

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JULY 2007

PRESENT	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir M. Ahern
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager. Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance Mr. J. O' Riordan, A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs Mr. D. O' Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs. Ms. P. Hourihan, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow An Chomhairle to go into Committee to discuss Item 5 Conference/Event Centre. The Lord Mayor requested members of the public and media to leave the meeting.

1.(a) **VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- Barry Cogan and the organizers of Cork International Folk Dance Festival on the success of the Festival.
- John O' Flynn and staff on the Imperial Hotel being upgraded to a four star hotel.

- Finbarr O' Shea, and staff of the Flying Enterprise Lounge & Restaurant on being named Pub of the Year 2007.
- Padraig Harrington on winning the British Open Golf Championship.
- Cllr. Denis Cregan, Captain of the winning team at the recent Fine Gael National Golf outing.
- Seandún U15 footballers on winning the Cork County Intermediate Division Championship.

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

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

- Angela Burke and Family on the death of Harry Burke.
- O' Regan Family on the death of Paddy O' Regan
- Magnier Family on the death of Pat Magnier
- McGrath Family on the death of Liam McGrath.

1. (c) **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of a civic reception for Padraig Harrington on winning the British Open Golf Championship.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 9th July, 2007 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **DRAINS AT JUNCTION OF CAPWELL ROAD**

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

What steps are being taken by Cork City Council to rectify the on-going problems with the drains at the junction of Capwell Road, Capwell Avenue (44 to 37 Capwell Road) (29 to 24 Capwell Avenue)?

The sewer has become partially blocked with grout from underpinning and other building works in the immediate vicinity. Regular flushing of the line is being carried out by Cork City Council Drainage to maintain flow. Efforts to clear the grout without excavation are not proving effective and major remedial works may be required. The line of the sewer runs through private property and under the South City Link Road. The extent of work required and design for same is under review at present.

3.2 **COMPLETION DATE – MARDYKE REGENERATION PROJECT**

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

Would the Manager please inform Council as to the completion date for the Mardyke regeneration project?

The Roads and Transportation Directorate is currently finalising the design of the Mardyke Walk Improvement Scheme encompassing all of Mardyke Walk from the Bandfield to Western Road ('Sacred Heart' end) with a view to public consultation and invitation to tender this year. Construction is planned to commence either in late 2007 or early 2008 with a completion date in 2009.

The scheme will incorporate surface drainage works, road resurfacing, upgraded footpaths, speed tables, public lighting and tree planting and should result in this very attractive area receiving a high quality infrastructure in keeping with its position as one of the city's prime amenity areas.

3.3 **SHELTERED HOUSING BY COPE FOUNDATION**

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

To ask the Manager please to provide Council with an up-date regarding development/progress of Sheltered Housing by Cope Foundation in the Deer Park/Ross Barra area, and in his reply to respond to the following point:

In what timeframe is it envisaged that the work will commence?

Tenders have been received for the development.

The City Council has submitted a funding application to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the granting of a loan under the Capital Assistance Scheme to the COPE Foundation to carry out the project.

It is envisaged that the development will commence in September once the necessary approvals are obtained.

3.4 **RECREATION/AMENITY SPENDING – NORTH EAST WARD**

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

Can the Manager please confirm the recreation/amenity facility spending in the North East Ward since June 2004 identifying the expenditure on the Playground/MUGA at Glenamoy Lawn, the two new pitches at Glen Resource

Centre and the expected cost of the new Children's Playground about to be confirmed for the Glen and finally any additional spending on ongoing projects?

The Playground at Glenamoy Park cost €97,180.

The MUGA at Glanamoy Park cost € 72,171 .

The Tender documents for the play facility in the Glen Area have yet to be advertised, but there is RAPID funding of €66,000 approved for this project .

Two pitches and a car park were provided at a cost of €600,000

A further two pitches at the Glen resource centre are estimated to cost €250000., for which tender documents are at present being examined.

The estimated budget for The Military Cemetery is €325,000. Work has started on site, under the job initiative scheme.

3.5 **REFURBISHMENT OF SHANDON STREET**

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

During the refurbishment of Shandon Street as part of the Shandon Action Plan 2002, it was agreed that all cabling would be wall mounted and ESB poles would be removed, thereby ensuring that no cables would cross the street – Reference Item 5 of the said Plan “a programme of improvement to public lighting in the Shandon area will be implemented by December 2005”. To date this has not happened. When will this programme be implemented?

As part of the Shandon Street Rejuvenation, the public lighting on the lower half of Shandon Street has been renewed. This consists mainly of wall-mounted new public lights. The public lighting system on the northern section of Shandon Street will be completed in the next two months. In relation to the undergrounding of cables, ducts have been included in the street to cater for such undergrounding of the ESB power network. There are no funds within the present budget to underground this network, however it will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Programme.

