

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

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair,
subsequently Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. O' Connell in
the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A.
Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P.
Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T.
Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B.
Birmingham.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager & Director of Services
Roads and Transportation
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Mr. Stephen Kearney, Director of Services, Housing &
Community
Mr. J. O' Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. P. Hourihan, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle that he was giving notice to the
Party Whips that he would be proposing to confer the Freedom of the City on
Michael Flatley.

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

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

- The Creedon Family on the death of David Creedon

- The McCarthy Family on the death of Charlie McCarthy
- Kathleen O' Keeffe on the death of Tom O' Keeffe
- The Fitton Family on the death of Maura Fitton
- The Aiken Family on the death of Jim Aiken
- The Henry Family on the death of Aidan Henry
- Mary Fay & Family on the death of Henry Fay
- The Crean Family on the death of Maurice Crean
- The O' Mahony Family on the death of Mrs. O' Mahony
- The Kearney Family on the death of Professor Kearney

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the City of Cork VEC on winning the Vocational Schools All Ireland Hurling title.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle agreed that item 9.4 on Extra All Weather Pitches – Sam Allen Sports Complex in the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th February, 2007 be amended to read that An Chomhairle rejected the report of the Director of Services dated 15th February, 2007.

The amended minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th February, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **GREENHILLS ESTATE – FLOODING**

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

A number of residents in Greenhills Estate experienced severe flooding in their back gardens in the period leading up to Christmas.

Could the Manager outline the source of the problem and what steps were taken to remedy the situation?

Two instances of flooding were reported in Greenhills Estate in November on the 3rd & 17th respectively. A sample was taken from the first property on the date reported, and on laboratory analysis it was determined to be rainwater. (not potable water or sewerage). It was concluded that the flooding was most likely due to a naturally high water table due to a particularly wet winter. The public sewerage system was inspected as an additional precaution and was in order.

Following the 2nd report of flooding the property owner was informed of the adjacent situation and conclusion. Due to the continuation of the problem further investigations were carried out in January 2007 by both the Drainage and Water Sections of Cork City Council, including inspections of adjacent premises, drains and sewers, testing of watermains, public and private, review of water meters and additional water sampling.

27th Cork City Council determined that this flooding was due to a leak from an unmetered private firemain. This was repaired immediately by the owner on January. Cork City Council demonstrated that no public watermain or public sewer exacerbated the flooding of property in the area. Cork City Council does not have responsibility for the maintenance of private firemain.

3.2 **LIST OF CONTRACTORS WORKING ON SUNVALLEY DRIVE**

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

Can the Manager please give me a list of contractors, including sub-contractors, working on the Sunvalley Drive refurbishment project. Can he also show me proof that all contractors and sub-contractors are compliant with the necessary legislation?

Main Contractor : J.F. Supple & Co.

Sub Contractors : Alu Fit (Guttering)
 Donovan Access (Scaffolding)
 Martin Donnelly (Ground Works)
 Michael Harrington (Labour)
 ICDS (Labour)
 McAllen Construction (Mason)
 McDonnell Piling (Foundations & Groundworks)
 MCM (Security)
 ER Engineering (Steel Fabrication)
 Foldee Construction (Concrete Works)
 FRS Fencing (Cladding)
 Munster Joinery (Windows & Doors)
 O'Neill Electrical (Electrical Services)
 Radon Ireland (Radon Gas Proofing)
 Sidney McElhinney Ceilings Ltd (Sto System

Installation)

Cork City Council contract documentation requires that conditions of employment for all employees on sites, whether employed by main contractor or sub contractors, comply with the relevant legislation. Any instances of non compliance that come to light are investigated and appropriate action taken.

3.3 **PREVENTION OF URBAN SPRAWL**

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 the steps he and or Cork City Council will take to prevent urban sprawl in Cork as borne out by Census 2006 which shows the population of Cork City in decline between 2002 and 2006 but that there

was huge population growth in the regions on the periphery of the City in the county?

It is City Council policy in line with national policy to promote higher density residential development in the City to make more efficient use of land and to take advantage of the critical mass that the city has in terms of jobs, facilities and public transport.

Cork City Council also has integrated policy with Cork County Council such as the Cork Area Strategic Plan, (CASP) and a Joint Housing Strategy, which seeks to address the existing and future housing needs of the city and county, and to guide new development to be focused in sustainable locations which can be served good public transport in Metropolitan Cork.

Docklands area is also targeted as a location for significant future employment and residential development and this will help reverse the population decline in the city.

The City Council has been investing in high quality public realm and amenities in the city in recent years which will help ensure that the City is an attractive, vibrant, safe and enjoyable place to live, with sufficient recreational, community and amenity facilities.

3.4 **LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR TENANTS IN COUNCIL FLATS**

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

To ask the City Manager to inform Council as to whether the Legislative Framework is in place in order for Cork City Council to enable tenants of Council flats to buy their homes?

I am advised by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government that the Attorney General has been requested to draft the necessary legislation to enable tenants of Cork City Council owned flats to purchase their homes.

3.5 **BREAKDOWN OF APPLICANTS – SOCIAL HOUSING LISTS**

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

Can the Manager please provide a breakdown of the 5,700 eligible applicants currently (as of March 1) on the city's social housing lists by category?

