

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

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

- The McKee family on the death of Brian McKee.
- The Sherlock family on the death of Joe Sherlock.
- The Looney family on the death of Donal Looney.
- The McNamara family on the death of Bill McNamara.
- The Murphy family on the death of Mick Murphy.
- The Murphy family on the death of Fr. Joe Murphy.
- The Higgins family on the death of Thomas Higgins.
- The Murphy family on the death of Tom Murphy.
- The O'Donovan family on the death of Jerry O'Donovan.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of Kathleen O'Sullivan.
- The Mackey family on the death of John Mackey.
- The O'Neill family on the death of Mrs. Margot O'Neill.

- The Short family on the death of Paddy Short.
- The O'Connell family on the death of Billy O'Connell.
- The O'Connor family on the death of John O'Connor.
- The Coughlan family on the death of Mary Coveney.
- The Twohig family on the death of Philip Twohig.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to

- Cllr. Mairín Quill to get well soon.
- The Cork Senior Football Team on their All Ireland appearance next Sunday.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Congratulations to:-

- The Cork Camogie team on reaching to the All Ireland Final for the third year in a row.
- Jerry Buttimer on becoming Senator.
- Nemo Rangers on winning the Junior Football Championship.

1.(d) **VOTES OF THANKS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of thanks to Jordan Bracken for his service as Lord Mayor's Driver and to also wish him well in the future.

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders, to discuss the recent setting up of a Halting Site at Boreenmanna Road (at the end of the meeting).

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Minutes of the following meetings:-

- a) Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 23rd July, 2007.
- b) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23rd July, 2007.

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

3.1 **QUAY WALLS ALONG THE MARINA**

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

To ask the Manager why the Quay walls along the Marina and the roads and footpaths in this area are in such a poor state of repair and when will he be in a position to ensure they are reinstated?

Repair of the quay walls will require very substantial funding which we have sought unsuccessfully on a number of occasions from the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government.

We are currently carrying out very extensive footpath renewals along the Marina and these works will continue until September.

Resurfacing of the roadway is not included in the current programme but can be considered for the 2008 Roadworks Programme.

3.2 **DRAINS AT THE CONNOLLY PARK AND CONNOLLY ROAD JUNCTION**

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

What steps are being taken by Cork City Council to rectify the on-going problem with the drains at the junction of Connolly Park and Connolly Road.

Complaints were received that the public sewer was blocked at the junction of Connolly Park and Connolly Road and impacting on private drains. On investigation it was found that the sewer was flowing free and that the problem was on the common drain.

While these houses were formerly in City Council ownership, all served by the common drain are now privately owned. Responsibility for maintenance and repair of the drain therefore rests with the householders.

To ensure the best possible flow the Drainage Section of Cork City Council cleaned the public sewerage in the area on the 5th and 6th of September 2007.

3.3 **WASTE MATTER FLOWING INTO THE CURRAHEEN RIVER**

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

In relation to the waste matter flowing into the Curraheen River aka “The Green River” would the Manager please advise us as to:

The source of the waste matter.

The steps Cork City Council are taking to rectify the matter.

The steps Cork City Council intend to take to ensure that such a discharge into the river will not reoccur in the future.

If the discharge was a danger to the public who use the public walkway through which the waste matter was flowing.

If the discharge was likely to cause short, or long term damage to the environment.

The above question relates to an incident investigated by the Environment pollution and Drainage Section on foot of complaints regarding spillages to the walkway and Curraheen River in the vicinity of Eden Hall Tennis Village in July 2007. A large number of Cross connections had taken place within the development resulting in foul discharges through to the storm outfall pipe.

The property owner was informed of his obligations under the Water Pollution Act. A bung was installed by Cork City Council Drainage Section upstream of the outfall to prevent further pollution of the river until all the cross connection issues were resolved. These were rectified and the storm outfall reverted to the intended use for rainwater only.

The outfall is being monitored and any further complaints will be dealt with through legislative methods.

Any danger to health has been remediated and cleaned away.

The discharge while occurring would have caused deterioration in the quality of water in the river. However, once the discharge was stopped, and the ecosystem given a period of time to adjust, it should have no long term effect.

3.4 **REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

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

Will the Manager inform Council why so much repair and maintenance work appears to be necessary on an on-going basis in The Jack Lynch Tunnel?

The work going on at present in the Jack Lynch Tunnel is the repair caused by an Overhead Vehicle Accident. Normal maintenance procedures for the tunnel take place on 2 nights every 3 months. This is regular maintenance to ensure that all systems in the tunnel are in order.

3.5 **NORTH WEST REGIONAL PARK, NASH'S BOREEN**

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

North West Regional Park for Nash's Boreen

Can the Manager inform me:

- a) When will work commence on the North West Regional Park on the proposed 100 acres of land bounded by Kilmore Road and Nash's Boreen and
- b) How advance are the plans to ensure that Section 8.76 of the City Development Plan is implemented, and
- c) In the interim period will the Manager ensure that the Nash's Boreen is cleared of any rubbish and rubble so that people can walk in a safe and healthy environment along this historical walk of the city.?

