

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2007**

**PRESENT** An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace.

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

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston.

**SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Mr. C. Burke, M.E.P.

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community  
Mr. J. Dromey, A/Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture  
Mr. J. O' Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs  
Ms. J. Gazely, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- Kennedy and O' Kelly Families on the death of Patricia O' Kelly.
- Tehan Family on the death of Matt Tehan
- O' Mullane Family on the death of Derry O' Mullane
- Hickey Family on the death of Mary Hickey
- Saulter Family on the death of Vera
- Kenneally Family on the death of Anne.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to

- Cork Senior Hurling Team
- Deputy Trevor Sergeant outgoing Leader of the Green Party

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Congratulations to:-

- Fr. Casey on celebrating his Golden Jubilee.
- Taoiseach Bertie Ahern on successfully forming a Government with the Green Party.
- An Chomhairle extended a Vote of Congratulations to Colm Burke M.E.P. on his appointment to the European Parliament. The Lord Mayor and City Manager joined in the congratulations. Colm Burke M.E.P. was then invited to address the Meeting. He thanked Council and Management for all their assistance and looked forward to working with Cork City Council in the future and then withdrew from the meeting.
- Newly appointed Ministers Eamonn Ryan and John Gormley.
- Joe Gavin, City Manager and Damien O' Mahony, A/ SEO, Housing on the success of Blackrock Castle.

2. **MINUTES**

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

- a) Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.
- b) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007.
- c) Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007.
- d) Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.
- e) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007

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

3.1 **DWELLING – STABLES, DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

To ask the Manager:

- (a) To explain the circumstances surrounding the demolition of a dwelling at the Stables, South Douglas Road.

- (b) Are there any on-going discussions with developers and City Council regarding the future of this site?
- (c) Will the Manager arrange to have the site properly secured, which is not the case at present, where anti-social behaviour is a constant problem for local residents?
- (d) Will the Manager take this opportunity to widen this section of the South Douglas Road, and report on the previous discussion that took place a number of years ago with residents opposite this site regarding purchasing their front gardens in order to widen this section of road?

**Deferred from meeting of  
28<sup>th</sup> May, 2007**

- (a) This dwelling was demolished, having been completely destroyed by fire, in the interests of public safety.
- (b) No.
- (c) A recent inspection by Building Control Section has confirmed that a steel fencing has been erected to secure the site. Building Control Section has directed that the remaining demolition rubble be removed from site in the interests of public safety.
- (d) The No.6 City Service Green Route Project included the widening of the roadway opposite the Stables on South Douglas Road. Negotiations with the local residents involved broke down because of unreasonable compensation demands.

The Green Routes are continuously being reviewed and updated, and renewed efforts will be made in the near future to negotiate again with the residents and with the owner of the adjacent vacant site, with a view of reaching a reasonable accommodation. Completion of successful negotiations will result in local widening of the roadway at this 'pinch point' on South Douglas Road.

### 3.2 **GILABBEY STREET TO NOONAN'S ROAD – ONE WAY**

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

What is the great problem in making Ninety Eight Street one way from Gilabbey Street to Noonan's Road? The local Ward Councillors and the residents have requested it and City Council's objections do not stand up.

Two way traffic on 98 Street facilitates traffic calming within the street and facilitates easy access for residents of the street from either direction. The Members have raised the question of easing traffic in the city centre on a number of occasions and this will be facilitated in so far as it is practicable. Traffic calming in the centre can have implications for streets such as 98 Street.

Converting the roadway to one-way routing will have the following effects:

- It will attract additional traffic in the different of flow, as motorists will become aware of its attractiveness in that direction.
- Traffic in the “opposite direction” will have to use a different roadway, in this case the current traffic using 98 Street from Noonan Road to Gillabbey Street will divert to St. Finbar’s Road thus increasing traffic volumes on this roadway.
- Traffic speeds will increase in the one-way direction of flow.
- Deliveries and access to local residents will be made more difficult as some trips will require longer distances.
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds

The current situation could be seen as a form of traffic calming where traffic is deterred from using the roadway as a rat run or through route. The introduction of one-way routing could worsen the situation. Accordingly, it is the Traffic Division’s recommendation that the current traffic regime remain and it is proposed that no changes be made to the traffic arrangements on the roadway.

**Following discussion, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that this item be referred to Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.**

### 3.3 **WAIVERS – REFUSE CHARGES 2006**

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

What was the number of

- (a) full waivers and
- (b) Partial waivers issued in relation to Refuse Charges in 2006.

The number of Waivers that were issued in 2006 are as follows:

OAP’s	4,943 (These customers get full waiver of both the fixed and tag charge)
100% Waivers	5,784 (These customers get a full waiver of fixed charge Only)
Partials	<u>1,302</u>
Total	12,029

### 3.4 **LANDS ON THE MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

Given the serious concerns I raised at Council level some months ago regarding the potential loss of 200 jobs out of Cork city under the Governments decentralisation programme, would the Manager please inform me as to the current situation relating to the proposed hand over to the City Council of the Department of Agriculture lands on the Model Farm Road?

The City Council has not been handed over the site in question for the development of affordable housing. The site remains in the ownership of the Department of Agriculture and is the subject of continuing discussions between both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

### 3.5 **PERMISSION FOR NOISY ROAD REPAIR WORKS**

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

Can the Manager please inform Council as to what are the earliest and latest times that the Roads Division can give permission for noisy road/repair works (e.g. To a company like Chorus) in a residential area? What are the penalties should these limits be breached?

Permitted working hours for roadworks licences are between the hours of 8.00a.m. – 11.00p.m. Monday – Friday and from 9.00a.m. – 11.00p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

The utility company carrying out the works are required to give all affected residents 2 days advanced notice of proposed works if the works are likely to be noisy in nature.

