

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2007

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy,
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O'Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, D. Cregan
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Mr. J. Kenneally, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- Kelleher Family on the death of Niall Kelleher.
- Allen Family on the death of Leo Allen.
- Glavin Family on the death of Paddy Glavin.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Bill O' Herlihy on his recent award as TV Personality of the year at the 4th Annual Irish Film and Television Awards.
- Diarmuid O' Donovan on his recent award as Irish Pharmacist of the year.
- Cumann Luthchleas Gael on the opening of Croke Park to Rugby.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 29th January 2007 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **COST OF PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ST. PATRICK'S STREET**

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

To ask the Manager to provide a report on the cost of provision and maintenance of public lighting on St. Patrick's Street, specifically in relation to the lanterns. Could the Manager include in his reply a breakdown for 2005 and year prior to renovation of St. Patrick's Street. Also the cost of replacement of bulbs, number of hours per day lights are on, length of time approximately bulbs in lanterns last.

Deferred from Meeting on 29th January

Cork City Council has taken the St. Patrick's Street public lighting scheme in charge since the beginning of 2006 for the purpose of energy and maintenance. Prior to taking the scheme in charge, maintenance was undertaken during the Warranty period by Sean Ahern Electrical for 12 months after the certificate of substantial completion was issued.

The original lighting scheme on St. Patrick's St. comprised 21 no. lanterns to illuminate the carriageway with footpaths being catered for only insofar as a portion of lighting would spill back from the lanterns as on a normal roadway. Thus the old and the new schemes are not directly comparable as the new scheme caters for much improved levels of service on pedestrian pavement areas.

The renewal lighting scheme comprises 13 no. Pitmit at a cost €17,429 each and 22 no. Sarah €17,111 each to include the foundations, supply, erection installation and commissioning with maintenance and warranty. The Pitmit incorporates 5 no. 250 SON/dl sodium lanterns and the Sarah has 4 no. 250 SON/dl sodium lanterns

plus 2 No. 58 Watt fluorescent tubes. Metered electrical supplies at two locations are provided on the scheme.

Sean Ahern Electrical Ltd. are now engaged to undertake inspections, repairs and maintenance on a call out basis as conditions dictate. During 2006 a total of €4,021.00 + VAT was charged for the inspection and maintenance including lamp replacement on the scheme.

The lanterns installed on St. Patrick's Street incorporate 250 Watt SON discharge lamps which would typically last 3 years with approximately 4,100 hours burning per annum on a Dusk to Dawn duty cycle.

The new lighting scheme was designed on the basis of the carriageway and footpath being a shared surface with a higher level of lighting being assigned to the footpath pavement than would have existed prior to the St. Patrick's Street Renewal scheme.

3.2 REPLACEMENT OF TREES THAT WERE CUT IN SPRING/SUMMER

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

Will the Manager confirm that all trees that were cut down during the Spring and early Summer will be replaced in the Autumn. I accept that these cuttings were unavoidable due to age and disease but I would like to have it confirmed that they will be replaced.

I confirm that trees removed during 2006 will be replaced with appropriate tree species during 2007.

3.3 ERECTION OF LIGHTS MOURNE AVENUE, DILLONS CROSS

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

Would the Manager please inform the ESB that the erection of new lights at Mourne Avenue, Dillon's Cross seems to be taking forever to erect and in the meantime the residents of the area have to put up with a sub standard service which is not acceptable. The lights are out of commission for 3 months at this point and can the Manager please ask the ESB to confirm when the lights are likely to be switched on.

ESB Contracts have confirmed to us that there is systematic vandalism in Mourne Avenue whereby the column with the fused supply is being systematically wrecked to take out a series of lights in the area.

The ESB has been instructed to attend to the faults immediately to ensure the lights are back in action as soon as possible. This work will be carried out in the near future.

3.4 **LAWS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF DOGS IN THE CITY**

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

Bearing in mind a number of recent attacks by dogs on children in Dublin, the U.K. and elsewhere, and also bearing in mind the comments by Mr. Roche, Minister for the Environment, following the latest attack, will the Manager inform Council if he is planning any improvement (in conjunction with the Gardai and the I.S.P.C.A.) in the enforcement of the existing laws relating to the control of dogs in the city?