The breakdown of approved housing applicants by category is as supplied to the Members at the Housing Functional Meeting on March 5th, 2007, as follows:

| CATEGORY | NUMBER ON LIST |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hostel/Homeless | 524 |
| Travellers | 60 |
| Unfit | 62 |
| Overcrowded | 368 |
| Sharing | 245 |
| Young | 1 |
| Medical or Compassionate | 661 |
| Elderly | 76 |
| Disabled | 27 |
| Financial | 3676 |
| TOTAL | 5700 |

3.6 **BELLS FIELDS – RECREATION AND AMENITY AREA**

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

When will work begin on the development of Bells Field as a Recreation and Amenity area?

- a Bells Field is identified in the Coburgh & Leitrim St Draft Area Action Plan as primary area of open space in need of major improvement and enhancement. It acts as a local park for residents and has the potential to be developed as a high quality Urban Park and Visitor Attraction. Design proposals which may involve a design competition will be finalised by Autumn 2007 and it is anticipated works will commence early 2008.

3.7 **TELE COMMUNICATIONS MAST – RESERVOIR KNOCKNAHEENY**

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 when was the tele communications mast put on top of the reservoir in Knocknaheeny?

- Who are the owners of the mast?
- Was planning permission necessary?
- For what purpose was the mast put up for?
- Was any consideration given to the fears that residents have?

- e. Has any tests been carried out to see if there is any health risk to local residents.

A telecommunications mast was erected and has been in operation at this location since the 1960's. When the watertower was built in circa 1984, the mast was moved on to the watertower itself.

The mast is owned/operated by a company called Arquiva and planning permission was not necessary for its erection. The equipment is used for radio communications. No issues arose in relation to fears of residents. In this regard it is to be noted that the mast relates to radio and radio communications and not mobile phones.

3.8 **PLANNING – QUAYSIDES HORGANS QUAY**

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

Can the Manager please confirm if Cork City Council confirm what the planning position is in relation to quaysides at the eastern end of Horgan's Quay.

Hasn't City Council previously agreed that public access will always assured to the riverside walk amenity?

The quayside at the eastern end of Horgan's Quay is comprised of the public roadway which is owned by the local authority and the campshire which is owned by Cork Harbour Commissioners. It is an objective of the City Plan and North Docks Local Area Plan that the quayside fronting the River Lee be developed as a quayside amenity area, incorporating a public walkway.

3.9 **OVER POSTERING – PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS**

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

To ask the Manager to outline the regulations in relation to postering in advance of the coming General Election and also to outline what actions can be put in place to prevent over-postering and to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists?

Section 19 (1) of the 1997 Litter Pollution Act states "Where any structure or other land door, gate, window, tree, pole or post is in or is visible from a public place, a person who is not the owner, occupier or person in charge thereof shall not –

- (a) exhibit or cause to be exhibited thereon any article or advertisement, or
- (b) carry out or cause to be carried out any defacement thereof by writing or other marks unless the person is authorised in advance to do so in writing by such owner, occupier or person in charge or by or under any enactment."

Section 19 (7) (b) (ii) of the 1997 Litter Pollution Act states “A prosecution shall not be brought in a case in which an offence under this section is alleged to have been committed in relation to an advertisement if the advertisement relates to a presidential election within the meaning of the Presidential Act, 1993, a general election or a bye-election, within the meaning, in each case, of the Electoral Act, 1992, a local election within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1994, a referendum within the meaning of the Referendum Act, 1994, or an election of representatives to the Assembly of the European Communities unless the advertisement has been in position for 7 days or longer after the latest day upon which the poll was taken for the election, bye-election or referendum concerned.”

The erection of election posters is normally carried out without causing any danger to the public. However the City Council at all times reserves the right to remove any posters that are considered to affect the safety of pedestrians or motorists.

All candidates are requested to have regard to the safety of the general public in the erection and maintenance of posters, to ensure that posters are only erected in the context of elections/referenda as detailed above and to ensure that all posters are removed before the 7th day after the date of the poll.

3.10 **GROUP HOUSING SCHEME - MAHON**

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

1. What action the Manager proposes to take against travellers, burning rubbish and other items in the Group Housing Scheme in Mahon.
 2. Following the numerous complaints from local residents and myself, has any monitoring of the Group Housing Scheme taken place.
 3. Are any prosecutions for this activity pending?
1. City Council policy is that any persons identified as being in breach of Waste Management regulations will be prosecuted. Both Environment and Housing Directorates are endeavouring to identify the individuals involved.
 2. Yes. Further monitoring is proposed.
 3. Investigations to identify the individuals involved are continuing. Prosecutions cannot be instigated until positive identification is available.

4. **CORK MARKETING PARTNERSHIP**

(Deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th February, 2007)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll to the Board of the Cork Marketing Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Murphy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle resolved to write to the Cork Marketing Partnership to seek a further member on the Board of the Cork Marketing Partnership.

5. **PORT OF CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher as Director to the Board of the Port of Cork.

