference 2007 which was held in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Co. Wexford on the 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

9.3 **THE CHANGING IRELAND – ARE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PREPARED?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern & M Shields at the Changing Ireland – Are Local Authorities Prepared? Conference which was held in the Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

9.4 **GETTING A GRIP 2007 – WINNING OR LOSING? THE BATTLE AGAINST SUBSTANCE OR ALCOHOL MISUSE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, M. Ahern, C. Clancy and T. Fitzgerald at the Getting a Grip 2007 – Winning or Losing? The Battle against substance or alcohol misuse Conference which was held in The Malton, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

9.5 **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FRANK MCGANN SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Frank McGann Seminar which was held in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

9.6 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, M. Ahern, J. Kelleher and M. O’Connell at the Planning Seminar for Councillors to be held in The Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

10. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8.00 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.15 p.m.

11. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2007**

11.1 **BAN ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOL**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

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

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

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

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

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

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

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary declared an interest in the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **O’CONNELL CRESCENT – 2007 RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That O’ Connell Crescent be included in the 2007 Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/402)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.2 **FIVE YEAR SPORT PLAN FOR THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council make a fund of 400,000 euro available for the new sports committee which can operate a grant scheme similar to that prevailing under the present Arts Committee. The Committee also to develop a five year sport plan for the City.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/403)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee**

12.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING – ST. OLIVERS CHURCH, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department examine the area adjacent to St. Olivers Church, Ballyvolane with the view to introducing traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/202)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.4 **USER FRIENDLY AREA FOR VISITORS TO HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

‘That Cork City Council reinstate a user friendly area for people visiting the Housing Department.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/260)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.5 **KILCOLMAN LAWN – RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

‘That Kilcolman Lawn be included in the estate resurfacing programme 2008, as the road carriageway is in a poor state of repair. A footpath renewal programme should be carried out here also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/285)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.6 **HATCHED YELLOW BOX – MCGRATH PARK, CHURCH ROAD**

‘That a hatched yellow box would be placed at the entrance to McGrath Park, Church Road, Blackrock – to allow residents easier access into and out of the park and to avoid traffic queuing directly outside the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/326)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.7 **FORUM – SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO DOCKLANDS AREA PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would convey 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)

**Corporate Policy Group**

12.8 **SUB-COMMITTEE – MAJOR OUTDOOR EVENTS**

‘That Council would set up a sub-committee to work at securing major outdoor events for Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/328)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.9 **EXTRA PARKING SPACES – HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would provide extra car parking spaces on the green area across from No. 36 Hollyville Estate, and that they would repair the wall between Hollyville Estate and Hollyhill Lane adjacent to No. 35 and No. 36 and that they would also put a gate in the existing gap in the wall which the residents of the area are requesting and they are prepared to give an undertaking to supervise the opening and closing of the gate at times agreed by the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/333)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.10 **TRAFFIC PLAN – FAIRFIELD AVENUE, FARRANREE**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a traffic plan for Fairfield Avenue, Farranree which should include lights and a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Mount Agnes Road and Fairfield Avenue and also a pedestrian crossing between Fairfield Green and Closes Green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/334)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.11 **100% REFUND ON RENTS PAID BY SUCCESSFUL AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICANTS**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/339)

**Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee**

12.12 **COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SUBVENTION SCHEME**

**Motion 07/340 already dealt with at item 11.2.**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/340)

12.13 **PLUNKETT ROAD ON THE 2008 ROAD WORK PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council will as part of its 2008 Roads Work Programme put traffic Calming Measures in place on Plunkett Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/341)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.14 **IN-FILL HOUSING IN THE FULLERS PLACE & MACCURTAIN VILLAS AREA**

‘That Cork City Council examines as a matter of priority for in-fill housing the area adjoining Fullers Place and MacCurtain Villas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/342)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.15 **FOOTPATH FROM ENTRANCE OF TRAMORE LAWN UP TO EXISTING FOOTPATH**

‘That Cork City Council would install a footpath from the entrance of Tramore Lawn up to the existing footpath on the left hand side of the Douglas road. The current situation is very dangerous for pedestrians and impossible for parents with buggies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/343)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Corporate Policy Group**

