

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2007

PRESENT An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.

NORTH EAST Comhairleoirí, M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.

NORTH CENTRAL Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.

NORTH WEST Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald.

SOUTH EAST Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.

SOUTH CENTRAL Comhairleoirí, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan

SOUTH WEST Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.

APOLOGIES Comhairleoir C. O'Connell.

ALSO PRESENT Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Ms. E. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. M. Fanning, 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:-

- Halpin Family on the death of Sergeant Tom Halpin
- Murphy Family on the death of Con Murphy
- O' Connor Family on the death of Ulrick O' Connor
- Hull Family on the death of Margaret Hull

- Edwards Family on the death of Carol Edwards
- Murray Family on the death of Gerry Murray
- Walsh Family & Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald on the death of Richard Walsh
- Cllr. Denis Cregan on the death of Robert Cregan
- Keating Family on the death of Richard Keating
- Brady Family on the death of Mrs. Brady
- Twomey Family on the death of Noel Twomey
- Aikens Family on the death of Michael Aikens
- Mohally Family on the death of Gerry Mohally

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to

- Comhairleoir Con O' Connell to wish him a speedy recovery
- Tony Blair on his forthcoming retirement from politics

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Congratulations to:-

- Cork U21 Football Team on winning the All Ireland Football Championship
- Roy Keane and Sunderland on their promotion to the Premiership
- Cork Camogie team on their success in the National League
- Eoin English and his wife on the birth of their baby
- Avondale United on their victory in the FAI Intermediate Cup

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23rd April 2007 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **OPERATION OF FUN FAIRS IN THE CITY**

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

To ask the City Manager in relation to the operation of Fun Fairs in Cork City:

1. Does the owner of Fun Fairs have to apply for a licence to operate in Cork City, if so to who?
2. Does Cork City Council carry out a safety audit of Fun Fairs being run in the city?

3. Who is responsible for the regulation and policing of Fun Fairs in Cork City and who is responsible for the health & safety of the public?
4. Did Funderland Fun Fair apply for a licence to operate in Cork City and did Cork City or the HSA carry out a safety audit of the Fun Fair?

1. No.

2 & 3. Under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (Certification of Fairground Equipment) Regulation 2003, the Local Authority does not have a direct function in the Safety Certification process. Examination of equipment & the issue of Certificates of Safety are matters between the owner/operator of Fairground equipment & the Authorised person as prescribed under the Regulations.

A person who intends to hold /organise a funfair is required to give **2 working days** notice in writing to the Local Authority (such notice does not apply where the operation of funfair equipment has been authorised with the grant of planning permission). The notice must be accompanied by a valid certificate of safety, give details of the names of the organiser/owners of the fairground equipment to be used and location & dates on which the funfair is to be held.

Essentially the powers of the Local Authority relates to enforcement where a certificate has not been obtained and/or notice to the Local Authority has not been given.

4. Wm. Bird (sales) Ltd., t/a Funderland did duly comply with the above Regulations, by submitting the required written notification within the prescribed period & by furnishing the relevant Certificates of Safety as issued by an Authorised Person.

It should be noted that separate to the above certification process, there is also a requirement for the use of land to be authorised with the benefit of planning permission or else to be exempted [see Plan & Dev Regs 2001 -- 2006 (Schedule 2 part 1, class 37)] with the proviso that the land shall not be used for any such purpose (i.e. funfair) either continuously for a period exceeding 15 days or occasionally for periods exceeding in aggregate 30 days in any one year. On the discontinuance of such use , the land must be reinstated save to such extent as may be authorised or required by a permission.

3.2 **PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING SYSTEMS**

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

Following my motion on “Pay and Display” parking systems, the City Councils introduction of same on a trial basis, and the calls from Cork business leaders for their immediate introduction, would the Manager advise us when we can expect to see “Pay and Display” installed city wide?

A reply to a previous question indicated that Pay and Display (P&D) machines have been on trial in the White Street Car Park since last September and it is only recently that the performance of the machines have been judged to be satisfactory.

It is now intended to carry out a second pilot scheme with machines on the street. The area proposed is the South Mall/Morrison’s Quay and Mathew Quay Area. There are several types of machines on the market and it is intended to invite the top established companies in Ireland to take part in the pilot project. This is to ensure that the best machines available will be used in Cork if the pilot project is deemed satisfactory and it is decided to roll out the scheme city wide.

We are in discussions with the various companies on the implementation of the trial and we are planning to begin installing the different machines in the South Mall/Morrison’s Quay and Mathew Quay Area over the summer months.

3.3 **CARPS REMOVED FROM THE LOUGH**

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

- (a) How many carp were removed from the Lough recently?
 - (b) For what reason were they removed?
 - (c) Who removed them?
 - (d) And on who’s expressed permission were they removed?
 - (e) Were the fish sold and if so to whom were they sold?
 - (f) And how much money was released from the sale?
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- (a) Approximately 50 Carp were removed from the Lough
 - (b) The Cork Carp Anglers Association claim that the Lough is overstocked with Carp, estimating that there are more than 1000 Carp in the lake increasing the risk of fish disease and a cause of fish stress .
 - (c) The Cork Carp Anglers Association removed the fish and arranged that they be transported to fisheries in the Eastern Fisheries Board Region.
 - (d) The consent of the City Council was not sought prior to the removal of the fish, nor had the Council any fore knowledge of the removal. The Department of the Marine did issue a licence for the transport of the removed fish, with the South Western Regional Fisheries Board indicating that they had no objection to the removal.
 - (e) The City Council has received assurances that no fees were paid for any of the fish removed from the Lough.