3.6 **PRIVATE LANDLORDS – RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME**

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

Can the Manager please tell me how many private landlords have signed up to the Rental Accommodation Scheme? Can he also tell me how many units the Council have secured under the new RAS Scheme?

To the end of June 2007, 65 contracts with private landlords have been executed. 18 further contracts are currently being processed.

The City Council has reached agreement with private landlords in respect of an additional 49 units on long-term availability contracts. The RAS unit has also secured 39 units through the Capital Acquisition Programme. The Council is also concluding Service Level Agreements with both Threshold and Sophia Housing for the provision of a further 50 units.

3.7 **MEETING – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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

A number of weeks ago the Manager gave a commitment to members to hold a meeting on the growing menace of Anti Social Behaviour. The meeting was to involve members of the Voluntary and Statutory. Can the Manager please tell us when he envisages this meeting taking place?

The meeting will be held in September.

3.8 **ARREARS – WATER CHARGES**

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

- a) How much is owed to the City Council in arrears from outstanding Water Charges?
 - b) What % of these arrears is contributed to the Commercial Sector?
 - c) Are there any legal proceedings currently being taken against persons in arrears and how many?
- (a) The total balance due for water charges at present is €4,865,618. This figure is a mid-year snapshot as it includes sums due on foot of bills issued for the most recent quarter and a small number of new meter accounts.
- (b) In accordance with the Government's Water Services Pricing Policy all non-domestic users are charged for water services. Accordingly no distinction is made for charging purposes between non-domestic and commercial users. However it is estimated that approx €2.5m or 65% of the above balance would be commercial in nature.
- (c) Non domestic consumers who fail to pay charges due are liable to have their water supply disconnected. In addition the Council may institute legal proceedings for recovery of any arrears due. There are no legal proceedings currently underway in

relation to water charges. Issues regarding past arrears are usually satisfactorily resolved as part of the response to the issue or implementation of disconnection notices.

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

4.1 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES – COMHAIRLEOIR C. O’ CONNELL, R.I.P.**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to each of the following Committees arising from the recent death of Comhairleoir C. O’ Connell, R.I.P:

- South West Regional Authority
- Community Development Committee
- Twinning Committee

Comhairleoir D. Wallace proposed, Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir M. Shields to the South West Regional Authority.

Comhairleoir J. O’ Brien proposed, Comhairleoir M. Shields seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir F. Kerins to the Community Development Committee.

Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary proposed, Comhairleoir M. Shields seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir F. Kerins to the Twinning Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared the above members appointed to the relevant Committees.

4.2 **VACANCY ON PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to the Planning Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir C. Clancy. Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed, Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir L. Kingston to the Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir L. Kingston appointed to the Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

4.3 **VACANCY ON ARTS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to the Arts Committee arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir P. Gosch.

Comhairleoir D. Cregan proposed and Comhairleoir J. Buttimer seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir J. Corr to the Arts Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir J. Corr appointed to the Arts Committee.

4.4 **VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of one member to the Board of Cork City Partnership arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir P. Gosch.

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded the appointment of Comhairleoir D. Murphy to the Board of Cork City Partnership.

An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir D. Murphy appointed to the Board of Cork City Partnership.

5. **CONFERENCE/EVENT CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23rd July, 2007 and the report of the City Manager dated 17th July, 2007 on the provision of a Conference/Event Centre in Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, a vote was called on the report of the City Manager dated 17th July, 2007, where there appeared:

For: An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Counihan, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O' Connell, J. O' Callaghan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, L. Kingston, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. (19)

Against: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O' Brien, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, S. Martin, F. Kerins (7)

An tArdmhéara declared the report of the City Manager approved.

6. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH JUNE 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 30th June, 2007.

7. **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 9th July, 2007 recommending approval to the renewal of the existing level of overdraft facilities of €10m. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the second-half year to the 31st December 2007.”

8. **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of the remaining three members of An Chomhairle to the Joint Policing Committee as set out in Circular Letter LG15/07 and guidelines attached, which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 9th July, 2007.

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed and Comhairleoir D. Cregan seconded the appointment of Comhairleoirí M. O’ Connell, C. Clancy and Michael Ahern to the Joint Policing Committee.

An tArdmhéara declared the above members nominated to the Joint Policing Committee.

9. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

9.1 **NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer the following motions back to the Corporate Policy Group for further reporting.