### 3.6 **CLEANING OF THE RIVERBEDS OF THE LEE**

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

Following the praiseworthy initiative set by Mr. David Roynane would the City Manager please amend the Heritage Plan to make cleaning of the riverbeds of both the North and South Channels of the River Lee a priority short-term goal in the best interests of the people and city of Cork?

The Heritage Plan contains an action relating to cleaning of the city's rivers.  
Action 1.9 states:

*“Develop and implement a partnership based approach to the enhancement of the River Lee and its associated smaller rivers e.g. “Clean up the River” initiative”*

In the light of the recent work carried out to clean up the river by Cork City Council and other volunteers this action can be modified from a long term to a short term timeframe and implemented over the next few years.

### 3.7 **RUNNING OF ELECTIONS**

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

To ask the Manager in relation to the running of Elections:

- (a) To explain how people were taken off the Electoral Register without their consent.
  - (b) Does he intend to hold a review of the compilation of the Electoral Register?
  - (c) Does he intend to review the boundaries of the six wards ahead of the next Local Elections?
- (a) Any person it is proposed to remove from Register of Electors receives a letter of notice of intention to delete. If a response is not received within 10 days the name is removed.  
Correspondence does not issue to persons/or their family if a deletion took place arising from a bereavement.
- (b) In 2006, new measures were introduced by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government for compiling the Register of Electors 2007/2008 which included the undertaking of an intensive electoral register campaign in 2006.

Cork City Council employed additional resources to compile the Register of Electors 2007/2008. It is intended to build on this work again this year.

- (c) A Review of boundaries is a matter for the Minister for Environment, Heritage, and Local Government.  
Part 11 Section 89/95 of the Local Gov Act 2001 allows for a review, however this section of the Act has not yet commenced.

### 3.8 **BISHOPSTOWN AND WILTON AREA ACTION PLAN**

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

The Bishopstown and Wilton Area Action Plan was almost ready for submission to Council at a meeting held in December last year. Would the Manager please explain?

- (a) Why the long delay in submitting it for Council approval?
- (b) Will there be another meeting with Ward Councillors to view the final draft plan, prior to approval being sought and when might this meeting take place?
- (c) Will the final plan be submitted to Council for approval before summer recess and if not why not?

The Bishopstown and Wilton Area Action Plan was reported on to the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at which it was agreed that a meeting with Ward Councillors would take place prior to the finalization of the Plan.

This meeting took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2006. At this meeting a report on the public consultation on the Draft Plan was presented. Also, key issues raised in the public consultation stage were outlined. It was agreed that more work needed to be done to the Draft Plan.

It is now the intention to bring the Draft Plan to Council for approval in July. Should the Ward members wish for another meeting prior to this, it can be arranged.

### 3.9 **BONFIRE NIGHT**

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

Can the Manager please answer the following questions in relation to Bonfire Night?

- (a) What costs have been incurred in relation to the clean up operation following Bonfire Night in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006? Do these costs include the damage to recreational areas, damage to property i.e. walls, fences etc and damage to overhead power lines? If not included please give breakdown of costs incurred by Cork City Council.
- (b) What were the costs of deploying fire crews on this night in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006? Was any equipment damaged or personnel injured in responding to calls on the lead up to or on Bonfire Night?
- (c) On this particular night each year since 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 has there been an increase in incidences of anti social behaviour, and what does this behaviour entail?

- (d) Under the Air Pollution Act 1987 and the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended in 2003 the burning of waste is deemed illegal. How does Cork City Council propose to enforce these Acts?
  - (e) Individuals in this city at present are being prosecuted under these Acts, and on Bonfire Night these laws are not applicable. How can this blurring of the law occur?
  - (f) Under the Waste Management Act of 1996/2003 permits are required to burn waste. How many permits have been granted to individuals or organizations to hold a bonfire on the upcoming Bonfire Night and under what conditions?
  - (g) Why is Bonfire Night permitted to go ahead when by law it is an illegal event? And accordingly why is it that Cork City Council is not fulfilling its role in environmental protection?
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- (a) The Recreation and Amenity Department incurred costs of €110,000 in the removal of bonfire material in 2006. A further €2,800 was spent by the Environment Section for similar work. The costs incurred in previous years are not readily available. However the corresponding activity levels would have been some what similar to 2006.
  - (b) The costs of deploying fire crews on bonfire night are recorded as follows:  
2002- €1,300, 2003 - €1,300, 2004 -€1,400, 2005 - €1,500 and €2006 -€1,500  
Last year there were no reported injuries to firefighters or damage to fire appliances or equipment in connection with bonfire night. There is a procedure in place by which Gardai accompany crews. A small number of minor incidents where aggression was shown to crews was dealt with successfully by Gardai.
  - (c) This is a matter for the Gardai and any records of reported incidents would be held by them.
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- (d) – (f). As previously reported to Council a pilot project was initiated with Leedale Residents Association in relation to Bonfire Night in 2005 and repeated again in 2006. The Residents Association organised a sports night on the green on bonfire night and this had the full support of the local community. However in other estates there generally is no consensus amongst residents regarding bonfire night and what might be appropriate in the context of past tradition. Cork City Council would be very happy to extend its pilot project to other areas where there is broad support for the initiative and particularly where residents associations are willing to organize alternative activities on the night.
  - (g). The organization of bonfires on the night in question is viewed by many communities as a social event which is carried on in keeping with past tradition. The City Council does not licence such events and expends considerable energy and resources in the removal of material particularly where there is a risk to life and/or property.
  - (f). Nil.



### 3.10 **CCTV – DETERRING LITTERING**

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

In light of the fact that Recycling Centres such as the one at Clashduv Park are constantly being abused which deters people from recycling rather than encouraging them, can the Manager suggest means of deterring this littering by either the use of CCTV or more regular inspections, enforcement or any other means possible?