3.4 **CONFERENCE CENTRE AT MAHON**

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

Can the Manager please supply Council with the following information:

- (a) What is the size of the acreage at Mahon on which it was originally envisaged to build a Conference Centre and all the necessary accompaniments (parking space etc)? Can the Manager please provide documentation or refer councillors to documentation which backs up this answer?
- (b) Was there a meeting between Council officials and representatives of O'Callaghan Properties at which a decision was taken not to proceed with a Conference Centre at Mahon? If so, what was the date of this meeting? Who was in attendance? Are there minutes of this meeting and are they available to councillors?
- (c) Is there an agreement in place with O'Callaghan Properties whereby, if a Trade Centre is built, the City Council may exercise an option to acquire the Trade Centre, and all the interests therein, at an option cost or price not to exceed one hundred pounds?
- (d) Can the Manager clear up any ambiguity and confirm that the 6 million euro-plus bond is now being called in?

(a) The acreage envisaged was 3.4 acres which still remains undeveloped.

(b) (c) (d)

The City Manager's report to Council dated 23rd April, 2007 addressed these issues. It is hoped that the negotiations referred to in the report will be concluded by the end of June which will facilitate the making of a decision on the matter of a Trade Centre in Mahon.

3.6 **MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY OF HOUSES IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR**

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

In respect of multiple occupancy of houses in the private rented sector - to ask the Manager:

- (a) If he is satisfied that the current position with regard to the presentation and collection of domestic refuse is satisfactory.
- (b) If he has a recent report on the matter.
- (c) If so, would he agree that the present arrangement is not achieving the intended outcome and that a more targeted initiative is essential.

The legal obligations of owners and occupiers of rented accommodation with regard to waste are set out in the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. In relation to the specific issue of refuse presentation these obligations are also further developed in the local Bye Laws adopted by the City Council.

From time to time specific problems are reported in relation to the presentation of refuse eg overloaded wheelbins, incorrect day of presentation, use of inappropriate receptacles etc. In response to any such difficulties arising the City Council will, in the first instance, visit the property and seek discuss the matter with the relevant party. Where it is not possible to identify the person in question or where corrective action is not taken the Council will generally pursue the matter as an offence under the Litter Pollution Acts. In this regard it will be noted that where waste is presented for collection in such a manner so as to constitute litter, fines can be issued to the owner or occupier or both, as appropriate under the Litter Pollution Acts. As well as the obligation not to create litter, owners of rented accommodation have the added obligation to keep any area that is visible from a public place free of litter.

To date this year six litter fines have been issued in cases relating to refuse presentation.

In addition to the foregoing the Council has also circulated leaflets/notices in targeted areas within the City so as to enhance and reinforce the level of awareness and understanding of the requirements in relation to the presentation of waste (ie timing and frequency of presentation, use of appropriate receptacles, prevention of overfilling etc). It is to be noted that all such information notices/leaflets are printed in a number of languages.

The Council will continue to keep the situation under review and seek to ensure that all households comply with the requirements referred to above. If Members are aware of any specific cases or problems the Litter Warden Service will be happy to receive details of same for investigation and appropriate action.

3.7 **NOISE FROM WATER – GLASHEEN RIVER**

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

Because of excessive and continuous noise from water rushing into and over a culvert in the Glasheen River at the rear of No.1 Glendale Grove and the ensuing disruption to the peace and tranquility of residents, could the offending culvert be modified or re-positioned to eliminate this noise?

The culvert in question was constructed to act as a bypass to The Glasheen river to prevent flooding and it has been very effective in this regard. The noise relates to the sound of the water flowing over a weir from the river bank adjacent to the

rear of No 1 Glendale Grove into the culvert. It is not a viable option to reposition the overflow weir which is part of the infrastructure of the Culvert.

On receipt of a complaint, noise levels were taken near the culvert in February 2006 which concluded that traffic noise was totally dominant with a small contribution from the overflow weir. The problem appears to affect only one resident. Heavy overgrowth and debris habitually block flow in the river itself causing it to overflow. Cleaning work has been carried out on areas of the Glasheen River over the past months, with the vicinity around the weir scheduled to be undertaken shortly. This should reduce /eliminate flow over the weir in times of dry weather /low river flow.

3.8 **DISCHARGE IN THE RIVER OPPOSITE THE NEW OFFICES**

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

Can the Manager please advise who is responsible for the continuous discharge in the river opposite the new offices of the Evening Echo. Has the discharge been tested for toxicity and why is it happening?

This discharge arises from development work being undertaken by O'Flynn Construction Limited at Eglington Street.

The discharge is licensed under the Water Pollution Acts 1977 & 1990 (License No. 588/06)

The conditions of the license provide for monitoring for the various elements and a reporting regime.