6. **RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19TH FEBRUARY 2007**

(Deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th February, 2007)

6.1 **CORK CITY – TOURIST HOT SPOT**

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

‘That Cork City Council, in its drive to create the City as a **“Tourist Hot Spot”** and building on its History, its Historical Buildings and streetscape, noted charm, compactness, Retail, Hotel & B&B Developments, existing Tourist venues and facilities, etc will examine, seek and report on ideas / submissions from its citizens / residents and all interested, in order to plan and execute henceforth, such innovations necessary to attract and hold visitors in the City and Metropolitan Cork.

Suggestion -

That this Council will encourage, initiate and facilitate increased summertime lunch time concerts - Classical, Traditional, Gospel, and others as in demand and in a variety of venues such as Christchurch, Grand Parade, St Peters Church, North Main Street, St Luke's Church in association with Tourist interests. etc

Suggestion

That this Council noting its Festival City image and noting the progress in the development of Cork's School of Music

1. now considers all measures to create and enhance an image of Cork as a premier “Musical City” and
2. will consider and report on constructing a covered plaza fronting Cork's City Hall on Terence MacSwiney quay with a state of the art Band Stand, seating, Lighting etc.

Suggestion

“Often billed as the "crookedest street," “Lombard Street is San Francisco’s - and America's best known crookedest street. The steep, hilly street was created with sharp curves to switchback down the one-way hill past beautiful Victorian mansions. [built with eight switchbacks on a 40-degree slope]”. The street is paved with bricks and is an amazing site to see. Hordes of tourists come every year to see this famous street”

Cork City Council as a project with residents/property owners and its Twinned City San Francisco, will create a like Lombard Street on St. Patrick’s Hill with substantial environmental and amenity enhancements...

- a. Street Paving.
- b. Pedestrian way and seating.
- c. Lighting.
- d. Possible one way vehicle facility southwards, with effective safety measures, and
- e. **Installation of the unique San Francisco's Cable Car** from a suitable location in St. Patrick Street to the summit and return.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/002)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Arts Office already works with a number of groups in the city to encourage them to provide on street entertainment and facilitate their use of the many venues in the city. In 2006 we provided direct support to the African Gospel Choir competition which took place in St. Finbarre’s Cathedral as part of the Midsummer Festival. This event is planned to happen again in 2007.

A Project Grant funding scheme is provided through the Arts Office of €40,000 per annum. Groups can apply for funding for concerts and other events through this scheme. In 2006 a new jazz ensemble was grant aided under the scheme they will perform during the 2007 midsummer festival.

We will continue to explore during 2007 opportunities and methods to increase public performances. A number of the venues mentioned in the motion are currently unsuitable for public use and will need to be assessed for safety prior to any access being provided by Council.

We are in the process of establishing a Festival Forum in the City which will draw together the various festivals, across all of the artistic disciplines so that they might consider ways in which to jointly promote the city and their cultural activities. The additional venue provided by the School of Music will certainly be considered by this group.

With regard to the creation of a Band Stand and seating area, a proposal of this kind would need to be considered in light of longer term traffic and infrastructural redevelopments in the area. It may be that the provision of such a facility could be considered in the context of the redevelopment of the south docklands area.

In relation to Patrick's Hill, the Road Directorate advise that practicality and desirability of doing such a scheme would have to be viewed in the overall context of the scale and character of the City Centre.

7. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 5TH MARCH 2007**

7.1 **PROPOSED DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT (DRT) PILOT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 1st March 2007, on Proposed Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) pilot scheme.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council is currently examining the concept of Demand Responsive Transport Services with the view to implementing a pilot scheme in the north-west quadrant of the city. Briefly, Demand Responsive Transport Services (DRTS) are an intermediate solution to the demands for public transport that lie between regular public transport services and taxi services. They belong to a range of "Intermediate Transport" solutions, which act as an additional complementary layer between conventional (fixed route and schedule based) transport as supplied by Bus Éireann and personal transport such as taxis or the personal car. The DRTS system is a flexible transport system that can be used in areas where the transport demand is weak (for example in rural or peripheral suburban areas). It can also be used where it is not economically sustainable for a transport company to hold a fixed route line and where there are unmet travel demands.

DRT Services usually travel along flexible routes, adapted to the need of customers, who can generally pre-book a place in a vehicle. They often serve dispersed mobility needs, either in off peak periods or where the target users are dispersed among the general population (e.g. the disabled & elderly, students, tourists etc.) In many of the commuter surveys carried out in the Cork region over the past number of years, key factors which deter greater use of public transport are:

- (a) Lack of flexibility and
- (b) Unreliable nature of the existing service.

Unmet demands for public transport exist within communities which affect the quality of life for citizens. Access to work, shopping, social and leisure facilities is limited. Fulfilling these demands falls well within the remit of the Cork Area Strategic Plan in the form of Local Area Transport Plans.

It is in this context that a feasibility study is being undertaken through the EU funded MASCARA project in the north west suburbs of the city. Personnel in the Traffic Division, having met with different focus groups in this area, have concluded that a need may now exist for some form of additional public transport to supplement the service of the national public transport operator.

MASCARA Project:

DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR INCREASING SOCIAL COHESION IN URBAN/RURAL AREAS

The MASCARA Project's main objective is to increase social cohesion in urban and rural areas through the vehicle of Demand Responsive Transport Services.