The City Council has for some time recognised the need for one large park/amenity area in the North West of the city. This need arises from the Council's own awareness of a short-fall in passive and active recreation facilities in the North West of the City, and the findings of two City Recreation Needs Studies undertaken in 1997 and 2003. Both studies recommended the provision of a major park/amenity that would provide a suite of sport pitches, pitch and putt, play areas, pavilion, amenity walks and passive open areas for forestry planting etc.

The Council in the late 1990's identified an area of land (approx. 100 acres) situated between Kilmore Heights and Nash's Boreen. Approximately 10 acres is situated within the City Boundary and is used as playing pitches, although poor quality. The remaining area (approx. 90 acres) is situated within the County Council and in two holdings, Duggan's Farm and Croppy Boy Farm. The County Zoning at the time was for agricultural use.

In early 2002, the City Council made representation to the County Council to have the 90 acres in their jurisdiction zoned for Sport and Recreation. The initial Draft County Development Plan supported the City's representation and zoned the entire 90 acres for Sport and Recreation. However, subsequent Drafts of the County Plan zoned 30 acres of the most level land suitable for sports pitches for affordable housing.

The City Council made strong representation in late 2002 to have these 30 acres rezoned for Sport and Recreation. However, the County were of the view that affordable housing was the most appropriate use for these lands and rejected the City Council's submission.

The final zoning for the lands in the Cork County Development Plan 2003 was that the 30 acres would remain for affordable housing and the remaining 60 acres in the County for Sport, Recreation and Amenity Walks.

Given that the lands identified by the Council in 1999 were in private ownership and not immediately available and, the subsequent issues and delays in relation to zoning the lands, the Council decided to proceed with the development of a series of local parks in the North West to address in some way the serious short-fall of outdoor amenities.

Two local enclosed parks, Kilmore Park and Pophams Park were completed in 2006 and included the provision of perimeter railings, play grounds, Multi-User Games Areas, footpaths, park furniture etc. Work's on a third local park at Bridevalley, Fairhill are due to start October/November 2007 and the Park is scheduled to open Autumn 2008.

These significant amenity developments have addressed some of the short-fall for Recreation, Amenity Facilities in North-West. However, there is still a major need for a suite of 6-8 sports pitches with pavilion, amenity walk similar to The Glen Walk, Mahon/Rochestown Walk and Curraheen Walk, Pitch & Putt/Par 3 Golf Course, passive areas for planting etc.

Summary

	Acres
Area located in County Council area	90
Cork County Council zoned for Sports & Recreation	60
Area being used for Affordable housing	30
Area sufficient for a regional park	70
Cork City Council owns	10

As regards the 60 acres in the County Council area zoned for Sports & Recreation, two Landowners are involved.

The City Council are endeavouring to acquire these lands by agreement or in the absence of agreement by C.P.O.

The area of Nashs Boreen which lies within Cork City Councils administrative area is cleaned from time to time in a joint operation with the Housing and Recreation and Amenity Directorates. It will be inspected again shortly and cleaned if necessary. It should be noted that the major part of Nashs Boreen is in Cork County Councils administrative area.

3.6 FIBRE OPTIC CABLE NETWORK

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

Following the installation of the fibre optic cable network - request the Manager to explain in detail who is using this infrastructure, and for what purposes?

The Cork Broadband Network was put in place during 2003 and 2004. It was funded 90% by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. The network was completed in early 2004.

A company called E-Net Ltd. were awarded the contract to maintain and operate the system over the next 12 years. It is also their responsibility to advertise and maximise the number of telecommunication companies using the network. E-Net are in fact the wholesalers of the network to telecommunications companies. Telecommunication companies pursue their own customer base whether companies or individuals.

At present the main telecom companies using the network are:

1. Smart
2. Complete Telecom
3. Verizon
4. Chorus/UPC
5. TCSI
6. Strencom
7. Colt
8. Magnet
9. HEAnet
10. Vodafone
11. O2
12. Rapid Broadband
13. Cable and Wireless
14. AT&T
15. ESBT

Each of these companies have a large number of private customers covering the entire city area. The broadband network is used by both companies and individuals as a communication and information facility.

3.7 **EXTEND DISC – PARKING ZONES IN CORK SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

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

To ask the Manager please to provide Council with information regarding what plans are in place to extend disc-parking zones in Cork South Central Ward? In his response will he please provide information concerning the following points.

- a) Where will the disc parking extend as far as in the Cork South Central Ward?
- b) When does he envisage this action being implemented?

The current Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme is due to be completed at the end of this year. In the Cork South Central Ward, the scheme extends southwards as far as and including Pearse Road.

Not all the roads within the DPZ will have pay parking controls. It is only in those areas that suffer from commuter parking, etc. and where residents request it that the controls are introduced. Requests for pay parking controls usually come directly from the residents or via Council Members, and extensive consultation with the local residents are carried out before the parking controls are implemented on the ground.

Areas that do not suffer from parking problems generally will not have parking controls introduced because, while pay parking controls will eliminate the nuisance of commuter parking, it can have dis-benefits of friends and visitors being required to display parking discs during parking control periods. In this context, many residents of roads north of Pearse Road and within the DPZ have either refused or not requested parking controls in their area.

A new scheme for a further extension of the DPZ in the City will be forwarded to Council for approval next year. All submissions and suggestions for the scheme will be taken on board when the scheme is being drawn up.

3.8 **30 KMH SPEED LIMIT IN PARTS OF THE CITY**

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

Are there any plans to introduce a 30 kmh speed limit in parts of the City Centre?