3.9 **CAMP FIELD NEAR COLLINS BARRACKS**

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

With reference to the Camp Field near Collins Barracks.

1. Has the Council purchased part of the site? (if not, does it intend to?)
2. Is the site intended for housing?
3. How many dwellings?
4. What vehicle and pedestrian access is envisaged?
5. Will the old tennis court area be retained as a sporting or recreational area?

1. The Council is awaiting contracts from the Chief State Solicitor's Office.
2. Yes
3. To be determined.

4. To be determined.
5. Yes.

3.10 **FUNDING FOR NEW DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

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

To ask the Manager to outline to Council the latest position regarding funding for the new Douglas Swimming Pool.

Following the Council Meeting held on 27th February 2006, wherein a decision on the future of Douglas Pool was made, a letter was sent to the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism on the 28th February, 2006 outlining the Council's decision and requesting grant aid towards the redevelopment of Douglas Pool. To date, no reply has issued from the Department.

3.11 **TRADE-EXHIBITION CENTRE AT MAHON**

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

To ask the Manager to set out in detail the present situation regarding the development of a Trade-Exhibition Centre at Mahon as distinct from a Conference Centre which is a separate issue.

Would he also please explain why there was a change of mind from the time that the Mahon Land sale contract was signed and the date that the decision was made not to proceed with the Trade-Exhibition Centre.

Would he also make all documentation relating to the Mahon Land sale available for public scrutiny.

The present situation regarding the development of a Trade/Exhibition Centre at Mahon is as was outlined in City Manager's report to City Council dated 23rd April, 2007.

It is hoped that the negotiations referred to in the report will be concluded by the end of June which will facilitate the making of a decision on the matter of a Trade Centre.

3.12 **REINSTATE INNER CITY RESIDENTS – PARKING PERMITS**

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

To ask the Manager to reinstate inner city residents who had parking permits prior to 2005 but have been refused a renewal of their residents parking permit 2006/7. As this policy discriminates against inner city residence and is not in keeping with supporting the regeneration of the inner city and is causing real hardship for inner city residents on a daily basis.

The current Cork City Council policy in relation to residents' permits is as follows:

- Residents of purpose-built apartments, where off-street parking is provided are not now eligible for residents' permits.
- Residents of purpose-built apartments, where off-street parking is not provided are not eligible for residents' permits if the development was built after March 2004, (when the new policy was adopted).
- Residents of purpose-built apartments, where off-street parking is not provided will continue to be eligible for residents' permits if the development was built before March 2004.

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. This policy was adopted by Council and reflected in amended Disc Parking Bye-Laws. There are no plans to change the policy at this stage.

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.)

4. **CORK BOAT CLUB**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 4th May, 2007 on the Cork Boat Club.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a vote was called for on the report where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, A. Spillane, D. Wallace, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, An tArdmhéara (16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, – (3)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the City Manager dated 4th May 2007 on the Cork Boat Club approved.

The report of the City Manager stated that as part of the overall renewal plan for Blackrock Village it is proposed to provide a waterfront walkway linking Blackrock Castle to the centre of Blackrock Village. Cork Boat Club and a private developer, Grangefield Developments, have also prepared plans for the provision of residential development by the waterfront between Blackrock Pier and the current Blackrock Boat Club. The developer has entered into an agreement with Cork Boat Club whereby he will provide them with a new clubhouse as part of a site acquisition package. Sean Keohane is the principal of Grangefield Developments.

It was envisaged that the new clubhouse would be constructed to the east of the existing facility which is in a very dilapidated condition. However the City Council's plans for a waterfront walkway linking the Castle to the village present certain problems for the boat club. There would also be difficulties with accommodating car traffic to the proposed site.

Following discussions with all parties it was concluded that the best overall solution to the issue from a planning and practical point of view would be to seek an alternative location close to Blackrock Village for the proposed new Cork Boat Club.

Having examined a number of options it was considered that a suitable site could be provided on lands owned by the City Council along the Marina some 150 metres west of Church Avenue.

This would be consistent with the Council's plans to develop an adventure playground in the area and to generate activity appropriate to the waterfront. It is also proposed to provide public car parking in this area to facilitate Blackrock Village and the public amenity walk to the rear of the site.

Subject to the approval of the City Council it is proposed to grant a lease of a two acre site to the Cork Boat Club to enable it to secure the provision of a new clubhouse on the site. The facility will comprise a two storey clubhouse having a total floor area of 20,000 sq. ft., a hard standing area for boats and car parking for approximately 40 cars.

The City Council acquired a two acre site a short distance from this site on the Marina in 2005 for the sum of €28,000. I recommend that the City Council agrees to grant a lease of a two acre site to Cork Boat Club for a new clubhouse for a consideration of €30,000. A map of the site is attached.

The proposed development will require planning permission. At this stage I recommend that the City Council approves in principle the granting of a lease. The statutory notice for the sale will come before the City Council for formal approval in the coming weeks.

5. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of a Civic Reception for Harlequins Hockey Club.

