

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs  
Mr. J. Kennelly Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture  
Ms. J. Gazely, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. U. Ramsell, A/ Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir M. O’Connell proposed and Comhairleoir J. Buttimer seconded the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss a request to the Taoiseach to meet an all party group to discuss the debt of Cork Airport.

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’Brien, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, D. Clune, C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, J. Corr, C. Lynch, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. – (20)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll. – (7)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and An Chomhairle agreed that Party Whips would nominate the proposed representatives of their party to meet with An Taoiseach.

1.(b) **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Lord Mayor dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2007 awarding Honorary Membership of Cork City Council to the President of Slovakia Ivan Gasparovic while noting the objection of Comhairleoir M. Barry.

An Chomhairle also approved that part c of the report of the Lord Mayor should be amended to read “two thirds of Members of Cork City Council”.

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

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

- O’Driscoll Family on the death of Derry O’Driscoll
- Payne Family on the death of Monica Payne
- Scannell Family on the death of Willie Scannell
- Kelleher family on the death of Brian Kelleher
- Liston family on the death of Mike Liston
- O’Leary family on the death of Paddy O’Leary
- Kathleen O’Keeffe on the death of Tom O’Keeffe
- Keegan Family on the death of Andrew Keegan
- Mott family on the death of Hannah Mott
- Cannon family on the death of Frances Cannon
- Barry family on the death of Patrick Barry
- Guinnane family on the death of Eamon Guinnane

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to Fintan Sheehan on his retirement.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were considered and approved.

### 3. **QUESTIONS**

#### 3.1 **WATER MAIN ON UPPER PATRICK ROAD**

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

What is the delay in repairing the water main on Upper Patrick Road, Turners Cross?

The water main on Upper Patrick Road, Turners Cross is part of an ageing network and suffers from poor pressure. It has been the subject of leaks in the past leading to remedial works as and when necessary. The replacement of this section of watermain will cost circa €92,000 and plans for this work will be prepared with a view to execution in the current year. In the meantime the Council will continue to effect repairs as necessary to maintain adequate water pressure.

#### 3.2 **DERELICT, UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES ON THE WESTERN ROAD**

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

Will the Manager please explain:-

1. Why Cork City Council continues to tolerate the derelict unsightly properties on the Western Road, to which I previously referred with a question to the Manager?
  2. How long more must the Residents of Bishopstown put up with the unsightly hording surrounding Hawkes Road/Bishopstown Road, Bishopstown?
1. The relevant properties nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & site between 2 & 3 University Place, Western Road (east of O'Donovan's Road) were inspected by the Planning Authority & having been considered derelict as defined under Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 were recommended to the Property Department on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 for inclusion on the Derelict Sites Register.

The Property Dept carried out title investigations on the properties and arising from these a Section 29 notice was issued to an identified owner. Confirmation has been received that refurbishment work has commenced on nos. 2 and 3 with a view to having the properties available for letting in the next few months.

2. This site is being prepared for a recently permitted development and it is entirely reasonable for developers to erect hoardings to building sites in order

to prevent unauthorised access. Any measure to enhance the safety of the public and employees is to be welcomed.

### 3.3 **NO. 66 TORY TOP ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

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

When is it proposed to bring the proposed purchase of freehold interest at No.66 Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane to the City Manager and City Council for approval?

The Section 183 Disposal Notice for the above property was approved by Council at its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006. Instructions were then given by the Property Department to the Law Agent to progress this matter. The Law Agent has issued correspondence to the applicant's solicitor and is awaiting a response to this correspondence.

### 3.4 **SPEED RESTRICTION SIGNS IN THE VICINITY OF MOUNT MERCY SCHOOL**

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

Following the Managers answer to my query on this subject over a year ago in which he stated that he was to liaise with An Garda Siochana as to the feasibility of installing speed restriction (limit) signs in the vicinity of Mount Mercy School, Model Farm Road, as an urgent safety measure.

Can the Manager now tell me:

- a. When the meeting with An Garda Siochana took place?
- b. Provide me with the most up to date information he has on this matter?