New bye-laws are being drawn up in order to rationalise the speed limits in the City. The opportunity is being taken to incorporate proposals in the draft bye-laws to introduce a 30 km/h (30kph) speed limit in the City Centre.

The areas envisaged include the refurbished and upgraded St. Patrick's Street, Oliver Plunkett Street, Grand Parade, North Main Street and streets in between. The objective is to create a 30 kph zone in the City Centre to optimize the benefits of the huge roads infrastructure investment and to create a more pleasant and attractive area for people to visit, shop and do business in, etc

The making of the bye-laws involves a public consultation process, consultation with the Gardaí and written permission from the NRA where national roads are involved (e.g. St. Patrick's Street). A report on this process will be submitted to Council when the draft bye-laws are being submitted for approval.

3.9 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANT**

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

- (A) How many applicants for the Cork City Council's Disabled Persons Grant are awaiting assessment by an Occupational Therapist?
- (B) What is the waiting period?
- (C) How many applicants opted for a private assessment in 2006/7?
- (D) Does Cork City Council intend to employ/engage extra Occupational Therapists in the near future?

- (A) 181
- (B) 4 weeks
- (C) 2006 – 42 applicants. 2007 – 19 applicants
- (D) Cork City Council has advertised for additional services and has engaged a further two Occupational Therapists.

3.10 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ARDCAIRN, CHURCHYARD LANE**

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

To outline the present position in relation to the Taking in Charge of Ardcairn, Churchyard Lane, Cork, and to instruct the developer to landscape the green area, and in the meantime, direct the chief litter warden to investigate the illegal dumping presently taking place, with a view to issuing prosecutions?

The Agent for the Developer of Ardcairn, Churchyard Lane, confirmed to the Planning Department in early 2007 that all outstanding works had been completed with the exception of some re-seeding which would be carried out at the appropriate time later in the year. The relevant Departments are re-checking the Water, Drainage, Public lighting and Roads / footpaths and reports are awaited. Recreation & Amenity are currently in contact with the Developer regarding the landscaping issue. We anticipate that these aspects will be completed in the coming weeks.

The area will be inspected and if any evidence is found from material visible from a public place, proceedings will be issued under the 1997 to 2003 Litter Pollution Acts. Proceedings may also be taken if any of the local residents can identify who is carrying out the dumping and are prepared to act as witnesses in any court proceedings under the Litter pollution Acts.

4. **FUNDING FOR IRISH CONTINGENT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell An Chomhairle approved the provision of €6,000 to host a reception for the Irish contingent at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games to be held in Shanghai in October 2007.

5. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

5.1 An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- Bruac (Community Training Centre for Cork City girls who are unemployed and homeless) to mark their 30th Anniversary.
- Stephen Comerford (brother of the late Gary Comerford) who raised a lot of money to buy defibrillators for a number of sporting clubs and as a result this has saved the lives of 9 people.

6. **SECTION 19 (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – CASUAL VACANCIES**

6.1 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/ COMMITTEES – COMHAIRLEOIR D. CLUNE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to the Cork City Enterprise Board arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Clune. Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir T. Brosnan seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle to the Cork City Enterprise Board.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir L. McGonigle appointed to the Cork City Enterprise Board.

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to Leisureworld Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Clune. Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir T. Brosnan seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham to Leisureworld Committee.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. -(21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O' Leary, F. Kerins. -(5)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham appointed to Leisureworld Committee.

6.2 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to the Planning & Development Functional Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Cregan.

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed and Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir J. Corr to the Planning & Development Functional Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir J. Corr appointed to the Planning & Development Functional Committee.

6.3 **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to the Environment Functional Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Corr.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir D. Cregan to the Environment Functional Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir D. Cregan appointed to the Environment Functional Committee.

7. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE -**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of Chair of the Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir D. Murphy as Chair of the Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir D. Murphy appointed as Chair to the Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 3rd AUGUST 2007**

8.1 **TOWARDS 2016 – TEN YEAR FRAMEWORK SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2006-2015. IMPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING POLICY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 27th July 2007 on Towards 2016 – Ten Year Framework Social Partnership Agreement 2006 – 2015 Implications for Housing Policy.

8.2 **ADHOC SCHEMES FOR HOME REPAIRS FOR THE ELDERLY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 27th July 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council calls for the replacement of the adhoc schemes for home repairs for the elderly with a flexible scheme administered through the local authorities in consultation with the HSE.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/149)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the schemes currently in place are outlined briefly as follows:

“Special Housing Aid for the Elderly”: This has been in operation since the 1980’s and is now administered by the Health Services Executive (formerly by the local Health Boards). The Scheme is intended to make basic improvements and to prolong the life of houses occupied by elderly persons, thus prolonging independent living and avoiding for as long as possible the need for institutional accommodation. The Scheme is handled by the HSE because of the strong health and welfare dimension and because of their contact with and knowledge of the conditions and circumstances of elderly people. This scheme is intended to be administered with flexibility and a minimum of formality.