6. **SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING – 23rd APRIL 2007**

6.1 **CORK CITY COUNCIL SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS 2007**

An Chomhairle approved recommendations for grant applications under the City Council Sports Capital Grant Scheme. Comhairleoir D. Cregan requested that his objection to the recommendation be noted.

6.2 **ANNUAL AWARD SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Now that Cork City Council has a Sports Committee in place, I propose that we set up an annual award system to recognize the volunteers whose efforts over the years has promoted and nurtured sport in Cork.’

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Lord Mayor’s Community and Voluntary Awards Scheme launched four years ago annually recognises sport volunteers.

6.3 **THE CORN FIELD’ – PLAYING SURFACE TO BE IMPROVED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the playing surface and the goal-posts at “The Corn Field”, Boherboy Road, Lotabeg, Mayfield be up-graded and improved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 07/065)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a meeting with Mayfield East Community Association and the clubs using the Cornifield would be held Shortly.

6.4 **PLAYING PITCHES FOR LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that contact would be made with a number of schools and colleges to explore the possibility of utilizing outdoor facilities for clubs/community purposes outside of school hours and that a report would be brought back to the Community.

7. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 23rd APRIL 2007**

7.1 **SPORTING AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 19th April 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That Cork City Council put a system in place where sporting and community organisations are charged water rates at a lower rate than the commercial rate”

(Proposers: Cllr S. Martin and Cllr T. Fitzgerald 06/259)

The report of the Director of Services stated that under Government Water Services Pricing Policy relevant cost of water supplies must be recovered from the non domestic sector. National Policy does not provide for any exceptions to the recovery of water costs nor does it provide for any alternative charging mechanisms. Consequently, the City Council is not in a position to levy differing charge rates for the various sub categories of consumers within the non domestic sector.

7.2 **SEWER BLOCKAGE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 19th April 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘In order to avoid the problem created when construction materials enter common sewers I am proposing a new bye law of Cork City Council making it mandatory

that contractors who undertake such work as underpinning foundations of houses be required to apply for a temporary discharge licence before commencing work.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Shields 07/014)

The report of the Director of Services indicated that the main sources of this type of problem were injected grout underpinnings and washout of ready mix and mortar trucks. As an interim measure Cork city Council will liase with specialist contractors in relation to monitoring underpinning works. If this approach does not achieve satisfactory results it may be necessary to establish byelaw control.

Concrete truck washouts are illegal and enforcement action will be taken where any such incidents are discovered.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 8th MAY 2007**

8.1 **PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the decision on the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Development dated 3rd May, 2007 in relation to proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures to a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 28th May 2007 at 4.30 p.m.

8.2 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN – GREENHILLS COURT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 3rd May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council prepare a local area development plan to deal with the parking problems and the recreational Greenfield site running parallel and behind Greenhills Court and Estate. There are huge issues of anti social behaviour on a nightly basis. A combined approach with City Council taking the lead working in close partnership with Gardai, residents associations and elected representatives is required to solve the problem.

The alleyways between 152 and 153 and 173 to 174 need to be secured immediately. In the medium to long term a decision needs to be taken by the City Council to either develop the Greenfield site as a secure park on its own or to develop the site for housing for the elderly with a park.

The concept of a road running at the back and parallel to Greenhills Court should also be investigated as this would allow additional parking and access to the back of houses”.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/130)

The report of the Director of Services stated that as outlined in previous replies to Motions, the undertaking of Local Area Plans has to be prioritized in the context of the resources available, and other work requirements. As the formal process of preparing the next City Development Plan must commence in 2007, less resources will be available in 2007/2008 to devote to Local Plans.

It is suggested that a meeting be arranged with the relevant Ward Members to discuss the issues that are of concern and to establish the best means of addressing those concerns.

9. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 8th MAY 2007**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

9.2 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd May on Circular Letter N8/07 Local Authority Housing Capital Allocations 2007.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the overall allocation for 2007 is €75,000,000. This represents an increase of almost 42% on last year's allocation of €53,000,000.

Members were given a breakdown of the overall figure (with last year's corresponding breakdown given in brackets) and the City Council's position with regard to the respective allocations as follows:

(i) Housing Construction - €64,000,000 (€47,000,000)

The allocation covers the construction / acquisition programme, including the cost of acquiring dwellings for letting to local authority tenants, acquisitions under Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002 and extensions to Local Authority dwellings. The allocation is considered adequate to meet the output projections contained in the City Council's Action Plan for Social Housing in the current year. The allocation will be monitored throughout the year in light of progress on current schemes and start up dates for new projects.

(ii) Regeneration & Remedial Works Scheme- €8,000,000 (€5,000,000)

This allocation should be sufficient to match existing commitments and to commence new projects in 2007.

(iii) Central Heating - €3,000,000

This allocation will facilitate an increase in the number of installations

compared to 2006. The overall allocation of €75,000,000 is to be financed by way of Government Capital Grants.

9.3 **ANNUAL REPORT – CORK FOYER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd May on the first Annual Report of the Cork Foyer.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Foyer was developed by Cork City Council to meet an objective of the Cork Integrated Homelessness Strategy and is focused on providing accommodation linked to educational and training programmes for young persons aged 18-25 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Members were informed that the 18-bed Cork Foyer opened its' doors to its first residents in March 2006. The first Annual Report effectively covers the remaining month period of 2006. Within that period a total of 26 persons were accommodated with a number of the early residents progressing to planned move-on accommodation.