The Control of Dogs Acts 1986 and 1992 provide for the licensing and control of dogs, together with various regulations brought in since then. The Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 cover leashing and muzzling of 10 named dog types such as the American Pit Bull Terrier, German Shepherds, Rottweilers etc. These dogs are not permitted to be in a public place unless securely muzzled and being led by a sufficiently strong chain or leash.

The CSPCA acts as an agent for the City Council in carrying out its functions under the Control of Dogs Acts. A full time mobile Dog Warden is employed who responds on a daily basis to complaints from the public in relation to dogs and who also seizes stray or dangerous dogs regularly. On average, over 250 stray dogs are seized each year with a further 300 surrendered or collected by the Warden.

All dogs entering the Animals Home are now micro chipped to assist with future identification. Since recent incidents highlighted in the media the Animals Home have observed an increase in the number of people surrendering dogs to them which have been classified under the 1998 Regulations. All such dogs surrendered are not rehomed, nor is any such seized dog since January.

The matter will be kept under review at regular meetings with the CSPCA throughout the year.

3.5 **OWNERSHIP OF LAND BEYOND WALL ON GLASHEEN RIVER**

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

To ask the City Manager to outline to Council

(i) The legal ownership of the land at the rear of gardens immediately beyond boundary wall on river bank of Glasheen River ref (houses No's 1 – 59),

(ii) Can the trees on the river bank be cut to facilitate residents in houses 1 – 59.

i. The land in question is not in the ownership of Cork City Council. It is most likely either in the ownership of the individual householders adjoining the river or the original developer.

ii. Cork City Council is not in a position to cut trees on private land at the rear of the private gardens referred to above.

The role of the City Council, in conjunction with the Riparian Owners, extends only to maintaining the watercourse, for the prevention of flooding. The Drainage Section together with the Parks Dept. are in the process of cutting down and removing young trees and branches that are interfering with the flow in the river, behind houses numbers 1 to 6. Other areas along the river will be examined as this work is completed.

3.6 **ACQUISITION OF SITE – SHOWGROUNDS**

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

Can the Manager tell me if negotiations with the Munster Agricultural Society in relation to the acquisition of the site known as the showgrounds have been concluded and is he in a position tonight to confirm that Cork City Council has acquired the property.

The Munster Agricultural Society appealed the Compulsory Purchase Order to An Bord Pleanála. An oral inquiry was held and the decision of the Bord is awaited.

3.7 **LIGHTS – THOMAS DAVIS STREET/DUBLIN STREET**

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

When will the pedestrian / traffic lights on Thomas Davis Street / Dublin Street be completed to allow people cross in safety.

The installation of the pedestrian traffic signals is part of the Blackpool Village Refurbishment Project. Work is currently being carried out on the undergrounding of the ESB network supply in the area. This work must be completed before a power supply can be provided for the pedestrian lights.

The installation of the pedestrian facilities is programmed for completion in April '07.

3.8 **NO 2. GREEN ROUTE**

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

Re: Green Routes

In relation to the No.2 Green Route:

- (a) Can the Manager inform me when the project will be completed.
 - (b) When will the traffic lights at the junction of Harbour View Road/Bakers Road be completed.
 - (c) When will the traffic lights at Harbour View Road turning to Apple Computers be completed.
 - (d) When will the new traffic management system outside Gurranabraher Credit Union and Gurranabraher Garda Station be completed.
 - (e) What was the cost of the entire project.
 - (f) When will the No.2 Farranree Green Route commence and at what cost.
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- (a) The No. 2 Gurranabraher Green Route Project is programmed to be finished in April '07.
 - (b) & (c) The installation of the traffic signals at the junctions on Harbour View Road will be completed in March '07.
 - (d) The traffic management system outside the Garda Station and the Credit Union in Gurranabraher will be completed in March '07.
 - (e) The contract tender price is €3.8 million.
 - (f) The submitted tenders for the No. 3 Farranree Green Route are currently being assessed. A contractor will be appointed shortly and work is planned to start in March '07.