The number of bring banks in operation across the City has been increased to 43 in the current year. The banks are widely used with circa 2000 t of glass being deposited by members of the public annually.

The containers at the bring banks are emptied on a regular basis by Rehab Recycling. Each site is also cleaned on a rotational basis and a dedicated Cork City Council employee/ vehicle is in place for this purpose. Additional staff are assigned from time to time so as to deal promptly with any localized littering problems that may occur. If dumping occurs at a Bring Site the material present is examined prior to removal and any evidence found is used to support the issued of proceedings under the 1997 - 2003 Litter Pollution Acts. A number of fines for dumping at Bring Sites have been issued in 2007.

The Council will continue to review the systems in place to address localised littering and if members have concerns with regard to any specific site the Environment Section will follow up on same without delay.

### 3.11 **NUMBER 3 BUS ROUTE**

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

In relation to the Number 3 Bus Route:

- a. When will the new traffic management system come into effect at Camden Quay?
  - b. If discussions have taken place with Bus Éireann with a view to the No.2 & No.3 Bus route returning to the Northside on a new intermittent schedule.
  - c. When will the walkway be resurfaced at the Fairfield?
  - d. Is there further plans to clean up the Bring Site at Upper Fairhill?
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- a. Work on the new bus contra flow lane on Camden Quay is programmed to begin later on in the month.
  - b. Bus Éireann have a national remit and they are the sole provider of city bus services in the major cities in Ireland excluding Dublin. They have full discretion,

within reason and after consultations with the Gardaí and the City Council, in selecting the bus routes in the City.

The issue of “cross city services”, i.e. bus nos. 2, 3, 7 & 8 is discussed regularly with Bus Éireann and to-date they have resisted any suggestions for changes. There is no doubt that frequencies could be improved if buses turned around at the edge of the City Centre and did not have to negotiate through the busy City Centre streets. The Traffic Division will continue to engage with Bus Éireann in an attempt to explore the feasibility of reducing if not eliminating the bus routes crossing through the City Centre.

- c. It is proposed to resurface the existing gravel path at the Fairfield as part of the general improvement works for the Fairfield. These works are scheduled to commence Autumn 2007/Spring 2008.
- d. The Bring Site at Upper Fairhill is cleaned once a day from Monday to Friday inclusive.

### 3.12 **AMENITY AREA – MILITARY GRAVEYARD**

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

- A) When will work start on the development of the amenity area at the Military Graveyard.
- B) How much money has been budgeted for the new park.

Work will commence on enhancing the Military Cemetery as a public amenity in the next few weeks, with the project cost being € 325k.

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

### 4.1 **VACANCY IN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Lynch.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Lorraine Kingston to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Lynch.

#### 4.2 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES – COMHAIRLEOIR C. LYNCH**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment to each of the following committees;

- Housing & Community Development Functional Committee
- Planning & Development Functional Committee
- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee
- Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
- Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee
- A.M.A.I.
- Wandesford Quay Holding Committee
- Community Development Committee
- Arts Committee
- Local Drugs Task Force
- City Development Board
- Twinning Committee
- Regional Health Forum

Comhairleoir M. O' Connell proposed, Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir L. Kingston to the following Committees:

1. Housing & Community Development Functional Committee
2. Planning & Development Functional Committee
3. Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee.

Comhairleoir M. O' Connell proposed, Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir C. Clancy to the following Committee:

1. Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

An tArdmhéara declared the above members appointed to the relevant Functional/SPC Committee.

An Chomhairle agreed to defer appointment to the remaining Committees to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

#### 4.3 **VACANCY IN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered the recent vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Clune.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Laura McGonigle to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Clune.

#### 4.4 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES – COMHAIRLEOIR D. CLUNE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment to each of the following committees;

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee
- Planning & Development Functional Committee
- Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee
- Community Development Committee
- Arts Committee
- Local Drug Task Force
- Vocational Education Committee
- Cork Area Strategic Plan Policy Committee
- Twinning Committee
- Heritage Forum
- Sports Committee
- Docklands Policy Committee

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed, Comhairleoir D. Murphy seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle to the following Committees:

1. Roads and Transportation Functional Committee
2. Planning & Development Functional Committee

An tArdmhéara declared the above member appointed to the relevant Functional Committee.

An Chomhairle agreed to defer appointment to the remaining Committees to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

#### 4.5 **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member as Chair of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Lynch.

Comhairleoir M. O' Connell proposed, Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir C. Clancy.

An tArdmhéara declared the above member appointed as chair of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

5. **SOUTH DOCKS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

An Chomhairle noted the recommendations from Special meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, on the South Docks Local Area Plan.

6. **ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the Annual Report 2006.

7. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
– 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

7.1 **PARKING FINE SYSTEM – ILLEGAL PARKING**

Members considered report of Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

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

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

7.2 **PARKING TICKETS – VEHICLE WINDSCREENS**

Members considered report of Assistant City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

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

8. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted Report of Assistant City Manager dated 31st May, 2007, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended May, 2007.

8.2 **SECTION 38, ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 PUBLIC CONSULTATION GREEN ROUTE NETWORK – CARRIGALINE/RINGASKIDDY TO CITY CENTRE (City Section)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, regarding Section 38, Road Traffic Act 1994 Public Consultation Green Route Network – Carrigaline/Ringaskiddy to City Centre (City Section).

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in April of this year, Council were advised that procedures in accordance with Section 38, Road Traffic Act 1994, were to be undertaken for the implementation of the Green Route for Carrigaline/Ringaskiddy to City Centre Bus Service (city section). The Green Routes are one of the main elements of the transportation strategy of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) and I am satisfied that the development is in accordance with the CASP document.