The Annual Report sets out the activities and operating structures of the Foyer as well as presenting a number of case studies of residents. The full co-operation and availability of resources from outside agencies including the H.S.E., FAS and V.E.C. was acknowledged as was the positive support given by Members from the outset of the Project.

The report also stated that the Foyer is well on the road to becoming the first Irish facility to be accredited by the Foyer Federation and that the speed at which this has come about bears testament to the dedication and efforts of the Management and Staff of the Project.

9.4 **PLANNED MAINTENANCE & HOUSING STOCK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd May on the Planned Maintenance and Housing Stock Enhancement Programme 2007.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the **2007 Planned Maintenance Programme** will concentrate on replacement windows, replacement doors and replacement soffits, fascias, gutters and downpipes as in previous years but in greater numbers than before.

In addition, an annual gas central heating boiler servicing programme will be introduced which will cover all gas central heating boilers installed under the central heating programme in 2004, 2005 and 2006 on the basis that these installations have generally all been for elderly or special needs tenants. Expenditure for this element of the planned maintenance programme will be of

the order of € 0.1 m in 2007. Summary of Planned Maintenance expenditure in 2007 was outlined as follows :

Window Replacements : € 1.7 m
Door Replacements : € 0.4 m
Fascia, Soffit & Guttering etc : € 0.4 m
CH Boiler Servicing : € 0.1 m

The total expenditure on planned maintenance of housing stock in 2007 is thus projected at approximately € 2.6million, representing more than a doubling of the amount expended on planned maintenance in 2006. The report also stated that in addition a number of **Stock Enhancement Projects** are also proposed at an overall estimated cost of € 6.4 million. The principal projects and the proposed expenditure in 2007 / 2008 for each are as follows :

Upgrading of electrical systems in pre 1960 houses : € 1.2m
Upgrade of flats to current Building Regulations
Standards : € 2.1m
Upgrade of Attic Party Walls to current Building
Regulation Standards : € 0.8m
Roof renewal and improvement at Barretts Bldgs : € 0.5m
Attic insulation : € 0.6m
Cavity wall insulation : € 0.2 m
Completion of external works improvement at
Rosslee Close, Mayfield : € 0.6 m
External upgrade at Spriggs Rd, Gurranabraher : € 0.4 m

It is expected that the above schedule of both planned maintenance work and housing stock enhancement schemes for 2007 and continuing into 2008, amounting in total to an expenditure of € 9.0 m, will result in a significant improvement in the overall quality of the properties involved.

It is also hoped that this level of investment in planned maintenance and stock enhancement works under the current housing management initiative will continue on in 2008 and future years.

9.5 **WINDOW REPLACEMENT – ASCENSION HEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to replace the windows in Ascension Heights as a matter of urgency.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/088)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the windows in Ascension Heights will be inspected later in the year with a view to replacement, if required, either under the 2008 Planned Maintenance programme or as an advance contract under the auspices of the overall Knocknaheeny Regeneration proposals.

9.6 **WINDOW REPLACEMENT – SUNVIEW, FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double glazed windows be installed in Sunview, Fairhill. Central heating was installed but heat is being lost through the windows and the residents are mostly elderly people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/127)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the replacement of windows at Sunview, Fairhill is included in the 2007 Planned Maintenance Programme. All replacement windows are double glazed using low E glass.

9.7 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- (a) Disposal of site approximately 492m² situated at Dunncove Crescent, Knocknaheeny, Cork, to Seamus Spillane and Ben Healy, c/o Gibbons & Co., Solicitors, 7, Emmet Square, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, for the sum of €70,000 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00.
- (b) Disposal of Stall No. 1, Grand Parade, Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Donagh O'Reilly and Kenneth O'Reilly c/o Whelan, Solicitors, Grattan Court, Washington Street West, Cork by way of Lease for an annual rent of €3,218.00.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 26, Killiney Heights, Knocknaheeny, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 22nd April, 2005 to Tony Scannell for the sum of €90,843.72.
- (b) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 18, Courtown Drive, Knocknaheeny, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 28th October, 2005 to Kenneth Bruton for the sum of €89,984.72.

FEE SIMPLE

- (a) Fee simple interest in premises known as 5, (referred to as 5B) Bakers Road, Gurranabraher, Cork to John McCarthy c/o Martin A. Harvey & Co., Solicitors, Parliament House, 9/10, Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of €203.00 together with costs in the sum of €675.00.
- (b) Fee simple interest in premises known as 79, Churchfield Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork to Michael O'Connell c/o Barry M. O'Meara & Sons, Solicitors, 18, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €3,750.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.
- (c) Fee simple interest in premises known as Ballyphehane Credit Union Limited, Lower Friars Walk, Cork to Ballyphehane Credit Union Limited for the sum of €20,000 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.

10. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 8th MAY 2007**

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3rd May, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended April, 2007.