3.9 **ZONING POLICY – CORK CONSTITUTION RUGBY CLUB**

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

1. To ask the Council the zoning policy of the grounds of Cork Constitution Rugby Club, Templehill, Cork.
2. What is the Manager's attitude towards the principle of developers approaching sporting organisations, with a view to buying their grounds for development in a land swap deal.
3. Are there any ongoing discussions between the planners and the developer in this case.

1. Cork Constitution Rugby lands are zoned in the Development Plan as sports grounds. It is the intention of Cork City Council that grounds so zoned remain used for sports purposes.
2. The City Council has no control over developers who may wish to approach sports organisations with a view to buying their grounds for residential development. However, the City Council has made it known to anyone who has enquired that it is Council policy to retain such playing fields for their current zoned use.
3. Representatives on behalf of Cork Constitution Rugby Club have been advised that the policy of Cork City Council is to retain all lands zoned for sports grounds and not to allow them to be used for residential or similar development.

4. **NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY, GRAND PARADE, CORK**

Comhairleoir C. Burke declared an interest in the New Central Library, Grand Parade, Cork. His office is acting for Frinailla Developments.

An Chomhairle noted the report of City Manager, dated 8th February, 2007 on the new Central Library at Grand Parade, Cork.

The report of the City Manager stated that last year we invited proposals from interested parties for the provision of a new Central Library. Documentation was prepared which set out our specification of requirements with an indication that the new library should be located in the Grand Parade or its vicinity. We offered the existing library site as part of the package.

Five proposals were received following the public call. A selection process was implemented resulting in a recommendation that the proposal of Frinailla Developments be accepted

Frinailla Development's proposal involves the building of the new library on part of the current library site extending into adjoining property. The new library proposed is state of the art. It will comprise in excess of 50,000 sq.ft. which is twice the size of the existing library. The cost of designing and building the new library will be met by Frinailla Developments. The building will be handed over to the City Council in exchange for that part of the current library site which will not form part of the new library.

Under the arrangement, the City Council will secure a state of the art landmark Central Library on Grand Parade without any financial outlay. Frinailla Developments will also provide temporary accommodation for the current library, while the new one is under construction, free of charge.

A planning application for the library and for the development of the adjoining run-down buildings will be made within two months.

The new library and the adjoining development will greatly add to the regeneration of Grand Parade and will be a catalyst for further regeneration in the area.

The formal Section 13 Notice for the disposal of the relevant portion of the current library site will be issued to the Council within the next two weeks.

5. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5TH FEBRUARY 2007**

5.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the Housing Monthly Report for the month of February 2007.

5.2 **PROPOSED LOAN FACILITY FOR THE PROVISION OF 37 NO. DWELLINGS AT THE NURSERY SITE, SKEHARD ROAD, BLACKROCK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th February 2007, on the proposed loan facility for the provision of 37 No. Dwellings at the Nursery Site, Skehard Road, Blackrock.

The report of the Director of Services stated that members were informed that Tenders have been received in respect of the above project and work is to commence on site in March, 2007. The development consists of a total of 57 no. dwellings, 37 of which are to be built by the City Council as Affordable Housing Units, for sale to eligible persons nominated by the City Council.

The balance of 20 no. units are to be built by Abode Doorway to Life for occupation by eligible special needs applicants. An application under the Capital Assistance Scheme has been made to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to fund this element of the project. A further report will issue to Members in this regard. Funding needs to be put in place to finance the affordable element of the project (including building contract, contract supervision, design fees etc.) and to facilitate this, it was recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED in accordance with the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €6,594,033 to cover all costs

associated with the provision of 37 no. dwelling houses at Nursery Site, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork.