The project’s main objective is to assist journeys made by buses, cyclists, pedestrians, and the mobility impaired, and to reduce accidents while seeking to mitigate the impact on other traffic. The proposal involves construction of a Green Route for the city section of the route via Douglas Road, High Street and Southern Road, to connect with the Grange/Frankfield to City Centre Green Route at Infirmary Road.

The proposed scheme includes the following:

- New on-road cycle lanes
- Construction of new footpaths at various locations along Douglas Road to improve pedestrian safety
- Provision of pedestrian crossings

- Upgrading of bus stops, bus shelters, defective footpaths, traffic lights, and facilities for vulnerable road users e.g. tactile paving and dropped kerbs.

A notice was placed in the Irish Examiner on 13th April 2007 advising that full particulars were available to the public for inspection from 13th April to 11th May inclusive and that submissions and observations were invited on the proposal.

Copies of the proposed scheme were circulated to city councillors of the South East Ward, Eight Directorates of Cork City Council, An Garda Síochána, Bus Éireann, Fire Dept, Ambulance Service, the National Roads Authority and the Cork Cycling Campaign.

A public exhibition of proposals took place at Douglas Library from 3.00pm to 8.00 pm on Thursday, 3rd May 2007. Officials from Cork City Council and Arup Consulting Engineers were in attendance to answer queries on the proposals.

Arups Consulting Engineers have prepared a report on the Section 38 consultation process and this report will be made available to Members on request.

#### **Summary of Submissions and Recommendations relating to same:**

##### **• Cork Cycling Campaign**

Comments on several issues were received including concern regarding the general speed of motorised traffic, the provision of advanced stop lines for cyclists at specified junctions, removal of the traffic island at Bellair, and right-hand turns for cyclists. These issues will be provided for where possible.

##### **• Planning and Development Directorate**

Comments were received relating to cycle parking, colour demarcation, advanced stop lines, provision of additional leisure cycle facilities, enforcement of car parking legislation, pelican crossings, bus stops, and walkway/cycleways. These suggestions will be accommodated where possible following discussion with the relevant Directorate where applicable.

##### **• Roads Maintenance**

Comments regarding adherence to the provisions of the Accessibility Audit 2006, footway and carriageway specifications, and tactile paving were received and will be addressed during the detailed design stage.

A detailed response to those who have made submissions, both internally and externally, will be issued by the Senior Engineer, Traffic Division. No submissions were received from the statutory bodies.

### 8.3 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON KIELY'S CORNER**

An Chomhairle approved Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council re-adjust the traffic lights on Kiely’s corner to allow traffic up Scabeg while traffic is coming down.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/276)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the current arrangement of the traffic light staging at Kiely’s Corner (Turners Cross) was designed to improve safety and capacity at the junction. This arrangement was put in place in conjunction with the provision of the left turn filter lane on Scabeg Hill.

The junction will be re-examined and the option of allowing traffic to move up and down Scabeg hill will be assessed, and if the safety/capacity of the junction can be improved, these movements will be allowed. However, as there is a very busy right turn from Evergreen Road onto Curragh Road, this may not be possible.

### 8.4 **FOOTPATHS AT SARAHVILLE PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpaths outside 5 and 6 Sarahville Place and also the footpath between 1 to 55 Plunkett Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/277)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will repair the footpath outside 5 and 6 Sarahville Place. We will overlay the footpath between 11 and 53 Plunkett Road with an asphaltic overlay (ECOFLEX). The footpath between 1 and 11 Plunkett Road and in front of 55 Plunkett Road is in reasonable condition at present but can be considered again at a future date.

### 8.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CATHEDRAL WALK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.



‘That Cork City Council Roads Department include Traffic Calming measures in the Road Resurfacing Programme 2007 for Cathedral Walk.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/132)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated Cathedral Walk will be added to 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 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected.

#### 8.6 **SPEED RAMPS ON MOUNT EDEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That speed ramps be located on Mount Eden Road and that traffic lights be placed at the junction of Mount Eden Road and Cathedral Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/144)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Mount Eden 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.

There are existing traffic signals on Cathedral Road at the junction with Gurrabraher Road which is relatively close to the junction with Mount Eden Road and therefore it is not appropriate to install traffic lights here because of delays which would be caused to Cathedral Road, which is the main traffic and bus route in the area. Mount Eden Road is not a traffic route and traffic signals at the junction with Cathedral Road could also attract additional traffic into the residential roadway.

#### 8.7 **RESURFACE O'CONNELL CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will as part of its ongoing Roadworks Programme in the Turner’s Cross area resurface O’Connell Crescent.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/145)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that O’Connell Crescent will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 resurfacing programme.

#### 8.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Connaught Avenue be included in the 2008 Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/148)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Connaught Avenue is already on the list of 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.

#### 8.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT UPPER LOTABEG ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council would carry out traffic calming measures at Upper Lotabeg Road. That the Council would carry out an immediate assessment and report back to Council on what type of traffic calming would be most appropriate for this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 07/151)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Upper Lotabeg Road will be added to 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 2008 Roads Programme. The schemes for 2007 have already been selected. It should be noted that Lotabeg Road Upper is on a bus route and the type of traffic calming devices that can be used there is very limited.

8.10 **ROAD MARKINGS AT THE CURRAHEEN RD. & MELBOURN RD. JUNCTION**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of priority upgrade the road markings at the Junction of Curraheen Road and Melbourn Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/152)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the road markings on Curraheen Road at the junction with Melbourne Road are in need of renewal and this work will be done in the near future. The opportunity will be taken to re-assess the road markings and any changes that will improve the traffic movements and road safety there will be implemented.