As lead partner, Cork City Council brought together interested partners from other EU member states to form the Mascara Project:

- Angus Transport Forum in Scotland,
- SITA Suburban Transport Company (Florence) in Italy,
- TAKI Municipal Cooperative Association, Finland,
- Gent University in Belgium
- Porto University in Portugal
- Szechenyi University on behalf of Gyor Municipality, Hungary

MASCARA is a European funded project, under the Interreg IIIC West programme, examining the potential of DRT services and how they can be built into regional transport strategies. It looks to build on best practice in technology, operation and management already established in DRTS in different regions. Three of the partners already provide DRTS and are seeking to pilot and test new

services. Cork and Gyor are undertaking a feasibility study on DRTS and will build on the experience and best practice. To encourage promotion and dissemination of the project proposals, MASCARA has developed a website to be used by the partners, public authorities and DRTS operators. The three transport companies in Angus, Florence and Helsinki already have operational DRT Systems, which they want to see improved and expanded under this programme.

Gyor, like Cork, examined the feasibility of establishing a DRTS service in that City, utilizing the experience of the other cities where such services already exist. The two Universities in Porto and Gent assisted with and coordinated the collection and exchange of information, by organizing training and data analysis respectively and also dissemination of results. So in essence the project proposed to assess the optimal feasibility, implement trials and evaluate the impacts of DRT Systems on mobility, traffic and social cohesion.

This work on MASCARA is now nearing completion. The Feasibility Study Analysis is being carried out under a number of headings including the political, economic, socio-cultural, technological, environmental and legal. Market Research has been carried out on to determine travel demands and patterns.

The feasibility study has examined the options within the service concept setting out the service parameters. Passenger trips would start or end in the core area with semi-fixed routes at peak hours. Booking of a trip could be made up to three hours before travel. Stop arrangements would be at fixed points, but door to door for users with special mobility needs. The proposed hours of service are 07.30 18.30 from Monday to Friday, with the Saturday start an hour later. It is expected that a passenger would not be waiting longer than fifteen minutes.

The next steps are to design an operational model with which the pilot can be tested. To do this a number of options must be examined including vehicle typology, IT tools required, travel reservation process and procurement of the service.

7.2 **REVIEW OF CORK CITY COUNCIL PARKING PERMIT SCHEMES POLICY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 1st March 2007, on the revision to Cork City Council's Parking Permit Schemes Policy.

The report of the Assistant City Manger stated that

Section 1: The Present Resident's Parking Permit Scheme

Cork City Council at present operates a Resident's Parking Permit Scheme as part of the on-street disc parking system in Cork City. The Residents Parking Permit Scheme is provided for in the Cork (County Borough) Disc Parking Areas Bye-Laws, 2005 under the powers granted to Local Authorities in Sections 4(2) and 36 respectively of the Road traffic Act 1994, (No 7 of 1994).

The Resident's Parking Permit Scheme allows for a resident who is the owner of a vehicle and who lives in a disc parking area to apply to Cork City Council for a Parking Permit. The display of a valid resident's parking permit on a vehicle permits the owner of the vehicle to park it without limitation as to time in a disc parking area in the zone to which the permit relates. A resident's parking permit is issued by Cork City Council in respect of one vehicle only of which the resident is now the owner and is valid for a period of one year from the date of application. Any vehicle which is the subject of a residents parking permit must be registered to the applicant at the address for which they are applying for the Resident's Parking Permit. Under the Bye-Laws a resident is defined as the owner of a vehicle which is habitually kept at the address for which they are applying for a permit and whose normal residence is at premises situated in a zone contained in a disc parking area.

The Disc Parking area of the City is currently divided into 31 residents parking zones of between 10-15 streets per zone in the Central Business District and 30-40 in residential areas. All motorists who park in a disc parking area must display a valid Parking Disc or a valid Resident's Parking Permit during the

hours of operation of the parking controls. A Resident's Parking Permit holder can park anywhere in the Resident's Permit Zone to which they have been allocated a permit for. A Resident's Parking Permit does not allow you to park illegally e.g. on a double yellow line, footpaths etc. Currently people visiting residents who live in a disc parking zone must display a valid Parking Disc while doing so, this includes family members living elsewhere who are visiting an occupant of the residence.

Section 2: Particulars of a Resident's Parking Permit

A Resident's Parking Permit is a paper permit which must be attached to the windscreen of the vehicle for which it was issued in a manner in which it can be easily read from outside the vehicle. Each permit includes details of the vehicle as well as a unique number. Cork City Council maintains a database of all permits issued annually.