5.3 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Property Disposals:

- (a) Disposal of property approximately 761m² in area situated at Albert Road, Cork by way of Lease together with grant of right of way to National Sculpture Factory Limited, c/o T.J. Hegarty & Son, Solicitor, 58, South Mall, Cork subject to an annual rent of €1,942.70.
- (b) Disposal of plot approximately 105m² in area adjacent to 5, Congress Road, Turner's Cross, Cork to Bernard O'Keeffe and Diane O'Keeffe for the sum of €100.00 plus costs.
- (c) Disposal of 53 units situated at Gate Lodge Close, Cedar Row, and Oakwood Square, Blackrock Cork (formerly Casey's Land, Blackrock, Cork.) to 53 no. applicants under the Affordable Housing Scheme.
- (d) Disposal of land approximately 15m² in area situated at Trabeg Lawn, South Douglas Road, Cork to Don Collins and Joan Harrington by way of exchange.
- (e) Disposal of Stall No.40, Grand Parade Market, Cork, to Ballycotton Seafood Limited, having its registered office at 46, Main Street, Midleton, Co. Cork by way of Lease for an annual rent of €3,106.48.
- (f) Disposal of 2 Sites at "Mahon Technology Park", St. Michael's Drive, Mahon, Cork, to Digital Realty Trust LR for €2,892,500 for site 1 and €3,960,000 for site 2.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 34 Bonaventure Place, Greenmount, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 22nd August 1996 to Christopher Good and Abina Good for the sum of €38,392.18.

FEE SIMPLE

- (a) Fee simple interest in premises known as plot C8 "Jameard", Iona Road, Mayfield, Cork to Mary Sheehan c/o Conway Kelleher Tobin & Comyn, Solicitors, 29 South Mall, Cork for the sum of €126.97 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (b) Fee simple interest in premises known as "Fairview", St. Anne's Park, Turner's Cross, Cork to Kathleen Brady, c/o Barry M. O'Meara & Son, Solicitors, 18, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €51.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

5.4 **DISPOSAL OF A RIGHT OF WAY AT KNOCKREA LAWN, BALLINLOUGH, CORK**

Comhairleoir C. Burke declared his interest in the disposal of a right of way at Knockrea Lawn, Ballinlough, Cork. His office is acting as legal advisors to JFC Developments.

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 11th January, 2007 and the recommendation of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 5th February 2007 on the Disposal of a Right of Way at Knockrea Lawn, Ballinlough, Cork which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Lynch, An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Housing & Community Functional Committee that the disposal of the right of way at Knockrea Lawn, Ballinlough, Cork to JFC Development be refused. An Chomhairle also requested that a request be made to the Planning & Development Directorate to meet with the developer.

6. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 9 p.m.

7. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5TH FEBRUARY 2007**

7.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st February, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended January, 2007.

7.2 **ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2007 – DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st February, 2007 on the Road Grant Allocations 2007.

7.3 **NOISE SURVEY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council should conduct a noise survey on the South Link Road at the rear of Westside Estate to establish if the noise levels are within the set guidelines and if not, then appropriate action should be taken to alleviate the problem’.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/423)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Environment Noise Regulations came into effect on the 3rd April 2006. These regulations transpose requirements under a EU Directive relating to the assessment and management of environment noise. Noise mapping and action plans must be implemented in relation to roadways which certain traffic volume thresholds. The thresholds are 6,000,000 and 3,000,000 vehicle passengers per year and the South Ring Road is above these thresholds. Strategic noise maps must be prepared by June of this year and sent on to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for forwarding to the EU Commission. Action Plans setting out mitigation measures to deal with areas with noise levels above the permitted levels must be drawn up and submitted to the EPA by July 2008. The NRA is responsible for national roads, and as the South Ring Road is a national road (N25), they are responsible for the preparation of the noise maps and the subsequent implementation of the action plans. Measures identified in the noise action plans, which impinge on City Areas will be submitted to Council for information.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Capwell Road will be visited and examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any identified appropriate measures including road markings to improve road safety in the area will be installed.

7.5 **20MPH SPEED LIMIT – HIBERNIAN BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Under the Road Traffic Act 2004, local authorities are empowered to make bye-laws to apply special speed limits in lieu of the default limits on roads in their area, e.g. 30km/hr (old 20 mph) instead of 50 km/hr (old 30 mph).

The guidelines for the installation of special speed limits set out several requirements and procedures, which include:

- The roads within the area concerned have been designed and constructed and appropriate engineering measures have been carried out or, alternatively, traffic calmed so that vehicle speeds are constrained to 30km/h.
- All other relevant engineering safety measures should have been tried or considered not sufficient or appropriate, before applying such a special speed limit. The intention will be that this low speed limit will be used only in conjunction with traffic calming measures and will generally be self enforcing.