It should be noted that a review in November 2000 of the operation and Value for Money of the scheme by the Comptroller and Auditor General office concluded, inter alia, that *“notwithstanding the problems identified, the scheme is implemented effectively by most health boards at local level and is valued by them as an effective tool in dealing with cases where an elderly person would otherwise need to be placed in an institution.”*

“Disabled Persons Grants”: This Scheme is administered by Cork City Council, and provides for modifications and improvements to address the needs of disabled persons. In many cases the needs being addressed derive from conditions and disabilities brought on by age. The scheme operates by way of grants to

private householders and to Cork City Council tenants. In the latter case, the works are organised by Cork City Council using specialist contractors.

“Downsizing Scheme”: Whilst not intended for home repairs, this Scheme was put in place and is being promoted by the City Council with the objective of providing a more suitable accommodation option for elderly persons who are living in “over-sized” accommodation, which in many cases would otherwise be in need of repair, adaptation or modification.

It can be seen from the above that the Schemes currently being operated are targeted initiatives aimed at addressing particular housing needs of elderly persons. The current division of responsibility reflects the underlying emphasis and intent of the individual schemes. The assignment of responsibility between Central / Local Government and/or the Health Authorities for the various schemes is essentially a matter of Government policy. A review of the different schemes is likely to form part of a larger Departmental policy review currently being undertaken of housing issues affecting elderly persons.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2007**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the months of July and August 2007.

9.2 **HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th August, 2007 on the Housing Construction Programme. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that in accordance with S.106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €25m towards the funding of a land acquisition programme for housing construction and the acquisition of housing units to meet social housing demand. Borrowing to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government”.

9.3 **ACQUISITION OF HOUSES AT ARD NA RI, BANDUFF**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th August, 2007 on the acquisition of 40 no. dwellinghouses at Ard Na Ri, Banduff, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** that in accordance with Local Government (No.2) Act, 1960, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €12,800,000 to cover all costs associated with the acquisition of 40 no. dwelling houses at Ard Na Ri, Banduff, Cork.

9.4 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE-PROVISION OF MORTGAGE FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th August, 2007 on the provision of mortgage facilities under the Affordable Housing Initiative.

9.5 **PROPERTY AT 22, PARK OWEN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th August, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘When will number 22 Park Owen be refurbished and ready for allocation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/344)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this property had been fire damaged and had been under repair for some time. Repairs are now completed and the property is currently under offer to a prospective tenant.

9.6 **FENCING IN HOUSING STOCK IN GURRANABRAHER, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th August, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council survey the fencing that divides the pathways in its housing stock in Gurrabraher, Farranree as in many areas it is in a poor and dangerous condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/196)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the condition of garden fencing is already included in the survey of Housing stock which is carried out on a continuous basis. Any repair items which are considered to be dangerous are dealt with under response maintenance, as the particular situation demands.

Data obtained from the stock survey is used to identify Planned Maintenance priorities. In recent years priority has been given to replacement windows and doors, within the overall budget allocation for Planned Maintenance.

9.7 **REPLACEMENT FENCING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th August, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That money be set aside in the 2008 Budget to start a replacement fencing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/197)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the condition of garden fencing is already included in the survey of Housing stock which is carried out on a continuous basis. Any repair items which are considered to be dangerous are dealt with under response maintenance, as the particular situation demands.

A Planned Maintenance Programme for replacement fencing will be put in place however the majority of resources allocated will be utilised for replacement windows, doors, fascia & soffit etc.

9.8 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

Property Disposal

- a) Disposal of property at No. 280, Blarney Street, Cork, to Pat McSweeney, c/o Joyce & Co., Solicitors, No. 9, Washington Street West, Cork, for the sum of €130,000.00 plus costs.
- b) Disposal of site at Langford Row, Cork to Brendan Flannery, John Casey, Michael Coughlan and Richard Pratt c/o O’Flynn Exhams, Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €15,000 plus costs.
- c) Disposal of the area of land approximately 69.3 m² situated adjacent to No. 69, Silverdale Avenue, Ballinlough, Cork to Helen Cronin, c/o O’Flynn Exhams Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €100.00.
- d) Disposal of Courthouse, Washington Street, Cork to The Courts Service, Phoenix Street North, Smithfield, Dublin 7, for the sum of €28,120,937.35.

- e) Disposal of property approximately 44m² in area situated adjacent to “The Anglers Sports Lounge”, 6, Old Market Place, Cork to Niall and Cora Burns, c/o Fitzgerald, Solicitors, 6, Lapps Quay, Cork, for the sum of €1,500 plus costs of €1,500.
- f) Disposal of site at Crosses Green, Cork, to Charles and Helen McCarthy, Bernard Crowley and Gerald Paul, c/o P.J. O’Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, 73, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €15,000 plus costs.
- g) Disposal of site approximately 407.7m² situated at John Redmond Street Cork to Tom Kyle, c/o Ogeell Limited, Quality Hotel, Shandon, Cork for the sum of €250,000 plus rent of €10 per annum if demanded.

Shared Ownership

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 9, Liffey Park, Mayfield, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 16th December 2005 to Touhidul Islam and Sadia Shahnaz for the sum of €99,026.90.
- b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 13, Farrancleary Place, Blackpool, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 25th October 2005 to Brendan Austin and Gillian Austin (nee O’Brien) for the sum of €134,093.77.
- c) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 89 Lower Kent Road, Ballyphehane, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 8th of November 1996 to Derek Galvin & Elmar Galvin for the sum of €53,674.24.
- d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 99, Ballinderry Park, Mayfield, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 20th December 2005 to Niamh Rall and Anthony Corbett for the sum of €114,743.76.