10.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE – MENLOE PARK, BLACKROCK ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, regarding the Taking In Charge of Menloe Park, Blackrock Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Menloe Park, Blackrock Road, Cork, be taken in charge”.

10.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE – 1 - 5 CORBAN'S LANE, OFF MILITARY ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, regarding the taking in charge of 1-5 Corban's Lane, off Military Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at 1-5 Corban’s Lane, off Military Road, Cork be taken in charge”.

10.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE – PYNES VALLEY, NORTH RING ROAD, BALLYVOLANE, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, regarding the taking in charge of Pynes Valley, North Ring Road, Ballyvolane, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Pynes Valley, North Ring Road, Ballyvolane, Cork be taken in charge”.

10.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE – COIS COILLTE, BALLINURE ROAD, MAHON, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, regarding the taking in charge of Cois Coillte, Ballinure Road, Mahon, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by D. O’ Flynn, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Cois Coillte, Ballinure Road, Mahon, Cork, be taken in charge”.

10.6 **FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE 50 -100 EVERGREEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath outside 50 to 100 Evergreen Road be included in the Footpath Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/273)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpath outside 50 to 100 Evergreen Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme.

10.7 **RESURFACE CONNOLLY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Connolly Park be resurfaced as part of the 2008 resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/097)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Connolly Park will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Footpath Resurfacing Programme.

10.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That traffic calming measures be introduced to Fr. Dominic Road as part of the 2008 Programme.”

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/098)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Fr. Dominic 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.

10.9 **INCLUDE OAKVILLE DRIVE FOR RESURFACING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Oakville Drive for resurfacing on the Roads Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/100)

The report the Assistant City Manager stated that Oakville Drive will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

10.10 **CHAPEL GATE/KEMPTON PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads/Recreation and Amenity Department surface the area at the back of the houses of Chapel Gate/ Kempton Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/102)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this laneway will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

10.11 **CHAPEL HILL BE REINSTATED WITH RED COBBLESTONE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Chapel Hill be reinstated in an appropriate manner in view of the fact that a service provider excavated Chapel Hill some years ago and the Hill was not reinstated with red cobblestone but only with tarmac and Cork City Council have failed to respond to many requests to have the matter rectified in order to eliminate a serious eyesore in this historic area of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/109)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there is no funding available in the 2007 Roads Programme for this work. However we will prepare an Improvement Scheme for consideration for inclusion in the 2008 Roads Programme.

10.12 **RAMPS FOR MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps be located in Mary Aikenhead Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/110)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Mary Aikenhead Place 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.

10.13 **UPGRADE/REPLACE NAMEPLATES AT HILLSIDE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council replace / upgrade the nameplates at Hillside. Lack of signage is currently making it difficult for visitors etc to find specific addresses in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/115)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hillside will be added to the list of locations where nameplates have been requested and will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 programme of works. A review of the existing nameplates scheme will be carried out at that time to determine the extent of the works required.

10.14 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT WESTSIDE ESTATE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a yellow box junction to allow easy access and egress to Westside Estate, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/116)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Westside Estate and Togher Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate a yellow box will be installed at the junction. It should be noted that yellow boxes are very expensive to lay and maintain and can only be installed at locations where there is a well established need.

10.15 **SPEED RAMPS IN UPPER CONNOLLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will examine the current speed ramps on Upper Connolly Road and Mount Pleasant Road as the severity of their present design is reported to be causing damage to cars of local residents who have no option but to travel over them on a frequent basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/124)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the traffic calming devices on Upper Connolly Road/Mount Pleasant Road are “speed cushions” and are designed to slow down normal car traffic without interfering with the passage of emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire appliances. The design is such that the wider axle emergency vehicles can ‘straddle’ the cushions or ramps without having to come in contact with the raised section of the roadway. Mount Pleasant Road/Upper Connolly Road leading onto Connolly Road, Vicar’s Road, etc. is an emergency route to Cork University Hospital and western suburbs, and emergency vehicles must be able to travel on this roadway unhindered. Speed cushions are the only effective form of traffic calming on Upper Connolly Road and vehicles will not be damaged if the speed cushions are approached with care and with low traffic speeds. The alternative of removing the speed cushions will result in increased traffic speeds and increased danger to pedestrians, etc.

10.16 **YELLOW BOX – CHRIST THE KING CHURCH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a yellow box junction be installed at the entrance to Christ the King Church’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/275)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Yellow boxes have no legal standing unless they are provided at a road junction. Requests are regularly received for yellow boxes outside institutions, businesses, etc. and only in exceptional circumstances (e.g. outside St. Finbarr’s Hospital on Douglas Road), are they provided. Further provision of these ‘non legal’ yellow boxes would generate more and more requests for similar boxes. Yellow boxes are also very expensive to lay and maintain. The car park entrance at Christ the King Church, Turner’s Cross is not a road junction and it should also be noted that at Mass times, which is usually on Sunday or Saturday evening, traffic on the main road is usually relatively light. A yellow box here close to the nearby Turner’s Cross junction would also impact on the performance of the junction and increase congestion at peak traffic periods. Accordingly, the installation of a yellow box at this location is not recommended.