8.11 **SEATING IN EMMET PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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 07/125 & 07/170)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Emmet Place is essentially an open public space for the City Centre that has also evolved into an outdoor events area. In recent times it has become a centre for some less desirable activities such as large numbers of skateboarders during the evenings and weekends. If we install seating in this area I fear that it will just facilitate greater skateboarding

congregations whilst at the same time adversely affecting the ability of the area to hold events.

Lack of seating in the City Centre is, however, an issue and is being addressed within the Grand Parade Renewal Project as we are installing roughly 30 different seating locations.

I therefore recommend that seating is not appropriate for Emmet Place at this time, however, this position will be reviewed upon completion of the new developments between Academy St and William St as the nature of the area may change as a consequence of these developments.

#### 8.12 **BUS SHELTER – ST MARY’S ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that bus shelters in the city are provided by Clear Channel in conjunction with Bus Éireann. Clear Channel is an advertising company and the bus shelters are paid for out of advertising revenue.

We will contact Bus Éireann with a request that a bus shelter be provided outside St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Bakers Road.

#### 8.13 **SLOW DOWN SIGN – CHURCHFIELD HILL/BAKERS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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 at Play’ signs on Churchfield Avenue from the junction at Churchfield Hill to Colmcille Road/Bakers Road.’

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that ‘Children at Play’ signs are not provided by the City Council out of normal maintenance budgets. They are generally obtained by residents groups and erected at agreed locations by the City

Council at the residents' expense. They are also regularly paid for out of local ward funds. They are not however, appropriate for main traffic or bus routes such as Churchfield Avenue.

"Slow down" are not usually installed as they have been shown to be ineffective and well as adding to the general clutter of signs, they are largely ignored by motorists. We will contact the Traffic Gardaí with a view of ensuring that excessive speeding in the area will be curtailed.

#### 8.14 **TRAFFIC SURVEY – DUBLIN HILL/THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in the last few years several road improvement works have been carried out in the Blackpool Area. Part to this work included refurbishing the junction of Dublin Hill with Dublin Street at the Grotto. A new entrance to Blackpool Shopping centre was also created nearby on Redforge Road. A new controlled pedestrian crossing is due to be provided at this location in the near future.

The general; roads geometry and traffic arrangement in the area will be examined and reviewed, and any identified improvement measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

#### 8.15 **EVERGREEN BUILDINGS – RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Evergreen Buildings will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 resurfacing programme.

8.16 **UPGRADING OF BELGRAVE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpath from the bend in Belgrave Avenue down to the junction with Wellington Road is included in our footpath renewal programme for 2007. The road will be considered for inclusion in our roads resurfacing programme for 2008.

The public lighting on Belgrave Avenue will be examined and assessed and any necessary improvements required to upgrade the lighting to modern standards will be identified. Any identified improvement measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme. Alternatively, improvement works may be funded out of Ward Funds.

8.17 **UPGRADE LIGHTING IN DELANEY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the public lighting in Delaney Park, Dublin Hill will be examined and assessed and any necessary improvements required to upgrade the lighting to modern standards will be identified. Any identified improvement measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s roads programme. Alternatively, improvement works may be funded out of Ward Funds.

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

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that we will extend the pathway at 12 Deanrock Close, Deanrock Estate to the end of the wall.

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

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the junction of Deanrock Estate 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.

8.20 **FENCING – BROGUEMAKERS HILL**

Am Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager, dated 31st May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the fencing at Broguemakers Hill was undertaken as part of the Shandon Street Renewal Scheme. Work on this

scheme is now complete and there are no plans to undertake further fencing in the area.

#### 8.21 **ST. PATRICK STREET – BUSES, TAXIS, VEHICLES**

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

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is still a Cork City Council objective that, on completion of the St. Patrick’s Street Refurbishment Scheme, a traffic management scheme be introduced to restrict access to the street to public transport, taxis and cyclists for a core period each day. This proposal will be fully assessed when:

- a) The Grand Parade Refurbishment Scheme is completed (which will be one of the alternative routes for traffic) and
- b) Traffic management improvements are introduced elsewhere in the City Centre such as the Kyril’s Quay/Grattan Street Link.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the Gardai and the Central Business Association and initial reaction has been positive.

It is likely though that the new traffic management regime for St. Patrick’s Street will not be implemented until the major reconstruction works involving the new retail development at Academy Street/Faulkner’s Lane/ Bowling Green Street and at Dunnes Stores, St. Patrick’s Street are completed. Work on these projects is due to start shortly.

#### 8.22 **THE BISHOPSTOWN BY-PASS**

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

‘The Road proposal from the Southern Ring Road in a line west of the CIT to the Model Farm Road and the Straight Road [The Bishopstown by-pass] is high priority in the City Development Plan 2004 and a very urgent matter since 1999 when first raised.



This Council resolves to include in this proposal an under/over multi storey car park sufficient in size to cater for CIT, FAS, CUH and the Model Farm Road Technology Park / Industrial Estate funded by these bodies, Government/Local Authorities and others with a fee that's reasonable but sufficient and inclusive of a nipper courtesy bus transporting to and from these locations.

Such a proposal is essential and acceptable as it need not interfere with existing resident estates if positioned carefully off the new roadway.

It has the consequence of freeing up the existing car surface spaces significantly enhancing the local environment.

A concept of encasing it within CIT facilities would hide the bland appearance such over ground Car Parks have and blend it into the CIT's attractive new brick campus style.'

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/104)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the proposal to build a link road to the back of CIT from the Ballincollig By-Pass is a 'roads scheme' and is totally separate to the parking needs of the major institutions in the area. The provision of parking for major institutions such as CIT, FAS or CUH is a matter for the institutions themselves. These institutions are funded by either the Department of Education or the Department of Health and Cork City Council or the Department of Transport cannot be expected to fund their parking needs.