Fee Simple

- a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises known as No. 10, Iona Road (Site A1), Mayfield, Cork to Sean Crowley for the sum of €127.00 together with costs in the sum of €50.00.
- b) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises known as “Ardcarrig”, No. 2, Clifton Avenue, Montenotte, Cork to Patricia O’Sullivan for the sum of €50.80 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

10. *ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2007*

10.1 CORK CITY CAR SHARING FEASIBILITY STUDY

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, regarding Cork City Car Sharing Feasibility Study.

10.2 **DISCUSSION PAPER ON DISC PARKING SYSTEM INCLUDING PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That in some areas of the city (to be discussed at the Roads Committee), Parking Permits may be allowed for Commercial Premises.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 05/42)

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

Section 6: Special Permits for Commercial Premises

It is not proposed to introduce a system of permits for commercial premises within the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) for the following reasons:

- The DPZ now covers a major portion of the City and includes a large number of small, medium and large commercial premises (e.g. Wilton Shopping Centre is within the DPZ). The issuing of permits to owners/workers in these businesses would quickly flood the residential area of the DPZ with parking cars, with the resultant serious associated problems for local residents.
- Any attempt to restrict these permits to certain sized commercial premises in particular areas would be very cumbersome and most likely, impossible to implement.

10.3 **BYPAD REPORT PRESENTATION**

An Chomhairle approved the synopsis report of A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August 2007 on the presentation from Mr. Damien O’Tuama, Colin Buchanon and Associates and a full copy of the Bypad report, circulated to the committee at a previous meeting.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2007**

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended August, 2007.

11.2 **NEW CONTRA FLOW BUSLANE ON CAMDEN QUAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August, 2007, regarding the New Contra Flow Buslane on Camden Quay.

11.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 91/94 CURRAHEEN DRIVE, CURRAHEEN ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August, 2007, regarding the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at 91/94 Curraheen Drive, Curraheen Estate, Bishopstown, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“ Now Council here **RESOLVES THAT**

The existing pedestrian laneway between No. 91/No. 92 Curraheen Drive and No. 88/No. 94 Curraheen Drive, from the projection of the western boundary at No. 94 Curraheen Drive in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 26 metres to the projection of the eastern boundary of No. 91 Curraheen Drive, shall be extinguished forthwith

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form Of Order “

11.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 47/58 CURRAHEEN DRIVE, CURRAHEEN ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August, 2007, regarding the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at 47/58 Curraheen Drive, Curraheen Estate, Bishopstown, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“ Now Council here **RESOLVES THAT**

The existing pedestrian laneway between No. 47 and No. 58 Curraheen Drive, from the projection of the northern boundary at No. 58 Curraheen Drive in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 15 metres to the projection of the southern boundary of No. 58 Curraheen Drive, shall be extinguished forthwith

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form Of Order “

11.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT CURRAHEEN DRIVE/CURRAHEEN LAWN, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August, 2007, regarding the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Curraheen Drive, Curraheen Lawn, Bishopstown, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“ Now Council here **RESOLVES THAT**

The existing pedestrian laneway between No. 1 Curraheen Drive and No. 24/No 26 Curraheen Lawn, from the rear of the footpath between No. 1 Curraheen Drive and No. 26 Curraheen Lawn, in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 25 metres to the projection of the western boundary of No. 1 Curraheen Drive, shall be extinguished forthwith

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form Of Order “

11.6 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 78/94/95/96 CURRAHEEN DRIVE, CURRAHEEN ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager dated 30th August, 2007, regarding the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at 78/94/95/96 Curraheen Drive, Curraheen Estate, Bishopstown, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“ Now Council here **RESOLVES THAT**

The existing pedestrian laneway between No.94 and No.95 Curraheen Drive, from the projection of the eastern boundary at No.94 Curraheen Drive in an westerly direction for a distance of approximately 14 metres and between No.78 Curraheen Drive and No.94 Curraheen Drive along the rear of No.95 and No.96 Curraheen Drive, from the projection of the southern boundary at No.78 Curraheen Drive in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 30 metres to the projection of the northern boundary at No.78 Curraheen Drive, shall be extinguished forthwith

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form Of Order “

11.7 **BOSTON PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Boston Park be included in the footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/342)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Boston Park will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 footpath renewal programme.

11.8 **EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths between 1 and 7, 2 and 8 and 14 to 26 Edward Walsh Road be included in the footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/343)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths between 1 and 7, 2 and 8 and 14 to 26 Edward Walsh Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 footpath renewal programme.

11.9 **INCLUDE HILL LANE IN THE 2007 LANE CLOSURE PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would include the closure of Hill Lane off Dominic Street in its 2007 Lane Closure Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/195)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that the 2007 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a meeting in early 2007. Whereas Hill Lane was included in the list of locations for requested works, it was not prioritised for attention in the 2007 programme. Hill Lane will again be included in the list of locations to be considered for the next programme and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

11.10 **ROAD STRIPS – ESTUARY DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That road strips would be put in place at Estuary Drive to slow down traffic going through this busy stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 07/222)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Estuary 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. It should be noted that road strips or rumble strips have proven to be ineffective in the past and they also have associated noise implications for local residents.