Meetings and discussions are held with the "Traffic Gardaí" almost on a daily basis and the use of speed repeater signs on Model Farm Road were discussed with the Gardaí in November 2005 when the matter was reported to Council. At the time it was agreed that motorists could not be in any doubt that they were in a 50 kph zone.

However, we do use repeater signs on some roads in Cork City on a very selected basis, to encourage motorists to slow down. We have to be careful though, that they are not provided in a widespread manner so that ambiguous or confusing messages could be given to motorists on roads, which do not have repeater signs.

Work is due in the coming months on the provision of new road markings, cycle tracks, etc. on Model Farm Road as part of the Green Routes Projects, and we will arrange for the installation of some repeater signs on the roadway as part of the 'package' of traffic calming measures in the area.

### 3.5 **KNOCKNAHEENY MASTER PLAN – KILLALA GARDENS**

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

- a. **Housing** – That as a matter of urgency he will include the entire estate of Killala Gardens for submission to Government for a major refurbishment programme (included in the Black EFGH Submission) to address the dampness and overcrowding which affect the health and well being of many residents.
- b. **Recreation & Amenities** – That this area is included for tree planting and clean up of green areas.
- c. How advanced are the plans to develop the green area at Killala Gardens close to Nu Farm Pitch and close to Churchfield Green.
- d. **Housing** – How soon will a meeting with the Ward Members be held to update them on the submissions and concerns by residents of Black EFGH.

**(a)** The proposals for Blocks EFGH have been advertised formally under the Part 8 Planning Process and are currently the subject of ongoing consultations with residents' representatives. At this stage it is not possible to include Killala Gardens with these proposals. Plans for Killala Gardens will be advanced in the coming months as part of the next phase of the Knocknaheeny Regeneration Project.

**(b)** Cleaning will be undertaken and extensive tree planting on the green area at Killala Gardens will be carried out during March/April as part of the North City Environmental Enhancement Plan.

**(c)** Grant-aid approval under the Rapid Playground Programme for the provision of a Multi Use Games Area on the green area close to Churchfield Green is due shortly. The MUGA is scheduled to be installed by July 2007 and improvements to the adjoining green areas will be undertaken as part of this work. At this stage no further plans have yet been advanced to develop the green area close to Nu Farm pitch. The future use of the area will be reviewed in the context of the North West Area Office moving to new premises in the Block D project and the existing Open Space zoning of the land. A further report will issue in due course.

**(d)** Four meetings with tenant representatives were to be organised in relation to the advertised proposals for Blocks EFGH. Two of these meetings have been held with a further meeting scheduled for later this week. It is anticipated that following completion of these meetings Ward Members will be briefed early in March.

### 3.6 **SALE OF PORTION OF THE TANK FIELD**

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

In relation to the proposed sale of portion of the Tank Field to the Department of Education can the Manager please confirm his best estimate of the price and can he breakdown what it will be used for by Cork City Council.

Monies that are received from the sale of assets are retained for capital purposes. They go into a General Capital Fund and are allocated to Capital Projects throughout the city from time to time. Net income in the case of the Tank Field will be in the region of €669,000.

Proposals to enhance public amenities in the surrounding areas including the Mayfield, Montenotte and Murmont areas will be considered on their merits for the allocation of the necessary funds from this central fund.

Considerable monies have already been allocated from the General Capital fund for projects in this area.

### 3.7 **CORK CITY OF FAIR TRADE**

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

To ask the City Manager for an update on the measures carried out in relation to my motion of last September regarding Cork City Council putting in place the appropriate requirements in order for it to become “A City of Fair Trade”.

Cork City has already got the status of a Fair trade City arising from the work of a voluntary group and formal decision of Council. The city has met the conditions necessary for the designation and signs publicising the designation have recently been erected.

A report was submitted to the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee on Cllr. Lynch’s Motion at its meeting of 24th November 2006.