12.17 **NO. 6 TO NO. 29 LEESDALE BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 ROAD PROGRAMME**

‘That the area of road stretching from No. 6 to No. 29 Leesdale be included in the 2008 Roadworks Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/345)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.18 **CLOVER LAWN BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 ROADS PROGRAMME**

‘That the footpaths in Clover Lawn would be included in the Roads Programme for 2008 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/346)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.19 **RAMP PLACED NEAR NO. 48 CLOVER HILL ESTATE**

‘That a ramp would be placed near No. 48 Clover Hill Estate to slow down traffic going through this estate as young children play in this area on a daily basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/347)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



12.20 **WITHDRAW PLANNING APPLICATION TO BUILD 148 UNITS AT BOHERBOY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council withdraw its planning application to build circa 148 units at Boherboy Road because the density is far too high, the roof type being proposed is not in keeping with that in use in the general area and no consultation has taken place with either elected representatives or residents in relation to design and density. Furthermore, Cork City Council has left works undone at Lotamore, Ashford Heights and Lios Ard and urgently needs to address serious design faults in relation to Dun Ard and all these issues need to be addressed in conjunction with a suitable housing proposal for the land at Boherboy Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/349)

**Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee**

12.21 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council in the interest of Public Safety immediately install a Pelican/ Pedestrian crossing on Old Youghal Road near the entrance to Mayfield Community School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/350)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.22 **ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIANS TO USE THE CITY’S WALKWAYS**

‘That this Council implementing its policy to facilitate and encourage pedestrians on the City’s lengthy walkways will provide in its budget specifically to put a programme in place to:

1. Once a year clean the Walkways and Rivers e.g. Glasheen/ Curraheen.
2. Encourage and facilitate wildlife.
3. Install appropriate seating along its route.
4. Provide lighting (for safety reasons)
5. Develop Cycleways to bring more people on to these attractive walkways and to encourage Cycling in Safety away from traffic
6. Please consider the walkway from the Bandon to Sarsfield Road as a pilot project as more and more people are complaining that this great amenity is unsafe due to incidents referred to the Gardai.’
7. Monitor and report yearly on the state of all walkways and their adjacent rivers/ streams etc to Committee/ Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/351)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.23 **FACILITATE PHYSICAL EXERCISE FOR THE AGE GROUP 50+ WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

‘That this Council put in place opportunities to facilitate physical exercise for the age Group 50+ and others, weekly exercise sessions with a trained Instructor, outdoors and indoors weather permitting, within residential areas for example, the Lough, Glashduv Park, etc in cooperation with local Community Associations and Older Persons Organisations as City Council’s increasing contributions to the health of its Citizens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/352)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

12.24 **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE TO TACKLE THE USE OF HEROIN IN CORK**

‘Bearing in mind the growing problem of heroin in Cork City, that this Council take the lead in establishing a strategic planning committee, made up of councillors, Garda, relevant public services, the voluntary sector and representatives of local communities, to be charged with devising and implementing a plan to tackle the growth of heroin in our communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 07/353)

**Joint Policing Committee**

12.25 **INSPECTION OF GARDEN WALLS AT COURTOWN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out an inspection of the garden walls around the front of the houses in Courtown Park and also to see how many front gates need replacing and that a report be prepared for Council including the cost of all remedial work that may be necessary to make safe existing walls and to replace front gates that are missing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/354)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.26 **YELLOW LINES AT CARA HOUSE**

‘That double yellow lines be placed at the left-hand side of the Priors to allow traffic to pass through to Cara House which at present owing to the volume of parked cars is proving very difficult.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/356)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.27 **HALLDENE ESTATE TO BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Halldene Estate would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/359)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.28 **PARKWAY & LEESDALE ESTATE BE INCLUDED IN 2008 ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Parkway and Leesdale Estate would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/360)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.29 **BRITISH NAVY WARSHIPS VISITING THE PORT OF CORK**

**Deferred to next meeting of An Chomhairle:-**

‘That City Council will no longer extend any welcome to British Navy Warships when they visit the Port of Cork, given that Britain continues to occupy the six North Eastern Counties of Ireland and the continuing role of the British military in the occupation of other countries such as Iraq.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 07/361)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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