Hibernian Buildings, Electric Terrace, Geraldine Place, Eastville, Marina Terrace and Monarea Terrace will be examined and surveys will be carried out in order to determine the extent of the speed problems in the area. Traffic calming measures including if appropriate, a 30 kph speed limit, will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

7.6 **VISITORS PARKING PERMIT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a comprehensive review of the disc parking system and parking enforcement measures is currently being

carried out. A report is due to be submitted on the matter at the next meeting of the Roads & Transportation SPC. It is likely that some form of visitor parking permit system, which will allow for relatives and friends visiting areas within the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ), will be put forward for consideration by Council. These permits can also be used by tradesmen, etc. who provided services for residents in the DPZ. If approved by Council, the Disc Parking Bye-Laws will have to be amended.

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

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

Following discussion, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that this item be referred back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further reporting.

7.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING – BERLINGFORD DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/566)

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

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/572)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Blackrock Road is a heavily trafficked arterial route linking Ballintemple and Blackrock to the City Centre. It is also a busy bus route. Between Dunraven Downs and African Missions Church, there is insufficient space within the existing road footprint to construct a new footway and retain the existing carriageway and footway at minimum acceptable widths.

In light of this, the construction of a new footway on Blackrock Road would require land acquisition from several properties on Ashton Place. In 2004, preliminary discussions took place between Cork City Council and local house owners. These discussions related to the possibility of the City Council acquiring land to allow a new footway be constructed. These discussions were inconclusive. We will contact the house owners on Ashton Place again to investigate the feasibility of acquiring land from them. We will proceed to construct the footway if we can obtain the land required, subject to funding.

7.10 **RESURFACE FOOTPATH – EAMONN DE VALERA BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpath on Eamonn De Valera Bridge is due for repair in the 2007 Programme of Works.

7.11 **ZEBRA CROSSING – BLARNEY ROAD & HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the old zebra crossing at the junction of Blarney Road and Hollyhill lane is defunct. It is due to be replaced with a push-button controlled pedestrian signal facility. This project is part of the 2007 roads programme and will be installed later on in the year.

7.12 **UPGRADE FOOTPATHS OPPOSITE NORTH CATHEDRAL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be upgraded in 2007 both by the Roads Maintenance Division and by the Green Routes Project. The junction at Cathedral Road / Shandon Street will be reconstructed and the footpaths to the Presbytery on Roman Street will be repaired and renewed.

This area, the subject of the motion, will be upgraded in 2007 both by the Roads Maintenance Department and by the Green Routes Project in that the junction at Cathedral Road / Shandon Street will be reconstructed and the footpaths to the Presbytery on Roman Street will be repaired and renewed. Repairs to seats will be carried out shortly and any other improvements necessary to enhance the area by the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate.

7.13 **IMPROVE – ROAD SURFACE – ‘THE SQUARE’, UPPER CONNOLLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that ‘The Square’ on Upper Connolly Road is being considered for inclusion in this year’s Roads Resurfacing Programme.

We propose to construct additional car parking spaces in the green area, subject to the consent of the Parks Department and the general agreement of the local residents. The provision of additional parking spaces in ‘The Square’ may require the removal of part of the open green area.

The Recreation & Amenity Directorate, who is responsible for maintaining open space/green areas, will be consulted for the views on the matter. There are no funds in this year’s roads programme for such a scheme, however the works will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s programme. Alternatively Members may consider funding the work out of Ward Funds.

7.14 **RIGHT TURN – CHESTNUT GROVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the area will be visited and examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any identified appropriate measures including road markings to improve road safety in the area will be installed.

7.15 **GRASS AREA – CUH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the green area adjacent to the new slip road outside Cork University Hospital was excavated by the Gas Company before the grass area could be fully reinstated. However, the contractor for the Green Route has been instructed to carry out the permanent restoration of this green area as soon as possible. Work cannot be carried out over the Winter months due to inclement weather conditions and it is programmed to be carried out in early Spring.