10.17 **RESURFACING OF HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Hollymount Estate for resurfacing on the Roads Programme’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/101)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Hollymount Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

10.18 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN CUSHING ROAD, SEMINARY WALK AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council request E.S.B. Networks to survey the area of Cushing Road/Seminary Walk with the view to sorting out the ongoing problem of loss of public lighting in the area’.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/120)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that faults on the public lighting system in the Cushing Road/Seminary Road area have been logged and reported to the ESB for repair in the recent past. We will again contact the relevant authorities in the ESB, i.e. ESB Contracts, ESB Networks and the public lighting section and we will continue to prevail upon them to sort out the public lighting problems in the area as soon as possible.

10.19 **REPLACE FOOTPATHS – VENUE BAR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths from the Venue Bar to Longboats Bar in Ballintemple would be replaced as a matter of urgency as they are in a very poor condition’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/131)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths on Blackrock Road from the Venue Bar to Longboats Bar will be considered for inclusion in the

2008 Footpath Renewal Programme. In the meantime, any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

10.20 RESURFACE KILNAP GREEN AND KILLEENS GREEN

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would resurface Kilnap Green and Killeens Green in Farranree’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/134)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kilnap Green and Killeens Green will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

10.21 PEDESTRIAN CONDITIONS – STREAM HILL, DILLONS CROSS

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take immediate emergency measures to eliminate the terrible pedestrian conditions which the residents of Stream Hill, Dillons Cross have to endure’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/137)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this matter was discussed with the on-site contractors Contracts Manager who undertook to do a concrete reinstatement at this straight away and to complete the entrance works within two weeks, when all the works will be completed.

10.22 KERBING – GREEN OF ELTON LAWN

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would reinstate the kerbing on the green of Elton Lawn and put in place a programme of enhancement of the green area’.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/139)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will reinstate the kerbing on the green of Elton Lawn. The green area at Elton Lawn is very well maintained at present, with mature trees and lawn area. The boundary between the green and Murphy's Farm will be enhanced as part of the works on the new Parks Depot/Pitch and Putt Pavilion.

10.23 **MICHAEL FITZGERALD ROAD – MAINTENANCE & TRAFFIC CALMING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a mechanism to ensure that areas which fall between wards, such as Michael Fitzgerald Road, Edward Walsh Road and Charles Daly Road are adequately catered for in terms of road resurfacing, footpath maintenance and traffic calming. The mentioned areas act as a divide between the South West and South Central wards and are not being adequately catered for. Either a once off allocation of funding or an allocation of funding from both wards will be required to resolve the problems that exist in these areas’.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/141)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we think that roads that straddle both the South West and South Central wards are being adequately catered for. For example, in the roads outlined above, both Michael Fitzgerald Road and Edward Walsh Road were both considered for inclusion in this year's Resurfacing Programme. They were not included on this occasion as there were other roads considered to be in a poorer condition. Charles Daly Road was recently inspected and it was found to be in good condition. The roads chosen for footpath maintenance are not affected by what ward they are located in. In light of this, roads that lie on the boundaries between wards are considered on equal terms with roads which do not lie on ward boundaries. Traffic Calming. Roads which straddle two wards, such as Edward Walsh Road, etc. have, in the past, been put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme. Up-to-now the practice has been to submit the roadways to one particular Ward Meeting, usually in the cases mentioned above to the South Central Ward. An agreed approach from adjoining wards should be formulated in order to deal with the issue. It is suggested that the matter to put on the agenda of the next meetings of the effected wards so that an agreed strategy can be agreed in advance of next year's selection process.

10.24 **RAMPS COPPER HILL ESTATE, BALLINTEMPLE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps would be placed in Copper Hill Estate, Ballintemple to slow down traffic going through this area where young children play on a daily basis’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/143)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Copper Hill Estate, Ballintemple 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.

10.25 **GATES – COURTNEY’S AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 3rd May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That gates be placed at both ends of Courtney’s Avenue in order to eliminate the serious anti-social behaviour in what is a very quiet pedestrian laneway’.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/128)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the 2007 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members in early 2007. Courtney’s Avenue, is not included in the list of prioritised locations. Courtney’s Avenue will be added to the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for prioritisation by Ward Members in early 2008 subject to future funding.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

12. **CONFERENCES**

12.1 **L.A.M.A ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE – “MEETING THE CHALLENGE – PROVIDING THE SOLUTIONS”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at the L.A.M.A Annual Spring Conference – “Meeting the Challenge – Providing the Solutions” held in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 12/13th April 2007.

12.2 **IRISH RURAL DWELLERS ASSOCIATION PLANNING CONFERENCE 2007 – LAST CALLS FOR RURAL PLANNING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy and D. O’Flynn at the Irish Rural Dwellers Association Planning Conference 2007 – Last Calls for Rural Planning held in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 18th – 20th April 2007.

12.3 **A VISION FOR SPORT IN IRELAND 2012- STRATEGIC PLANNING, DESIGN, FUNDING & MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan, at the A Vision for Sport in Ireland 2012 – Strategic Planning, Design, Funding & Management Conference to be held in the Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare on the 15/16th May 2007.