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with other local authorities and the Houses of the Oireachtas would designate a specific day as a Day of Remembrance for those killed in Road Traffic Accidents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/121)

‘I propose that a National Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims be implemented by the Government on the 3rd Sunday of November in line with International practice.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Dave McCarthy 07/190)

10. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16TH JULY 2007**

10.1 **TWINNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF TWINNING VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO (APRIL, 2007)**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 19th June 2007 regarding the Cork City

Council study visit to San Francisco led by Lord Mayor, Councillor Michael Ahern in April 2007.

10.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12th July, 2007 on Housing Estates from 1st May, 2007 to 30th June, 2007.

10.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12th July, 2007 on the number of planning applications determined & deferred from 1st May, 2007 - 30th June, 2007.

10.4 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 12th July, 2007 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st May, 2007 – 30th June, 2007.

10.5 **PURSUE OWNER OF DERELICT PROPERTY IN MAHONY'S SQUARE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development and City Engineer dated 12th May, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That Cork City Council Property Department pursue the owner of the Derelict Property ref 1530 D.S. in Mahonys Square off Great William O'Brien Street to make good the site as its condition and appearance is a concern to the local residents.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/166)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the property at Broadlane/Mahonys Square, Blackpool was declared derelict by Manager Order 3675/02 dated the 14th August, 2002. Following ownership investigation and valuation, the property was placed on the Cork City Council's Derelict Sites Register on the 5th September, 2003 in accordance with Section 8 (7) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. The reputed owner has advised Cork City Council that title matters have to date prevented any development of this property. Cork City Council, Property Section has been in negotiations with the solicitor acting for the owner to perfect title, using the compulsory acquisition procedures of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. This matter was discussed at Housings Committee meeting of 03/07/'07 and is now being put before the elected members of Council for approval.

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed the suspension of Standing Orders and the meeting to be extended to 8.40pm.

10.6 MATERIAL CONTRAVENTIONS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the mechanism for the approval of Material Contraventions of the City Development Plan.

11. ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16TH JULY 2007

11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 30th June 2007.

11.2 SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services on Sanitary and other schemes for the year to 30th June 2007.

11.3 HEATHERTON PARK

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th July 2007 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this Pumping station has not been Taken-in-charge. The developer of the estate carried out work there in summer 2006 including a refit of the pump station. However no details of the equipment and work on the pump station has been furnished to the City Council, despite request.

The estate is still not in charge. Difficulties still remain despite efforts to bring the process to finality.

No provision has been made in the Estimates for work to be carried out by the City Council on this estate. It is expected that, if necessary, the outstanding bond can be called down. Further contact with the developer is being arranged.

11.4 **CLEEVE HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th July, 2007 on the following motion referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the major sewage problem ongoing at Cleve Hill, Blackrock Road and affect whatever repairs that are needed and report to City Council on the issues surrounding the taking in charge of this residential area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/205)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cleve Hill is a mature housing estate located on the north side of the Blackrock Road. The drainage system until recently discharged to a septic tank adjacent to the estate. This system had not been taken in charge by the City Council.

As a prelude to development of the land to the north of the estate, the owners laid a drain northwards to connect to the public network on Monaghan’s Road. It is understood that Cleve Hill are now connected to this private drain.

If the drainage is now to be taken in charge the following process and conditions would apply.

- a) Request to be received from all the property owners /residents for the drainage to be taken in charge.
- b) The existing main sewer line(s) only would be taken in charge. All connections to this line from individual houses or groups of houses would remain private drains or private common drains as per normal practice.
- c) Prior to taking in charge, the drainage infrastructure to be up to the standard of the City Engineer’s minimum requirements for drainage works. All faults and repairs to the existing system would have to be effected in advance of taking in charge to bring it up to standard.
- d) The Drainage to be taken in charge is connected directly to the Public sewerage system.
- e) All Wayleaves where the system is laid in private property to be put in place to enable Cork City Council to access the system, to enter and effect any repairs or maintenance work or new connections which may be required in the future.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

13. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

13.1 **ANNUAL IRISH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Annual Irish Public Private Partnerships conference held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin on the 26th June, 2007.

13.2 **HUMBERT SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Corr, M. Shields, D. Wallace, D. Cregan, T Brosnan and T. O' Driscoll at the Humbert Summer School conference to be held in Ballina, Co. Mayo on the 23rd – 26th August, 2007.

13.3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. O' Callaghan and T. Brosnan at the Local Government and the Arts Conference to be held in Dooleys Hotel, Birr, Co. Offaly on the 24th – 26th August 2007.

13.4 **LEADING MINDS – LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE POWER OF PRESENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Murphy to attend the Leading Minds – Leadership Through The Power of Presence conference held in Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare on the 20th – 23rd July 2007.