7.16 **CLOSE OFF ALLEYWAY BETWEEN KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE AND FAIRFIELD CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st February, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would close off the alleyway between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Crescent and also the alleyway between Baker’s Road and Presentation Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M O’Connell 06/537)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the 2007 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was discussed and agreed at a meeting of the Ward Members on Monday 29th January 2007. Alleyways at Knockpogue Avenue/Fairfield Crescent and Baker’s Road /Presentation Road were not prioritized as part of the 2007 programme of works. Subject to the allocation of funding, both locations will again be included for prioritization by Ward Members in the 2008 programme.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

9. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following conferences:

9.1 **MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at Merriman Winter School 2007 Conference held on the 26th – 28th January 2007 in the Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo.

9.2 **AMAI SPRING SUMMER 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O' Flynn, B. Bermingham, P. Gosch and C. Lynch at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2007 Conference to be held on the 9th – 10th February, 2007 in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee.

9.3 **IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007 – 2013
– THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O' Flynn, C. Lynch, P. Gosch, B. Bermingham, T. Shannon, J. Buttimer and S. Martin at the Implementing The National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 – The Role of the Regions Conference to be held on the 15th – 16th February, 2007 in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick.

9.4 **COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL – THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE
G.A.A. TO THE SPORTING AND SOCIAL LIFE IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O' Flynn and J. Buttimer at the Colmcille Winter School – The Contribution of the G.A.A. to the Sporting and Social Life in Ireland to be held on the 23rd – 25th February, 2007 in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Co. Donegal.

9.5 **RURAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn at the Rural and Regional Development Conference to be held on the 2nd – 3rd March, 2007 in the Bayview Hotel and Leisure Centre, Killybegs, Co. Donegal.

9.6 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Counihan and J. Buttimer at the Planning Seminar for Councillors Conference to be held on the 17th February, 2007 in the Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

9.7 **WICKLOW COUNTY TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Wicklow County Tourism Conference to be held on the 21st – 22nd February 2007 in the Marriott Druids Glen Hotel & Country Club, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

9.8 **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Association of County and City Councils Annual Conference 2007 to be held on the 8th – 10th March, 2007 in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

9.9 **THE CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS CONFERENCE – THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN BUILDING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Counihan at The Confederation of European Councillors Conference – The Role of Local Authorities In Building Peace and Reconciliation Conference to be held on the 23rd February, 2007 in the Park Inn Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

10. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2007**

10.1 **RENEWAL OF MOTOR TAX**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘In order to renew your Motor Tax a motorist needs to

- Confirm details of the vehicle (including selection of a tax class for a new or imported vehicle.
- Name and address (change of address.)
- The period of taxation.
- Vehicle insurance details (name of insurer, policy number and expiry date).

This Council requests the Minister/Local Authorities that the

- The National Car Testing Service Ltd. (NCTS), pass Certificate or verification number by e-mail be required to ensure that vehicles on the Road network are in a safe condition. And
- That the Insurance details be verified before the Motor Tax Certificate is issued in the public interest.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/569)

10.2 **ROAD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That we send a message to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána in Anglesea St. expressing our full support for the recent Road Safety Enforcement Campaign, which has reduced the number of accidents, deaths and injuries on our streets and roads.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/018)

10.3 **FILES ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘Bearing in mind the recent revelations on R.T.E. television about the influx of NAZI War Criminals into this country after World War Two, that Council will write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dermot Ahern, asking him to release all relevant files on this matter, for future use by researchers, academics and all those interested in historical accuracy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/027)

10.4 **ABOLISH VAT ON ESB, GAS AND TELEPHONE BILLS**

‘That this City Council calls on Central Government to abolish VAT on ESB, GAS and Telephone bills for OAP’s and Social Welfare Recipients.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 07/033)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

10.5 **NEED FOR SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health and the Government to recognise the need for services for people with neurological conditions in Munster by building a Rehabilitation Unit in Cork and for more clinical nurse specialists to meet the ongoing needs of people with neurological conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/040)

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **ANGLESEA PLACE & ANGLESEA TERRACE**