A valid resident's parking permit contains the following particulars:

- (a) the name of Cork City Council by whom it was issued;
- (b) the make and registration number of the vehicle in respect of which it is issued;
- (c) the date of expiry;
- (d) the zone to which it relates;
- (e) the signature, and the description of the officer of Cork City Council issuing it
- (f) the serial number.
- (g) An anti-forgery Hologram
- (h) A barcode that can be scanned by a Traffic Warden

Section 3: Procedure for applying for a Resident's Permit

As outlined above residents who live in a DPZ must display a valid Residents Parking Permit on their vehicle before they are eligible to park in a DPZ without the necessity to display a valid Parking Disc. A resident who wishes to apply for a residents parking permit must:

- Complete the Application Form
- Supply a copy of the Vehicle Licensing Certificate/Log Book for their vehicle which must be registered to the address for which they are applying for a permit and must be in their name.
- Pay the application Fee of €10
- Complete the declaration on the reverse side of the form fully and get it signed in the presence of a Peace Commissioner/Commissioner for Oaths or Practising Solicitor in Cork City/County (not required if they are on the register of electors)
- Provide a copy of a current domestic utility bill addressed to the applicant at his/her address in the residential parking permit zone to which the resident's parking permit will relate i.e. electricity, gas, landline telephone (in all cases)

- Supply a copy of the insurance certificate for the vehicle for which they are applying for a permit which must be insured to the address for which they are applying for a permit
- Provide a copy of their driving licence (photo ID)
- In the case of a rented property provide a copy of an official Rent Book/Rental Agreement for the property for which they are applying the residents permit.

Where the applicant is resident in a rented housing unit, the applicant must provide evidence that the housing unit is registered with the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Registration of Rented Houses) Regulations, 1996

In Cork City Resident's Parking Permits are issued for a period of one year. It is the responsibility of the motorist who possesses a residents parking permit to renew it annually. It is not desirable to issue residents permits for periods longer than one year and thus Cork City Council does not propose changing this aspect of the permit scheme.

It is proposed as part of this review to replace the present procedures for applicants wishing to renew their existing permits with the following;

- Complete the Application Form
- Pay the application Fee of €10
- Supply a copy of the insurance certificate for the vehicle for which they are applying for a permit which must be insured to the address for which they are applying for a permit
- In the case of a rented property provide a copy of an official Rent Book/Rental Agreement for the property for which they are applying the residents permit.

Provide a copy of a current domestic utility bill addressed to the applicant at his/her address in the residential parking permit zone to which the resident's parking permit will relate i.e. electricity, gas, landline telephone (in all cases)

This should make it significantly easier for existing permit holders to renew their permits.

Section 4: Special Permits for Carers

Cork City Council regularly receives requests to issue Residents' Parking Permits to non resident members of the immediate family of, generally, elderly residents who require daily care. In the case of a resident who requires 'on-going' daily care for a chronic condition, and subject to submission of acceptable evidence in

this regard, a Special Permit for use by a nominated carer or carer(s) that allows parking without payment of any further fee and without being subject to any duration limit is issued. The resident can elect to have a maximum of three registration numbers on the Permit. The vehicles specified in the Permit must belong to the member(s) of the resident's immediate family. For this purpose "immediate family" means a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter,

uncle, aunt, niece or nephew of the resident. The Permit is issued for a maximum of one year and can be renewed. Such a permit could be used by any one of the three nominated carers at any one time but not by all three simultaneously. The annual charge for a Special Permit is the same as the standard charge for a Residents' Parking Permit i.e. €10.

Section 5: Special Permits for Visitors to Resident's Permits Holders

It is proposed that a Visitor's Permit System be introduced in Cork City. Such systems are currently in existence in all four Dublin Local Authorities as well as in Galway City. These permits range in price from €1.20 to €1.50. They are a valid for one days parking.

What is proposed for Cork is as follows

- The permit will be valid for one calendar day
- The permit will be available at €1.50 per permit
- Permits will be sold in books of 10
- A maximum of 50 permits should be available per annum to each address holding a valid Resident's Permit.
- The permit should be of similar appearance to the current parking disc

This proposal should alleviate many concerns that residents have raised pertaining to visitors.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8.00pm and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.30pm.

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5TH MARCH 2007

8.1 MONTHLY REPORT

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

8.2 CAPITAL LOAN & SUBSIDY SCHEME AT WHITE STREET, CORK CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st March 2007 in relation to the approval of a loan facility to Cluid Housing Association in respect of the proposed development of 25 units at White Street, Cork under the Capital Loan & Subsidy scheme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution.

“**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €6,031,481 to be granted to Cluid Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme”.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has approved a funding application under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme of a loan not exceeding €6,031,481 in respect of the construction of a development of 25 housing units at White Street, Cork. The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover costs in providing social housing accommodation.

8.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME AT BUCKLEY’S FIELD, ROPE WALK, BLACKROCK, CORK – SHANBALLY HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st March 2007 in relation to the approval of a loan facility to Shanbally Housing Association in respect of 11 Units at Buckley’s Meadow, Rope Walk, Blackrock, Cork under the Capital Assistance Scheme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution.

“**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €2,070,741 to be granted to Shanbally Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has approved funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme of a loan not exceeding €2,070,741 in respect of the construction of a housing development consisting of 11 housing units at Buckley’s Meadow, Rope Walk, Blackrock, Cork. The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover costs in providing social housing accommodation.

8.4 **REPLACE WINDOWS – ARDCULLEN, HOLLYHILL**

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

‘I propose that Cork City Council would replace all windows in ArdculLEN, Hollyhill as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/011)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a number of houses in ArdculLEN have already had windows replaced in recent years. All of the

remaining houses will be included in the window replacement programme for 2007.