11.11 **SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC – RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That measures would be taken to slow down traffic on Ringmahon Road, (near Delwood Grove) as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 07/223)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Ringmahon Road 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. It should be noted that Ringmahon Road is a local distributor road and the range of traffic calming measures appropriate to it is very limited.

11.12 **RESURFACE THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF HOUSES 77-99 IN LIAM HEALY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the square in Liam Healy Road in front of houses 77-99 on the Fairhill side would be resurfaced as a matter of urgency as it is in an appalling condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 07/239)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Additional parking is being provided here under the Northside Environmental Enhancement Scheme and the treatment of the remaining area will be examined in conjunction with this.

11.13 **REPAIR THE FOOTPATHS AND STEPS ON BAKERS HILL/BAKERS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpaths and steps on Bakers Hill/ Bakers Road from the junction of Blarney Road up to the entrance of Gurranabraher Garda Station.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/243)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that these footpaths will be put on our Work Programme and all necessary remedial works will be carried out.

11.14 **LOUGH VIEW TERRACE BE INCLUDED IN THE 2008 RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Lough View Terrace be included in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme as the road is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/246)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Lough View Terrace will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

11.15 **PARKING PERMITS FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN APARTMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would review its policy in relation to the granting of parking permits to people living in apartments with off street parking facilities in order to facilitate people who were residing there prior to the Council’s decision not to grant permits to residents of these complexes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/247)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that the main reasons why there are restrictions on the issuing of resident parking permits are:

1. To prevent abuse of the scarce number of the on-street spaces in the City Centre where owners or tenants in apartment blocks rent out the private off-street spaces, and use is then made of the resident permit parking system.
2. To maintain a reasonable supply of on-street spaces particularly in the City Centre for residents of houses and flats, and for the use by shoppers, visitors, etc. (In some zones the potential number of resident permits could be in excess of the number of available on-street spaces.)

However, it is recognised that there are some hardship cases, where residents of apartments who had permits prior to the new policy adopted by Council, are now faced with a difficulty that spaces associated with the apartment block had been allocated elsewhere and the residents now have no access to off-street parking. In order to remedy this situation it is recommended that all holders of parking permits prior to the new policy, which was adopted in 2004, should now be entitled to the renewal of these permits.

Residents of apartment blocks who moved in after March 2004 would have been made aware of the new policy and therefore cannot be entitled to residents’ permits.

11.16 **WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN DOUGLAS HALL LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the following works be carried out in Douglas Hall Lawn:-

1. Resurface of the Road Carriageway
2. Repair of damaged footpath
3. Installation of additional storm drains

4. Upgrading of the public lighting network
5. The much promised plinth and bollard on the Well Road end of the Postman's Wall be installed.
6. A traffic survey be carried out to establish the speed and volume of traffic using the park with a view to upgrading traffic calming measures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/253)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that:-

1. We will consider the carriageway at Douglas Hall Lawn for inclusion in the 2008 resurfacing programme.
2. We will consider the footpath at Douglas Hall Lawn for inclusion in the 2008 roads programme. In the meantime, localised repairs will be carried out where necessary.
3. We are not aware of any major problems in the storm water system at Douglas Hall Lawn. We will inspect it and carry out any works considered necessary.
4. The public lighting at Douglas Hall Lawn will be assessed and measures necessary to improve and upgrade the lighting quality will be identified. These measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 roads programme.
5. We will carry out works at the Well Road end of Postman's Walk to enhance the safety of those using it.
6. Douglas Hall Lawn 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.

11.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT WOLFE TONE ST. AND CATHEDRAL ROAD AND SUN VALLEY DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'Council resolves to calm traffic at the section of Wolfe Tone Street between Cathedral Road and Sun Valley Drive by constructing ramps and taking any other necessary traffic calming measures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/264)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Wolfe Tone 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.

11.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT KNOCKPOGUE AVE. AND FAIRFIELD ROAD JUNCTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to install traffic calming measures and a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/266)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that a pedestrian crossing can only be provided some distance from a road junction for road safety reasons. In order to provide pedestrian facilities at the junction of Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Road a full set of traffic signals would have to be installed. This junction is on the Bus no.3 Green Route and the current proposals do not include traffic signals at this junction. Signals however, are proposed for the nearby junction of Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Avenue. It therefore would not make sense to have traffic signals at two adjacent junctions.

The Green Route proposals for Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Road junction include a new alignment and improved road markings, and these measures will improve the road safety at the junction and improve the pedestrian facilities there. The situation at the junction will be reviewed on completion of the current proposals under the Green Route project.

11.19 **SPEED RAMPS AT LAUREL RIDGE, BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place speed ramps in Laurel Ridge, Blarney Road as requested by the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/245)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Laurel Ridge 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.

11.20 **BARRACK STREET BE CONSIDERED FOR A MAJOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Barrack Street be considered for a major urban renewal project similar to the excellent renewal programme carried out on Shandon Street in recent years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/257)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Barrack Street will be considered for renewal as soon as appropriate funding is made available.

11.21 **RAISE/REPAIR FOOTPATH – MELBOURN/MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To ensure the safety of pedestrians, I propose that Cork City Council would raise and repair the footpath from the junction of Melbourn/Model Farm Road to the boundary of the former Tennis Village site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/276)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that we will include the footpath on Model Farm Road at the above location for consideration in next year’s footpath renewal scheme.