Any new parking proposals CIT, FAS or CUH are subject to the planning process. Requirements for parking provision are based on commuter mobility plans which are designed to promote travel by users of the institutions, of other modes of transport other than the car, i.e. public transport, cycling, walking, etc. It should be noted that excessive supply of parking in the institutions will generate more traffic in the area with the resultant nuisance of congestion, noise and air pollution. Cork City Council has close contacts with these organisations to ensure their mobility plans are kept up-to-date.

The use of either underground or multi-storey car parking is again a matter for the various institutions themselves.

A Park & Ride facility in the western suburbs is been actively pursued by both Cork City and Cork County Councils and it is planned that definite proposals for a particular site will be made in the near future. This will help to reduce the overall levels of car traffic accessing the City Centre from the area.

9. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.30 p.m.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2007**

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Members approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of May, 2007.

10.2 **DEVELOPMENT AT KILMORE ROAD LOWER, KNOCKNACULLEN EAST, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknacullen East, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development at Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknacullen East, Cork and the report of the Director of Services thereon.

The report of the Director of Services stated that this site is located to the south of the City Council's Water Tower, on the northern edge of Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknacullen East, Cork. The site is in the ownership of Cork City Council. The proposed development consists of a total of 45 no. dwellings. Details of the house types proposed are given as follows:

- 29 No. Three Bedroom 2 Storey Townhouses.
- 10 No. Three Bedroom 2 Storey Semi-Detached Dwellings.
- 3 No. Three Bedroom 2 Storey Duplex Dwellings over.
- 3 No. Two Bedroom single storey apartments

Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 17 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on 30th of May, 2007.

No submissions/observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development.

The provision of housing at this location is contained in the Action plan for Northside Regeneration which was approved by the Members of Council on the 11th December, 2006. The dwellings provided by the proposed development are intended for sale under the City Council's Affordable Housing scheme and will

add significantly to the social infrastructure of Knocknacullen, Kilmore Road Lower and the surrounding areas.

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

### 10.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT CHURCHFIELD ROAD, CHURCHFIELD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Churchfield Road, Churchfield, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development at Churchfield Road, Churchfield, Cork and the report of the Director of Services thereon.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the site is located at the northern edge of Churchfield Road, Churchfield, Cork and adjacent to St. Vincent's GAA grounds. The site is in the ownership of Cork City Council. The proposed development consists of a total of 30 no. dwellings. Details of the house types proposed are given as follows:

- 12 No. Three Bedroom 3 Storey Townhouses.
- 16 No. Three Bedroom 2 Storey Townhouses.
- 1 No. Two Bedroom Single Storey Apartment over,
- 1 No. Three Bedroom 2 Storey Dwelling.

Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 17 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on 30th of May, 2007.

No submissions/observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development.

The provision of housing at this location is contained in the Action Plan for Northside Regeneration which was approved by the Members of Council on the 11th December, 2006. The dwellings provided by the proposed development are intended for sale under the City Council's Affordable Housing scheme and will add significantly to the social infrastructure of Churchfield and the surrounding areas.

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

#### 10.4 **DEVELOPMENT AT HARBOUR VIEW ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Harbour View Road, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development at Harbour View Road, Cork and the report of the Director of Services thereon.

The report of the Director of Services stated that this site is located to the east of the City Council's Water Department's reservoir, and north of Petrol Filling Station, on Harbour View Road, Hollyhill, Cork. The site is in the ownership of Cork City Council. The proposed development consists of a total of 13 no. dwellings. Details of the house types proposed are given as follows:

- 9 No. Three Bedroom 2 Storey Townhouses.
- 4 No. One Bedroom Single Storey Dwellings.

Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001. (Now covered by the Planning and Development Regulations 2006) Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on 22nd of March, 2007.

The advertised scheme has been reduced to 10 units due to wayleave constraints. Details of the revised house types now proposed are given as follows:

- 4. No. Three Bedroomed Townhouses.
- 4. No. One Bedroomed Single Storey Dwellings.
- 2. No. Three Bedroomed Semi Detached Dwellings.

One no. submission/observation was received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development and the name of the submitter was Councillor Tony Fitzgerald, The Bungalow, Harbour View Road, Cork.

**The issues raised in the submission and the responses given are as follows:**  
**Issues Raised:**

1. That a boundary wall be erected to the back (Petrol Station end) and west side of the development.
2. That the proposed road would have ramps and SLOW DOWN signs.
3. That the end of the cul de sac would be properly developed to ensure that no vehicles could drive down onto the main road.
4. That adequate public lighting would be installed.
5. That during the construction that adequate security would be in place to protect the site and avoid any disturbance to the residents.
6. That during construction that the roads leading into the development would be regularly cleaned.
7. That no Gravel / Sand would be visible seen on the green area and footpaths during construction.
8. That the vacant site between the reservoir would be developed by the Water Department (costing 5.1 Million Euro) in a coordinated way and will not impede the vision of the city from Ardculen.
9. That the existing Reservoir and its boundaries leading onto Harbour View Road would be developed as public amenity and regularly supervised by Cork City Council.
10. That the briars and bushes on the banks leading up to the Reservoir would be taken away and replaced with new shrubs.
11. That the existing railing on the reservoir would be replaced and all graffiti removed.
12. That any new amenity on the old reservoir would be wheelchair friendly.
13. That the one bedroom units would be allocated to an older generation.
14. That all possible tenants would comply with the tenancy agreement of Cork City Council.

**Responses :**

1. A boundary wall is indicated in the revised site layout plan to the rear of the petrol station and to the west side of the development.
2. Traffic calming measures have been designed into the cul de sac roadway and can be complemented with appropriate signage. The cul de sac has been designed to prevent access through to the road further west by the use of bollards.
3. The cul de sac has been designed to prevent access through to the road further west by the placing of bollards at this location.
4. Adequate public lighting will be installed in accordance with Cork City Council requirements.