13.5 **SLIABH LUACHRA SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O' Connell to attend the Sliabh Luachra Summer School conference to be held in Bruach Na Carraige Cultural and Heritage Centre, Rockchapel, Co. Cork on the 6th – 12th August 2007.

13.6 **THE PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O' Connell, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher to attend the Parnell Summer School Conference to be held at the Avondale House & Forest Park, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow on the 12th – 17th August 2007.

13.7 **MERRIMAN SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher to attend the Merriman Summer School conference to be held in Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare on the 19th – 25th August 2007.

13.7 **DEVELOPING LOCAL HERITAGE FOR TOURISM PURPOSES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O' Connell at the Developing Local Heritage for Tourism Purposes to be held at the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry on the 6th September 2007.

13.8 **AMAI 94TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the AMAI 94th Annual Conference to be held in New Ross, Co. Wexford on the 13th – 15th September 2007.

14. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee.

14.1 **22 PARK OWEN**

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.2 **CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council actively roll out with the participation of secondary schools, an Garda Síochana, H.S.E. officials and other interested public bodies a Civic Awareness Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/345)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

14.3 **SURVEY FENCING DIVIDING FARRANREE & GURRANABRAHER**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/196)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.4 **REPLACEMENT FENCING – 2008 BUDGET**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 07/197)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **BARRACK STREET BE CONSIDERED FOR A MAJOR URBAN RENEWAL PROEJCT**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **SUMMER STREET AMBASSADOR SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council would in conjunction with other organisations introduce a Summer Street Ambassador Scheme to assist tourists.
A similar scheme introduced in Limerick last year has been very successful and is being replicated in Dublin this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/261)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

14.8 **MAINTAIN CORK CITY AS GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROP AND FOOD FREE ZONE**

‘That Cork City Council takes every possible measure to promote and maintain Cork City as Genetically Modified crop and food free zone. To declare Cork City a GM Free Zone, not only prohibiting the growth of GM crops in our jurisdiction but also prohibiting the sale of any GM foods in this city, lending to a clean green

image for Cork, attractive not only to the inhabitants of this city but for the many international tourists arriving here on a continual basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/262)

Corporate Policy Group

14.9 **END EXCESSIVE FEES RELATED TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council put an end to the excessive fees related to the Affordable Housing Scheme. That this Council abolish the practice of candidates for this scheme being forced to pay up to €100 per week once offered a house even if they cannot move into the property immediately, leaving many in the unacceptable and unfair position of paying for a house which they are not residing in for many months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 07/263)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

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

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **RESURFACE – COURTOWN DRIVE**

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **BOLLARDS – GURRANABRAHER ROAD**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **TREES, ARDMAHON ESTATE**

‘That the trees in the park at Ardmahon Estate be topped this year, as they have grown to be a very dangerous height.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon (07/279)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.15 **WALKWAY – TANK FIELD**

‘That Cork City Council construct a walkway/Sli na Slainte around the perimeter of the land at the Tank Field and adjoining green area similar to that requested for Fairfield for the obvious health and fitness benefit for all’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/286)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

14.16 **PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS – 3D GRAPHICS**

‘That Cork City Council resolves that it should produce 3D representations and as constructed 3D graphics for all projects involving/requiring public consultation as it is ridiculous to expect members of the public and councillors to form opinions based on 2D representations/communications of architects and engineers who are speaking in their own professional techno-jargon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/287)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

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

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.19 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS SCHEME – OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

‘That Cork City Council would engage the services of more occupational therapists on an item by item basis, in an effort to speed up the time taken to process applications made under the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/293)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

14.20 **BREED OF DOG – COUNCIL OWNED DWELLINGS**

‘Council agrees that the following breed of dog are not suitable to being kept in Council owned dwellings and resolves to introduce the necessary regulations for all future tenants of Council properties, prohibiting the keeping of; English Bull Terrier; Staffordshire Bull Terrier; American Bull Terrier; Rottweiler; Alsatian; Doberman; Rhodesian Ridgeback; Japanese Akita; Bull Mastiff; Japanese Tosa and Bandog.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Callaghan 07/294)

Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.22 **STOPCOCK COVERS – CITY FOOTPATH**

‘That Cork City Council (a) take charge of stopcock covers on all City footpaths and repair/replace broken ones (b) in the event of this not being legally possible, Cork City Council will periodically advise residents that they are liable for stopcock covers, advise them of where these may be sourced and advise people that insurance claims have resulted from persons tripping over uncovered stopcocks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 07/298)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 6 no. Access Road and Playing Pitches at Kinsale Road Landfill site.
- 5 no. Water Leak Detection Contract.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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