8.5 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Property Disposals:

- (a) Disposal of property situated at Knocknacullen East, Knocknaheeny, Cork, by way of wayleaves to Cork County Council, Paul Duggan, Donal Quirke and Knocknacullen Limited.
- (b) Disposal of Stall 11, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Isabelle Sheridan by way of Lease for an annual rent of €7,000, c/o Sean Durcan, Solicitor, Michael Powell & Co., Solicitors, 5, Lapps Quay, Cork.
- (c) Disposal of Stall No. 11, Princes Street Market, English Market to Tom Durcan by way of Lease for an annual rent of €5,456.28 c/o Sean Durcan, Solicitor, Michael Powell & Co., Solicitors, 5, Lapps Quay, Cork.
- (d) Disposal of Stall 3, Princes Street Market, English Market to Jerry Moynihan by way of Lease for an annual rent of €1,911.68 c/o Brendan Cunningham, Solicitor, McNulty, Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork.
- (e) Disposal of Stall 6, Princes Street Market, English Market to Jerry Moynihan by way of Lease for an annual rent of 4739.40 c/o Brendan Cunningham, Solicitor, McNulty, Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork.
- (f) Disposal of Stall 7, Princes Street Market, English Market to Jerry Moynihan by way of Lease for an annual rent of €1752.36 c/o Brendan Cunningham, Solicitors, McNulty, Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork.
- (g) Disposal of Stall 22, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade Cork to Sheila Fitzpatrick by way of Lease for an annual rent of €4,460.60.
- (h) Disposal of Stall 32, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade to M.K. Cakes Limited having its registered office at Unit 3, Ballycurreen Industrial Estate, Kinsale Road, Cork by way of Lease for an annual rent of €4022.52.

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- (a) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as 13, Wycherley Terrace, College Road, Cork to Colleen Mulcahy, Denis O'Connor and Hugh (otherwise Eugene) O'Connor for the sum of €64.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (b) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as 7, Wycherley Terrace, College Road, Cork to Freda Forrest for the sum of €64.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (c) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as "St Rita's", Wycherley Terrace, College Road, Cork to Rita Mulcahy for the sum of €50.80 plus costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (d) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as "Milverton", Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork to James O'Brien and Valerie O'Brien for the sum of €118.40 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.
- (e) Disposal of Freehold Interest in premises known as "San Marie", Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork to Rosarie Crowley for the sum of €76.16 together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

9. 5TH ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – MARCH 2007

9.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME

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

9.2 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2007

An Chomhairle noted the report of Assistant City Manager dated 1st March, 2007 on the Roadworks Programme 2007.

9.3 INCLUDE RAMPS FOR CAPWELL ROAD IN NEXT YEARS TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 1st March, 2007, which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include ramps for Capwell Road in next years Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/201)

on The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Capwell Road is already 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.

9.4 REPLACE FOOTPATH OUTSIDE 10-25 PATRICK O'DONOGHUE PLACE

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

‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to replace the footpaths outside 10 to 25 Patrick O'Donoghue Place as they are in very bad condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/262)

the The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is intended to replace footways outside 10 to 25 Patrick O'Donoghue Place as part of the 2007 Roads Programme.

9.5 **TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS**

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

‘That Cork City Council would issue temporary parking permits to residents in Disc Parking areas while their applications for permanent permits are being processed as it is entirely unreasonable to expect residents to place disks on their vehicles on an ongoing basis.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/571)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that temporary residents permits, which last for four months, are currently issued to applicants for residents permits to allow for time for production of necessary documentation.

9.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE MARINA**

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

‘That public lighting would be installed on The Marina as to facilitate the public who use this amenity in the evenings for recreation purposes, as I feel this would enhance the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/573)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Public lighting on the Marina will be installed as part of the upgrade of the Marina as proposed in the Blackrock Village Area Action Plan.

9.7 **PUBLIC CROSSING ON THE BLACKROCK ROAD**

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

‘That a public crossing would be installed on the Blackrock Road, to facilitate the residents of Dunraven Downs and the surrounding estates to cross this dangerous stretch of road in safety.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/574)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic and pedestrian counts will be carried out on Blackrock Road in the vicinity of Dunraven Downs to

determine if sufficient warrants exist for a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants are met the provision of the crossing will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

9.8 **ERECTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT NORTH RING ROAD/ PYNES VALLEY JUNCTION**

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

‘That Cork City Council now proceed with the erection of Traffic Lights at the junction of North Ring Road and Pynes Valley in accordance with proper planning and the safety of pedestrians and motorists living in Pynes Valley.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/024)

now The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the erection of the traffic signals at the junction of North Ring Road and Pynes Valley has commenced recently and civil works which include ducting and provision of poles, etc. is proceeding.

9.9 **SPEED RAMPS IN KILBARRY PLACE**

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

‘That Cork City Council would put in place speed control ramps in Kilbarry Place, Farranree, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 07/026)

on The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kilbarry Place is already 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.

9.10 **GREEN AREA AT THE LAWN, TO BE SURFACED TO PROVIDE CAR PARKING**

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

‘That the green area at The Lawn, Redemption Road, be surfaced to provide increased car parking capacity in view of the fact that there is a serious shortage of car park spaces in that area of Redemption Road which is a very busy narrow road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/029)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will investigate the possibility of providing increased car park space at The Lawn on Redemption Road.