5. Site Security will be highlighted as a necessity in the preliminary Health & Safety plan at pre contract stage.

6. A wheel cleaning regime will be highlighted as a necessity in the preliminary Health & Safety plan at pre contract stage.

7. Site management policy will require all materials to be retained on site and it will be a condition of the contract that the site will be ringfenced with hoarding for the duration of the works.

8-12. The current Part 8 application relates to the site to the east of the reservoir. Issues relating to the future development of the reservoir will be dealt with as part of a separate process.

13. The one bedroomed units will be suitable for occupation by any persons with special needs including the elderly and persons with a disability.

14. All tenants of Cork City Council are expected to fully comply with the terms of their letting agreement.

The dwellings provided in the proposed development are intended to meet social housing demands in the area.

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

#### 10.5 **PROTOCOLS FOR CORK CITY COUNCIL PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council would consider ensuring that the following protocols are in place regarding Cork City Council Projects;

1. That documentary evidence is in place prior to commencing of projects ensuring that all contractors and sub-contractors are NERA compliant.
2. That the City Council would employ a Labour Inspector to visit Council Projects to do random checks ensuring that all workers are compliant.
3. That the Council draw up a list of sub-contractors who are already compliant with NERA legislation and make this data base available to main contractors before commencing of works.

4. That the City Council would compile a list of sub-contractors who have been found to be non-compliant and these sub-contractors would be black-listed from all future Council projects.
5. That the City Council would investigate the legality of imposing financial penalties on sub-contractors who have been found non-compliant while engaged in Council Projects.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O'Brien 07/107)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O' Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed to amend the motion to read as follows, (and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007.)

1. That documentary evidence is in place prior to commencing of projects ensuring that all contractors and sub-contractors are NERA compliant.
2. That the City Council would employ a designated Compliance Officer to visit Council Projects to do random checks ensuring that all workers are compliant and that non compliance will be reported by Cork City Council to the NERA.

The report of the Director of Services stated that;

1. Cork City Council contract documentation requires that the conditions of employment for all employees on sites, whether employed by the main contractor or sub-contractors, comply with all relevant legislation.
2. The employment of a Labour Inspector is a matter for the National Employment Rights Authority (NERA).
3. It is the duty of the main contractor to ensure that all sub-contractors working on the particular site are compliant.
4. No statutory legislative provision exists to allow such black-listing of Contractors by Cork City Council.
5. No legislative provision allows for the imposition of such penalties by Cork City Council.

## 10.6 **ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That contractors or sub-contractors who are found to be in breach of the terms of contract or any conditions of contract or failing to comply with the terms of contract and or not found to be in compliance with the necessary employment legislation be blacklisted from future contracts and tendering process by Cork City Council or their Agents.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Leary 07/108)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O' Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, a vote was called for on the report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham(13)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O' Brien, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, An tArdmhéara – (6)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Director of Services approved.

The report of the Director of Services stated that that there are no statutory provisions to allow for black-listing of Contractors by Cork City Council. The recently established National Employment Rights Authority, under the Directorship of Ger Deering, is now the relevant agency to deal with non-compliance of employment legislation.

#### 10.7 **FLATS AT COMERAGH PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consideration is currently being given to the demolition of the three remaining blocks of flats at Comeragh Park. Negotiations have advanced with the various occupiers and significant progress is anticipated over the coming weeks.

#### 10.8 **ALLEYWAY BETWEEN BAKERS ROAD AND PRESENTATION ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.



‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that discussions had taken place with the North West Ward Members regarding the extinguishment of the public right of way at the laneway between Bakers Road and Presentation Road. As an interim measure, it is intended to improve the existing boundary treatment at the rear of the affected properties on Cathedral Road.

#### 10.9 **Disposals**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

##### **Property Disposal**

- a) Disposal of properties at Kyril’s Quay and Kyril’s Street, Cork to Tom Murray, Paul Forde and Neil O’Sullivan trading as TNP Partnership, c/o P.J. O’Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, 73, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €6,100,000.
- b) Disposal of land approximately 3,344m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at Waterfall, Bishopstown, Cork to John Patrick Coveney, c/o McNulty Boyland & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork for the sum of €100.00 plus costs of €1,500.
- c) Disposal of property at St. Kevin's Street/Stephens Street, Cork, to Masglen Limited trading as The Stephen Street Partnership, c/o O'Donnell Breen Walsh O'Donoghue, Solicitors, Trinity House, No. 8, George’s Quay, Cork, for the sum of €10,000 plus costs.

##### **Derelict Site**

- a) An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007 regarding derelict site at South Presentation Convent, Douglas Street, Cork.

#### 11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

#### 12. **CONFERENCES**

##### 12.1 **BYRNE/PERRY SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, M. Shields, D. Murphy and L. McGonigle at the Byrne/Perry Summer School held in the Gorey, Co. Wexford on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

13. **MOTIONS**

13.1 **SOX LANTERNS IN WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

‘That Cork City Council immediately replace the SOX lanterns in the White Street Car Park. This is a public car park adjacent to the South Parish Community Centre, and the lighting is in a deplorable state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/303)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.2 **INSTALLATION OF GATES – LANEWAY SLIEVE MISH PARK & GREEN LAWN**

‘That gates be installed on the laneway between Slieve Mish Park and Green Lawn and keys be given to the relevant residents. The process to be done in consultation with the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/329)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

13.3 **CURRAHEEN DRIVE – 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Curraheen Drive be included in the 2008 Road Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. M. Shields 07/188)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.4 **SEAL OFF SITE – THOMAS DAVIS STREET/SPRING LANE**