‘That Cork City Council include Anglesea Place and Anglesea Terrace in next years Road and Footpath Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/263)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **SCHOOL HISTORY PROJECT**

‘That Cork City Council put money in the estimates which will allow Cork City schools participate in next years School History Project. The project was initiated in the Lord Mayors Office and this year saw the adoption of it by Cork County Council as one of its prime heritage projects to the total exclusion of City Schools. This should never have been allowed to happen. Discussions should take place between Niamh Twomey and Kieran McCarthy in relation to this matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/264)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee

11.3 **RESURFACE – DUNMORE GARDENS**

‘I propose that the road in Dunmore Gardens be resurfaced as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/016)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 **CHILDRENS HOSPITAL IN CORK**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council would ask the Government to provide funding to build a world class children’s hospital in Cork to provide cover for the Munster region.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/017)

11.5 **WATERGULLY AT 16 & 17 DUNLOCHA COTTAGES**

‘That a water gully would be placed outside No. 16 & 17 Dunlocha Cottages, Blackrock as the drives of these houses are constantly being flooded after heavy rain.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/019)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **PLAYING PITCHES FOR LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS**

‘That the City Council enter into discussions with schools and colleges in the City to explore whether we can assist in making playing pitches available to local sports clubs at affordable prices.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/020)

Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee

11.7 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANT**

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

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

Housing and Community Functional Committee

11.8 **RAMPS IN KERRY ROAD MAYFIELD**

‘Because of the number of accidents, and because of the dangers to everyone, that ramps be installed on Kerry Road, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/028)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.9 **AIB SUBMIT A FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATION FOR BANK AT WATERCOURSE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would write to AIB requesting that AIB would submit a further planning application for their bank at Watercourse Road, taking into consideration the views expressed by an Bord Pleanala in their refusal.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/038)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

11.10 **AIB DECISION TO LEAVE THE HEART OF BLACKPOOL**

‘That the Planning Committee of Cork City Council would meet with AIB Management to discuss the implications of An Bord Pleanala's decision, in view of the serious negative impact that AIB'S decision to leave the heart of Blackpool will have on the village character of Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/039)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

11.11 **WHEELIE BINS – RECYCLING COLLECTION**

‘That Cork City Council consider as a pilot project the use of wheelie bins for the recycling collection, given that it works extremely well in the Rural areas and that bags are easily blown away in high winds causing litter in many green areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/043)

Environment Functional Committee

11.12 **REINSTATE WALLS – KNOCKLAUN**

‘That as an integral part of the St. Lukes Plan Cork City Council reinstate the walls adjoining the public footpath at Knocklaun, Ard na Greine and Ard Alainn as the original plasterwork dating for circa 1910 has deteriorated and pieces tend to fall on the footpath from time to time and pose a serious danger to pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/045)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.13 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS – SILVERSPRINGS COURT & SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

‘That Cork City Council erect traffic lights at the Junctions of Silversprings Court and Silversprings Lane and also at the junction of Silverheights and Silversprings Lane as residents of both areas are finding it extremely difficult to drive onto Silversprings Lane in the mornings and at other busy times and Cork City Council officials seem to be giving priority to through traffic at the expense of local residents.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/046)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.14 **BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT IN HOSPITALS**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health to immediately establish Boards of Management in each hospital which were former Health Board hospitals and in particular that the Board would be structured to include non medical people in addition to employee nominees.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 07/047)

11.15 **BOLLARDS, YELLOW LINES – FARRANLEA GROVE, FARRANLEA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council immediately put in place in Farranlea Grove, Farranlea Park and Farranlea Road the following:-

- a) Bollards on the Model Farm Road near the Rendezvous Bar to prevent vehicles from driving through the car park in the Rendezvous Bar and exiting out onto the Model Farm Road.
- b) Double yellow lines on both sides of the road at all junctions in Farranlea Park, Farranlea Grove and Farranlea Road.
- c) Repair and replace if necessary the ramps on Farranlea Road and Farranlea Park.
- d) Put in place bollards on the footpath adjacent to where the ramps on the road are to prevent cars from driving on the footpath.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 07/048)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.16 **INSPECTION OF ROAD – COLMCILLE ROAD & TEMPLEACRE AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out an inspection of the road between Colmcille Road and Templeacre Avenue to determine what repairs are necessary following the continuous use of heavy lorries using it to access the new housing development in the chapel field.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell (07/049))