9.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON TORY TOP ROAD**

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

Cork City Council will as part of its 2007 roads work programme put in place traffic calming measures on Tory Top Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/031)

on The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Tory Top Road is already the list of 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.

9.12 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GLENHEIGHTS ROAD**

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

‘That a pedestrian crossing is installed on Glenheights Road outside the College Shopping Centre as this is an extremely busy road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 07/034)

counts The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic and pedestrian will be carried out on Glenheights Road to determine if sufficient warrants exist for a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants are met the provision of the crossing will be put forward for consideration to be include in the roads programme.

9.13 **GATES FOR JUNCTION OF MORROUGHS HILL AND BLARNEY ST.**

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

‘That gates be placed at the junction of Morroughs Hill and Blarney St in order to protect the residents against vandalism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/037)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the 2007 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways has recently been agreed by Ward Members. The erection of gates at Morroughs Hill is included in the list of prioritised locations.

9.14 **ANGLESEA PLACE & ANGLESEA TERRACE**

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

‘That Cork City Council include Anglesea Place and Anglesea Terrace in next years road and footpath renewal programme.’

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Anglesea Terrace is not included in the Draft Roadworks Programme for 2007. We will examine the possibility of reallocating funding within the Roads & Transportation Directorate in order to include it in this year’s Programme. Otherwise it will be considered for the 2008 Programme.

9.15 **RESURFACE – DUNMORE GARDENS**

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

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Dunmore Gardens is not included for resurfacing in the Road Works Programme in 2007.
Consideration

for resurfacing will be afforded again at a future time.

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

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we have examined the flooding outside No. 16 & 17 Dunlocha Cottages, Blackrock. We will carry out work here to solve the problem.

9.17 **RAMPS IN KERRY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kerry Road will be added to the list areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.18 **REINSTATE WALLS – KNOCKLAUN**

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that minor remedial works were undertaken here about three to four years ago to repair any plasterwork which was then in an unsafe condition. A recent inspection of the wall has determined that a considerable sum of money is required in order to refurbish the stonework and follow with a new plaster finish. There are no funds available for this work in Roads Maintenance Division's budget allocation for 2007 and consideration should be given for funding in 2008. In the interim we will attend to any minor defects as far as is practicable.

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

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

‘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)

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

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

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that

- a) We will install bollards on Model Farm Road along the southern edge of the Rendezvous Bar Car Park. This will prevent vehicles from driving through the car park and exiting out onto the Model Farm Road.
- b) The junctions of Farranlea Park, Farranlea Grove and Farranlea Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed appropriate, double yellow lines will be placed at the junctions.
- c) It is proposed to carry out remedial works on the damaged ramps within the next month. In the meantime they have been made safe.
- d) We will install bollards on the footway adjacent to ramps on the road are to prevent cars from driving on the footpath.

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

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

‘That Cork City Council carry out an inspection of the 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))

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will investigate the connecting road between Colmcille Avenue and Templeacre Avenue. Any defects arising from heavy vehicle activity on this road will be rectified.

9.22 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION – ROAD RESURFACING**

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is very difficult to give definitive estimates on the cost of carrying out these works for a number of reasons. These are:

- 1) Without detailed design work being carried out for each individual scheme an accurate cost of the works cannot be given at this time. Detailed design work is only carried out on schemes which have been identified in the annual Roadworks Programme
- 2) Additional requests for works are received on a regular basis and thus the list of requests as it exists today will not represent an accurate list for 2008 or 2009 which will also include as of yet unknown requests. As such any estimate based on the list of requests as it exists today would therefore not be accurate going forward as the lists are continuously being added to and updated.
- 3) The conditions of roads deteriorate with time and thus it is difficult to predict in 2007 the probable condition of roads in 2009 as this condition will depend on a number of factors outside the control of the Local Authority. It is possible to produce estimated road conditions in to the future but there is no guarantee that these will be fully accurate in 2009.

Bearing the caveats above in mind Estates roads that might merit resurfacing based on their present condition could be resurfaced in 2008 & 2009 by doubling the annual allocation of €700k but only in the absence of the constraint of spreading the work equally across the wards.

The Traffic and Roads Control Divisions maintain lists of requests for traffic calming, public lighting and laneway closure improvements, received from elected representatives and members of the public. These lists are discussed at Ward Meetings early each year and particular schemes from the lists are selected to become part of the year's roads programme. The number of schemes selected depends on the amount of funds available in any one year.

The lists are continuously being added to and it is impossible to predict which schemes will be selected by the Members in future years. It is also impossible

to estimate the costs of these schemes, as costs can only be determined when detailed designs are done. This particularly applies to public lighting schemes and more and more to traffic calming schemes where other measures other than traffic ramps are becoming more common.

all Accordingly no meaningful estimate can be made in 2007 of the total cost of outstanding schemes for completion before 2009 (Roads Resurfacing, Traffic Calming Measures, Lane Closures or Public Lighting) due to the issues identified above.

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

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

other 'Bearing in mind the speed of some traffic, and the consequent dangers to be motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, that ramps or some form of traffic calming 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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kerry Road and Inis Eoghin Road, Mayfield will be added to the list areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

9.24 **LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM – SOUTHERN SUBURBS**

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

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

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

Cork The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in the preparation of the Area Strategic Plan (CASP) the feasibility of a light rail system for Cork was examined. At the time (in 2000), it was found that the traffic forecasts did not justify the provision of light rail. However the report stated that the CASP

mid-term review should re-examine the issue. This major mid-term review is likely to occur within the next year or so.