‘That Cork City Council Housing Department seal off the site at the junction of Thomas Davis Street/Spring Lane as it is being used for dumping rubbish and is an eye sore.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/192)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - MILLFIELD COTTAGES – OLD MALLOW ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place traffic calming measures in front of Millfield Cottages, Millfield Terrace, Old Mallow Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/193)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.6 **ARROWS – DOUGLAS, ROAD, BELVEDERE LAWN**

‘That directorial arrows be installed on the road carriageway at the Douglas Road, Belvedere Lawn junction to indicate right and left hand turning. At present there is confusion regarding what side of the road cars should be on, in order to turn right or left.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Terry Shannon 07/206)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.7 **STREET LIGHTING – MOUNT SION ROAD**

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING IN COURTOWN DRIVE & HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council put in place:

- (a) Slow down signs at Courtown Drive to reduce speed in the community, and
  - (b) Speed Ramps in Hollyville Estate
- in the interest of safety to Children and Older People in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/217)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.9 **DOUGLAS HALL LAWN – ROADS PROGRAMME**

‘That Douglas Hall Lawn, Douglas Road would be included in the roads programme for resurfacing for 2008, as the roads in this estate are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 07/218)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.10 **“CHILDREN AT PLAY” SIGN – POST OFFICE AVENUE, BLACKROCK ROAD**

‘That a “Children at Play” sign would be placed at the entrance of Post Office Avenue, Blackrock Road, to slow down traffic going through this park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 07/219)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.11 **INSTALL SPEED RESTRICTION RAMPS – HOLLYHILL LANE**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would install speed restriction ramps in Hollyhill Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/221)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.12 **BUS PARKING SPACES – POPES QUAY**

‘That Cork City Council permit motorists attending Mass on Sundays in St. Marys Church the use of the bus parking spaces on Popes Quay until 1.30pm.

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 07/224)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.13 **POWER FAILURES – ESB**

‘That Cork City Council enters into discussions with the ESB to ensure that (a) any power failures that occur in residential areas are promptly dealt with and (b) that streets are not left without lighting for lengthy periods as happened throughout last winter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 07/225)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.14 **AREA ACTION PLAN – MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council prepare an Area Action Plan for the Mayfield area particularly because of the imminent threat to Recreation/Amenity/Sports areas at Tank Field and Tinkers Cross and also with a view to reducing the through flow of heavy traffic.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/226)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**

13.15 **AREA ACTION PLAN – SILVERSPRINGS/LOTAMORE/ASHMOUNT**

‘That Cork City Council prepare an Area Action Plan for the Silversprings/Lotamore/Ashmount area in conjunction with Cork County Council in order to ensure that all facilities necessary for the Community are provided and that a coordinated approach is taken to Developers.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/227)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**

13.16 **TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY IN PARKLANDS**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a detailed traffic impact study in parklands, that would clearly identify the needs in relation to what traffic calming measures are required for the area, and City Council would put in place a programme and a time scale in which the appropriate traffic calming measures that are deemed necessary can be implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/228)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.17 **RAMP – NO. 58 HORGAN’S BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council would put a ramp in place outside No 58 Horgan’s Buildings and also a bollard at the corner of No 58. This would ensure that traffic approaching this junction would have to slow down, and also stop traffic mounting the footpath outside No 58.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 07/229)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.18 **AUDIT OF ESTATES – SOUTH WEST WARD**

‘That Cork City Council conduct an audit of estates in the South West Ward with a view to solving parking problems in numerous estates. There are areas where additional parking problems in numerous estates. There are areas where additional parking can be created by means of converting derelict areas into parking spaces, dishing footpaths and removing/reshaping green areas without removing recreational space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/230)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.19 **LEGISLATION – ELECTION POSTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Environment to review legislation pertaining to election posters and a revised scheme would be introduced to curtail the usage of election posters to a certain number per candidate/party therefore enhancing the environment and increasing public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/231)

13.20 **RESURFACE – HAWTHORN CAR PARK & ST. JOSEPHS PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would resurface the Lane between the Hawthorn Car Park and St. Josephs Park and also include St. Josephs Park in the traffic calming programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/232)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.21 **FENCING – NO. 20 VICARS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council erect fencing at rear of No. 20 Vicars Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/233)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.22 **RAILINGS – AVOCA CRESCENT, THE GLEN**

‘In the interests of protecting our tenants from anti-social behaviour, Cork City Council resolves to erect railings (a) between the kerbside and the houses at Avoca Crescent, The Glen (b) between the roadside and the open space opposite Avoca Crescent, The Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/236)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.23 **TRAFFIC CALMING – MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE, GURRANABRAHER**

‘Council resolves to calm traffic at Mary Aikenhead Place, Gurranaברה, by constructing ramps and taking any other necessary traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 07/237)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 13.24 **CORK CITY TOURISM**

‘In conjunction with, and in support of existing tourism organizations, in an effort to further promote Cork City as a wonderful place to visit, and to showcase our city to a worldwide audience, I propose that Cork City Council in partnership with interested groups (hotels, media, etc) would set up a database where for example; hotels, and retail outlets that provide “tax back” shopping for tourists etc. would encourage guests/customers to provide their e-mail addresses. These would be entered onto a central database under the control of Cork City Council would then send a monthly newsletter all over the world selling what Cork has to offer for both short and long term breaks (marathon, ocean to city race, ceili mor, arts, festivals etc). Hotels and others who would want to advertise on this newsletter would then be invited to do so for a nominal sum to contribute towards the cost of running the system. This would provide a “win win” situation for all concerned and would be in line with best practice and promotions run by other great cities in Europe and beyond.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/238)

#### **Corporate Policy Group**

#### 14. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 2 x Contract for the provision of Services of Lord Mayors Driver
- 4 x Extension at 115 Churchfield Avenue, Churchfield, Cork.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**