11.22 **RESURFACE – COURTOWN DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that Cork City Council would resurface Courtown Drive due to the large number of potholes in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/277)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that Courtown Drive will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime any remedial works considered necessary will be carried out.

11.23 **BOLLARDS – GURRANABRAHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would locate Bollards on the footpath of Gurranaברה Road between Gurranaברה Avenue and Cathedral Road in order to eliminate a dangerous traffic situation in the area and at the same time to allow for those who have driveways.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/278)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be monitored and assessed and bollards will be installed if necessary.

11.24 **ROAD CARRIAGEWAY LAKE LAWN, 2007 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the road carriageway in Lake Lawn, which in poor repair, be included in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/280)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider carriageway in Lake Lawn, for inclusion in next year’s Road Resurfacing Programme.

11.25 **REPLACE BOLLARDS – SHANDON ST., CATTLE MARKET ST.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘With regard to Shandon St., Cattle Market St., Fair St and Friary Place, can the bollards that have been damaged and subsequently removed be replaced in the above mentioned areas. Also can additional bollards be placed where commuters are parking their cars and trucks on footpaths eg. The junction of Friary Place and Shandon St., the junction of Cattle Market St. and Fair St. and immediately below the junction of Church St. and Shandon St.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/290)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that this area will be examined with a view to providing bollards where necessary.

11.26 **ROAD WORKS – NORTHERN CORNER, CONNOLLY PLACE, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the northern corner of Connolly Place, Ballyphehane, will have similar road works carried out as has been put in place in the southern corner in order to facilitate access for local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/292)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that we do not envisage carrying out works at the northern corner of Connolly Place at present. We are open to requests to carry out work here, if it can be justified by the residents.

11.27 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL – PEARSE PLACE, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That this Council carry out footpath renewal for Pearse Place, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 07/296)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that we will consider the footpath at Pearse Place for inclusion in next year's roads programme.

11.28 **RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS – CITY CENTRE APARTMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will continue to provide residents of city-centre apartments who require on street parking, with residential parking permits.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/087)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that, the current Cork City Council policy is that residents of purpose-built apartments, who now apply, do not receive residents' permits. However residents of houses or 'flats', (e.g. people living over the shop who do not have off street parking) are eligible for permits. This is in line with practice in most other Irish cities.

The purpose of the policy is:

1. To prevent abuse of the scarce number of the on-street spaces in the City Centre where owners or tenants in apartment blocks rent out the private off-street spaces, and use is then made of the resident permit parking system.
2. To maintain a reasonable supply of on-street spaces particularly in the City Centre for residents of houses and flats, and for the use by shoppers, visitors, etc. (In some zones the potential number of resident permits could be in excess of the number of available on-street spaces.)

However, it is recognised that there are some hardship cases, where residents of apartments who had permits prior to the new policy adopted by Council, are now faced with a difficulty that spaces associated with the apartment block had been allocated elsewhere and the residents now have no access to off-street parking. In order to remedy this situation it is recommended that all holders of parking permits prior to the new policy, which was adopted in 2004, should now be entitled to the renewal of these permits.

Residents of apartment blocks who moved in after March 2004 would have been made aware of the new policy and therefore cannot be entitled to residents' permits.

11.29 **RESURFACE THE LANE BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND CHAPEL GATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would resurface the lane between Meelick Park and Chapel Gate, adjacent to Leeds pitch, in order to improve security for the residents living nearby, as stones from the loose surface are being used by youths as missiles for firing at the houses’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 07/176)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that funding has now been made available and this road will be resurfaced this year.

11.30 **STREET LIGHTING – MOUNT SION ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Assistant City Manager, dated 30th August, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Street lighting in the Mount Sion Road area be upgraded.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/216)

The report of the A/Assistant City Manager stated that the public street lighting on Mount Sion Road will be surveyed and measures will be identified to bring the standard of lighting to acceptable modern levels. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 roads programme.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

13. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

13.1 **SLIABH LUACHRA SUMMER SCHOOL 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle & T. Fitzgerald at the Sliabh Luachra Summer School 2007 held in the Bruach na Carraige Cultural & Heritage Centre, Rockchapel, Co. Cork on the 6th – 12th August, 2007.

13.2 **THE PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin & D. McCarthy at the Parnell Summer School 2007 held in Avondale House and Forest Park, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, on the 12th - 17th August, 2007.

13.3 **MERRIMAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, J. Kelleher and T. O'Driscoll at the Merriman Summer School held in Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare on the 19th - 25th August, 2007.

13.4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & THE ARTS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin & B. Bermingham at the Local Government & The Arts Conference held in Dooleys Hotel, Birr, Co. Offaly on the 24th – 26th August, 2007.

13.5 **DEVELOPING LOCAL HERITAGE FOR TOURISM PURPOSES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Developing Local Heritage for Tourism Purposes held in Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry on the 6th & 7th September, 2007.

13.6 **CITY IN MOTION – BERLIN TOWN TWINNING, TRAFFIC, URBAN GROWTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of An tArd Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the City in Motion – Town Twinning, Traffic, Urban Growth to be held in Berlin, Germany on the 19th – 21st September, 2007.