In the meantime, CASP stated that all new developments such as new roads, Green Routes etc. should consider the possibility of light rail in the advanced planning of such schemes.

The transport system will be reviewed taking into account the development of the docklands. The feasibility of linking a light rail system to public transport will be considered.

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

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the ESB will immediately be requested to carry out the necessary repairs of the public lighting at Illen Court and Araglen Court, Togher to ensure that the lighting is put back in order as soon as possible.

The Architect’s department will ensure that the minimum amount of disruption to the public lighting will occur during the regeneration projects.

9.26 **TARMAC SURFACING – CLASHDUV PARK**

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

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the perimeter roads around Clashduv Park are:

- 1) Clashduv Road

- 2) Deanrock Avenue and
- 3) Part of Riverview Estate

1 and 2 above were resurfaced in recent years and the surfacing in these areas is adequate.

Most of Riverview Estate bounding Clashduv Park is included in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

We will inspect the roads around Clashduv Park to identify where pedestrians find access to the park difficult in adverse weather conditions. We will carry out any necessary works as a result of this inspection.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

11.1 **CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS – “THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN BUILDING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION**

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

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Colmcille – Winter School – “The Contribution of the G.A.A. To The Sporting and Social Life in Ireland conference held on 23rd – 25th February, 2007 in the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Co. Donegal.

11.3 **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan, D. Counihan, M. O’Connell and D. O’ Flynn at the Association of County & City Councils Annual Conference 2007 held on the 8th – 10th March, 2007 in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

11.4 **ALL CHANGE OR SMALL CHANGE? PART 1: EU FUNDING 2007 – 2013**

All An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan at the Change or Small Change? Part 1: EU Funding 2007 – 2013 conference to be held on the 20th March, 2007 in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

11.5 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, P. Gosch, B. Bermingham, J. Buttimer and D. O' Flynn at the Kerry Environmental Conference to be held on 28th March – 1st April, 2007 in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.

11.6 **LAMA ANNUAL EASTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O' Flynn, J. Kelleher, D. McCarthy, D. Counihan and J. Buttimer at the LAMA Annual Easter Conference to be held on 12th – 13th April, 2007 in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

11.7 **ON MESSAGE: COMMUNICATING THE CAMPAIGN**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, D. Counihan and J. Buttimer at the On Message: Communicating The Campaign conference to be held on 29th March, 2007 in the O' Rahilly Building, Room 2.55, University College Cork.

11.8 **ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy and M. Shields at the Enforcement of Environmental Regulations Conference being held in the Carrigaline Court Hotel on 29th – 30th March 2007.

12. **MOTIONS**

The following motions due notice of which had been given, were referred to the next meeting of the appropriate Committee:

13.1 **CUT BACK THE TREE ON NOONAN'S ROAD**

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

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

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13.2 **CLEAR OUT DRAINS ON GILABBEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council clear out the drains on Gilabbey Road and Gilabbey Terrace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/272)

Environment Functional Committee

13.3 **ANNUAL AWARD SYSTEM**

‘Now that Cork City Council has a Sports Committee in place, I propose that
we

the set up an annual award system to recognize the volunteers whose efforts over years has promoted and nurtured sport in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/063)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.4 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MODEL FARM ROAD

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.5 STOP SIGNS – ASSUMPTION ROAD AND WATERCOURSE ROAD

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 INSTALL CENTRAL HEATING – COURTOWN DRIVE & COURTOWN PARK

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.7 GO-SLOW SIGN – LAUREL RIDGE, BLARNEY ROAD

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 FOOTPATHS – CRICKET CLUB TO MARDYKE

‘That Cork City Council carry out an inspection of the footpaths from the cricket club to the top of the Mardyke to determine what repairs are necessary and

also to decide what constitutes a footpath particularly where large trees are growing and pedestrians have to use the roadway to walk.

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.9 CONSTRUCT A FOOTPATH – SILVERSPRINGS LANE

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.10 CONTINUOUS WHITE LINE – MILITARY HILL & WELLINGTON ROAD

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.11 GREEN STAINING – SCABEG CORNER IN TURNER'S CROSS

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.12 RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS – CITY CENTRE APARTMENTS

'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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.13 UPGRADE – ST JOSEPH’S PARK, BOHERBOY ROAD

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.14 FOOTBRIDGE – BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT

the ‘That Cork City Council would carry out immediate work at the footbridge at
at Bandon Road roundabout. It is in a dangerous condition at present especially
the Dunne’s Stores end. There are ramps on the bridge and all they do is hold
water and when it freezes is very dangerous.’

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.15 PARKING ISSUE – UAM VAR ESTATES & LEESDALE ESTATE

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.16 **WOODLAWN ESTATE**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.17 **RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.19 **LEISURE WORLD STAFF**

‘Council instructs the six members of Council who sit on the Leisureworld board to report to Council within the next month on (a) the wages (b) the overtime rates (c) the trade union representation of the various grades of staff employed at Leisureworld Churchfield and Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/095)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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