13. **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice which has been given:-

13.1 **HERITAGE TRAIL WITHIN CITY BOUNDARY**

‘That Cork City Council put a budget in place to allow for the upgrading and completion of a heritage trail or trails within the City boundary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/278)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

13.2 **HEATHERTON PARK, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council ensure that the developer of Heatherton Park, South Douglas Road take immediate steps to install a new pumping station and four inch pipe to remove the waste as the existing system is overloaded and constantly breaking down which is causing overflows creating a health hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/279)

Environment Functional Committee

13.3 **REPLACEMENT OF THE ADHOC SCHEMES**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.4 **IMPROVEMENT OF SOCCER PITCHES**

‘That Cork City Council would explore options to:

- a) Develop a proper Schoolboys Soccer Pitch in Nashs’s Boreen to facilitate the excellent work undertaken by Temple Utd and Castlevew Soccer Clubs.
- b) Develop further and integrate Kilmore Park with the soccer pitch so that
 1. The needs of Knocknaheeny Celtic are met in terms of Parking and Dressing Rooms, and
 2. The residents of Ardmore Avenue, Courtown Drive and Courtown Park will have a better quality of life in terms of privacy and intrusion on the family home.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/154)

Sports Committee

13.5 **BUS SHELTER – ST. MARY’S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL**

‘I propose that a bus shelter be provided outside St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Bakers Road for the comfort and convenience of residents, patients, and visitors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/155)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 **SLOW DOWN SIGN – CHURCHFIELD HILL/BAKERS ROAD**

‘Given the tremendous success of the Jerry O’ Sullivan Park and high increase of pedestrian usage by children and older people in particular, that Cork City Council place ‘Slow down’ and children and Children at Play’ signs on Churchfield Avenue from the junction at Churchfield Hill to Colmcille Road/Bakers Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/160)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.7 **TRAFFIC SURVEY – DUBLIN HILL/THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

‘Due to the ongoing delay for Motorists using the Dublin Hill area and with a view to the safety of access for pedestrians using an area that is experiencing ongoing development. That Cork City Council Roads Department carry out a traffic survey of Dublin Hill/Thomas Davis Street, Entrance/Exit Blackpool Shopping Centre to reduce the problem of congestion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/164)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 **FENCING – BROGUEMAKERS HILL**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the measures necessary to complete the fencing in front of the homes on Broguemakers Hill, Shandon Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/165)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.9 **PROCEDURES – CONTRACTORS & SUB-CONTRACTORS, REGULATIONS**

‘That the City Manager would provide a report for Council on the procedures that Cork City Council put in place to ensure that contractors and sub contractors on Cork City Council projects comply with all the necessary regulatory requirements including Labour Court agreements, and that the City Council would immediately appoint an inspector with the primary responsibility of visiting the various sites to ensure compliance with the relevant regulations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace, T. Shannon, T. Fitzgerald, D. McCarthy, T. Brosnan, S. Martin, M. Shields, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, D. Counihan, G. Flynn 07/168)

Corporate Policy Group

13.10 **SEATING & STREET FURNITURE – EMMET PLACE**

‘In order to enhance public space in the city, I propose that Cork City Council would provide seating and street furniture in Emmet Place.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/170)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.11 **SUBTITLING IN CINEMAS AS SUPPORT FOR CORK DEAF ASSOCIATION**

‘That Cork City Council would support Cork Deaf Association by writing to all Cinemas in the City and the greater Cork area requesting the provision of subtitling for all their programmes, to ensure that the many deaf people in our community can enjoy more fully going to the Cinema.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 07/171)

Referred to next meeting of An Chomhairle

13.12 **EVERGREEN BUILDINGS – RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Evergreen Buildings be listed for inclusion in the 2008 resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/172)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.13 **DEMOLISH THREE REMAINING BLOCKS OF FLATS AT COMERAGH PARK, THE GLEN**

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of priority demolish the 3 remaining blocks of flats at Comeragh Park, The Glen as they are in a disgraceful condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/174)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.14 **UPGRADING OF BELGRAVE AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a complete and comprehensive upgrading of Belgrave Avenue, Wellington Road including, roads, footpaths and public lighting as the area has been ignored by Council officials for a very long time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/175)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.16 **UPGRADE LIGHTING IN DELANEY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would upgrade the lighting in Delaney Park, Dublin Hill, particularly in the turning circle adjacent to No. 14.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 07/177)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13.17 **TWINNING WITH BELFAST CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would explore with Belfast City Council the possibility of both Cities being formally twinned with each other so that the strong relationship that already exists between both cities be further enhanced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/178)

Twinning Committee

13.18 **FENCING ON THE WALL OF THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN BAKERS ROAD AND PRESENTATION ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would put fencing on the wall of the alleyway between Baker’s Road and Presentation Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/179)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.19 **EXTEND THE PATHWAY TO THE END OF WALL AT 12 DEANROCK CLOSE, DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would extend the pathway to the end of the wall at 12 Deanrock Close, Deanrock Estate, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/180)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.20 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT ENTRANCE TO DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would place a yellow Box junction at the entrance to Deanrock Estate, Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/181)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 6 no. re: Cork Northern Ring Road Phase 2 Western Section preliminary site investigation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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