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.17 **PROTOCOL – ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

‘That Cork City Council would ask the organizers of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade to depart from the normal protocol where Councillors review the parade from the reviewing stand and instead to invite the members of Cork City Council to walk in the Parade led by our Lord Mayor before taking up their seats in the reviewing stand.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/050)

Corporate Policy Group

11.18 **SURVEY – WIDDERINGS LANE**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would survey Widderings Lane and the connecting Lanes and in consultation with the residents, implement measures to prevent littering and make the area safer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/051)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.19 **40 CATHEDRAL WALK – DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

‘That Cork City Council Property Department/Planning Department start the process of putting number 40 Cathedral Walk on the Derelict Sites Register. The house is now empty for a number of years and its condition is a concern to the local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/052)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.20 **PENALTY POINT SYSTEM – DISABLED PARKING ZONES**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to extend the Penalty Point System to motorists who persistently and consistently illegally park in Disabled Parking Zones.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/053)

11.21 **PARKING FINE SYSTEM – ILLEGAL PARKING**

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

1. The present ticketless system only informs motorists that they have been fined weeks after the event which in turn both undermines due process along with creating additional bureaucracy.
2. The placing of parking tickets on windcreens acts as a visible deterrent which discourages further illegal parking.’

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

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

11.22 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION – ROAD RESURFACING**

‘Following the recent series of Ward meetings which examined and decided on locations in the following categories.

- Roads Resurfacing
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Lane Closures and
- Public Lighting.

This Council will assess the financial implications at current costs and report on works identified in the locations but not chosen for 2007 for each category.

This Council will plan for the completion of these unidentified works in the 2008 and 2009 Budgets in addition to the normal estimates for works not yet identified, for completion before the Local Elections 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/055)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.23 **TWINNED CITIES – THEMED SUMMER WEEK**

‘That this Council will henceforth invite and host delegations from all our Twinned cities (or at least a definite number on a rotation basis) to participate and display aspects of their culture Dance/Music/Costumes/Food etc in our St. Patrick’s Day Parade and also to encourage a themed summer week from one Twinned City annually.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/056)

Planning and Development Functional Committee

11.24 **TRAFFIC CALMING – KERRY ROAD & INIS COLM ROAD**

‘Bearing in mind the speed of some traffic, and the consequent dangers to other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, that ramps or some form of traffic calming be provided at:-

1. Kerry Road, Mayfield (near the Cotton Ball Bar), and
2. Inis Colm Road, Mayfield Park (between the T.S.B. Bank and Slí Gartan).

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/057)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.25 **LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM – SOUTHERN SUBURBS**

‘That Cork City Council would in the context of CASP and in cooperation with Cork County Council consider the possibility of providing a light rail system for the southern suburbs and hinterland of Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/058)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.26 **PARKING TICKETS – VEHICLE WINDSCREENS**

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

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

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

11.27 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – ILLEN COURT & ARAGLEN COURT**

‘That Cork City Council takes steps to immediately restore public lighting at Illen Court and Araglen Court in Togher, which has been out of action since January 24, and assure the residents in the Deanrock Estate that everything will be done to ensure minimum disruption to their areas during demolition and regeneration works.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/060)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

11.28 **TARMAC SURFACING – CLASHDUV PARK**

‘That works be carried out to further improve the excellent Clashduv Park facility in Togher, in light of difficulties being experienced by users in various weather conditions of access routes to the park and use of the perimeter road which is in need of tarmac surfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/061)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 **LIDL**

An Chomhairle discussed the matter of an appeal which has been lodged by Lidl to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a development at Mount Agnes Road, Churchfield, Cork. An Chomhairle was advised that in its submission to An Bord Pleanála, Lidl has named three members of An Chomhairle relating to the conditions on alcohol sales and access to the development.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’ Brien seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle resolved to write to Lidl to retract all comments which it has made about individual members of An Chomhairle in its submission to An Bord Pleanála.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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