13.7 **RURAL TOURISM 2007 – 2013**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern, C. Clancy & D. McCarthy at the Rural Tourism 2007 – 2013 Conference held in the Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare on the 7th September, 2007.

13.8 **AMAI – ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O'Flynn, T. Brosnan, S. Martin, P. Gosch, L. Kingston, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, F. Dennehy, M. O'Connell at the AMAI – Annual Conference 2007 held in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Co. Wexford on the 13th – 15th September, 2007.

14. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee.

14.1 **YELLOW BOX ON KINSALE ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **FITZGERALD PLACE, OLD BLACKROCK ROAD**

‘That Fitzgerald Place, Old Blackrock Road be immediately investigated with a view to:-

- (a) cutting back the trees up the centre of the Avenue
- (b) prepare the damage to the road resurface, which has been caused by the roots and has left the surface in a very dangerous condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/349)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

14.3 **SURVEY – MOUNT EDEN TERRACE**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/198)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ORCHARD COURT, BLACKPOOL**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/199)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **FIVE YEAR CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

‘That Cork City Council draws up and implements a five year Climate Change Strategy, reviewed every 12 months, to ensure that our forward thinking and dynamic City impacts positively on Climate Change. The first five year strategy will run until the Kyoto deadline of 31st December 2012. That an interdepartmental group involving Management, Councillors and Civic Groups would be established by September 2007 to oversee this motion and its implementation, including a period of public consultation.

The Climate Change Strategy will develop actions in areas including:

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

Transport: To promote various transport alternatives to cars and to take measures to switch Cork City Council vehicles to renewable energy sources.

To engage with public transport providers, including Bus Eireann, and to advance policies which are keeping with this motion.

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

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

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/268)

Corporate Policy Group

14.6 **REGISTERED BUILDERS – DISABLED PERSONS CONVERSIONS**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.7 **FOOTPATH IN VICINITY OF 23 TOWER STREET**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING – WOODVIEW , DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **ROAD RESURFACING – BROWNINGSTOWN EAST**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **3 LOUGH VIEW TERRACE – DERELICT SITE**

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

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

Planning & Development Functional Committee

14.11 **24 HOUR NIGHT PATROL FOR THE SHANDON AREA**

‘Given that Cork County Council are implementing a 24 hour night patrol to prevent flytipping and dumping, can Cork City Council now implement a similar service for the Shandon area in general and in particular: - Hill Lane, Easons Hill, Old Market Place, Shandon St. and Widderings Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/291)

Environment Functional Committee

14.12 **RESURFACE – HOLLYMOUNT, BLARNEY ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON THE ROAD INTO DOUGLAS**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON TOWER STREET**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.18 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON TORY TOP ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.20 **SIGNS FOR CHILDREN CROSSING**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.22 **GARDA VETTING UNIT PRIORITISING PROFESSIONS WITH ONE TO ONE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN**

‘At present the Garda Vetting Unit is prioritising professions where people would have direct one-to-one contact with vulnerable children.

However in today’s world and following the much publicised current case with the Institute of Education in Athlone I believe that it is imperative that we seek further help in protecting the most vulnerable in society.

Currently the Leisureworld sites have on average 20,000 numbers of people using the facilities weekly (five sites in total in Cork City). Within these numbers Leisureworld cater for almost 4,000 children in a variety of activities per week.

I propose that Cork City Council lobby the appropriate authority to ensure our leisure facilities and management are protected with the appropriate support from The Department of Justice.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 07/311)

Joint Policing Committee

14.23 **TWINNING WITH SUNDERLAND**

‘In order to strengthen the close ties and friendship established between Cork and Sunderland since Roy Keane (Freeman of Cork) took over as Manager of Sunderland Football Club. I propose that Cork City Council would begin negotiations with our counterparts in Sunderland with a view to the two cities twinning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/312)

Corporate Policy Group

14.24 **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE FOR FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council would examine the viability of providing a Community/ Health Centre for the Fairhill area. The residents of the area have been campaigning for many years for a Community Centre for the area. Fairhill is the most expanded community in the North Side of the City with no community facilities of its own. This should be seriously addressed in conjunction with the proposed development of a new park in Bridevally Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/314)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

14.25 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.26 **GRADUATE PANEL FOR THE NEXT SENATE ELECTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘This Council submits to the Minister its desire to ensure that all graduates from Irish Educational and Training Institutions at level 7 and above will henceforth be registered and eligible to vote for candidates on one unified panel called “the graduate panel” with the existing number of seats, in the next Senate elections anticipated in 2012 or before.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/317)

14.27 **HIGH QUALITY IMPORTED GOODS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘This Council submits to the Minister the urgent need to establish an inspectorate to enforce the entry into Ireland of the highest quality imported goods.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/318)

14.28 **RAISED ROADWAY AT PARNELL PLACE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.29 **CARPARKING SPACES AT OAKPARK, BALLYVOLANE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.30 **2008 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME – CAHERGAL LAWN & CAHERGAL AVE.**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.31 **CUTBACKS IN THE H.S.E.**

An Chomhairle referred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on Monday 24th September 2007.

‘Cork City Council, opposed to cutbacks in the Health Service, voices its concern at the decision of the HSE to freeze recruitment in the Health Service, a decision which includes a ban on the recruitment of frontline staff.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/323)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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