### **CORK AS A FAIRTRADE CITY**

That Cork City Council will set about the process of becoming a Fairtrade City and in pursuit of this goal set out to achieve the following objectives within a specific timeframe:

- Establish a Fairtrade steering group with relevant agencies/stakeholders to ensure that Cork City meets all requirements to be registered as a Fairtrade City and to ensure a continued commitment to maintaining its Fairtrade status.
- Council to pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade.
- Council to encourage relevant business within the City to have Fairtrade products.
- Council to erect street signs declaring Cork as a Fairtrade City and produce a Fairtrade Directory advising people where Fairtrade products can be bought.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/420)

### **Decision of Committee**

It was agreed to hold the Motion and the Directors report in Committee to allow the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise to include in a further report matters relating to other organizations/groups and government initiatives promoting ethical production of goods.

The recommendation of the SPC will be brought to Council for decision following the SPC meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **3.8 PROCESS INVOLVED IN THE EVENT OF BIRD FLU**

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

To ask the City Manager to outline to Council the procedure, role of Cork City Council and process involved in the event of Bird Flu, highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) breaking out in Cork City.

Monitoring and control of Class A animal diseases including Avian Influenza is the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture and Food. The Department has prepared contingency plans to deal with the unlikely event of an outbreak. A number of meetings have been held between the Department and relevant agencies since October 2005, the City Councils Chief Veterinary Officer attending a number of same.

At present, the Department is collecting all dead birds likely to carry the disease (migrating water fowl) and native birds if more than two are found dead in the same location. The City Council is co-operating fully with the Department and has procedures in place in relation to any dead birds found in amenity areas, with staff being advised on safety procedures relating to handling of same etc. The Department has established a helpline 1890 252 283 to deal with any queries.

### 3.9 **UPROOTED TREES OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION**

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

Bearing in mind the importance of preserving all trees in the city, will the Manager explain why the mature trees outside the Central Fire Station in Anglesea Street were all uprooted and removed?

The Alder trees outside the Fire Station were planted in the early 1980's and were initially planted close together to give maximum visual impact. The close planting prevented the trees from developing balanced crowns and clear main trunks which rendered them potentially dangerous and liable to be blown over in high winds. Given the proximity of the trees to the Fire Station Building and the public footpath it was necessary to remove them in the interests of public safety.

It is worth noting that the Council has allocated €300,000 under the North City Environmental Enhancement Action Plan for tree planting at various locations in the Northside during 2007. An additional €135,000 is provided in the 2007 Parks Estimates for tree planting throughout the City.

### 4. **PART XVI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000- ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2007**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon An Chomhairle approved the City Manager's report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 on the proposed holding of St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 pursuant to section 238 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

### 5. **CORK MARKETING PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the nomination of a member to the Board of the Cork Marketing Partnership to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

### 6. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of the following Civic Receptions:-

- (a) For the Mercy University Hospital who celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
- (b) For the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

### 7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

#### 7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.



## 7.2 **SALE OF TANK FIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council use monies it receives from the sale of portion of the Tank Field to OPW to enhance public amenities in the surrounding area including Mayfield, Montenotte and Murmont.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/023)

The report of the City Manager stated that monies that are received from the sale of assets are retained for capital purposes. They go into a General Capital Fund and are allocated to Capital Projects throughout the city from time to time.

Proposals to enhance public amenities in the surrounding areas including the Mayfield, Montenotte and Murmont areas will be considered on their merits for the allocation of the necessary funds from this central fund.

Considerable monies are already being allocated from this fund for projects in this area.

## 7.3 **PROTOCOL - ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would ask the organizers of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade to depart from the normal protocol where Councillors review the parade from the reviewing stand and instead to invite the members of Cork City Council to walk in the parade led by our Lord Mayor before taking up their seats in the reviewing stand.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/050)

The report of the City Manager stated that participants in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade are generally assembled at least one to two hours in advance of the start of the parade. This is to facilitate the introduction of the necessary traffic controls and road closures, well in advance, to facilitate pedestrians arriving to view the parade.

Councillors attend religious services, in cathedrals, as well as attending a wider gathering of religious and laity in both Bishops palaces.

Councillors are already under considerable time pressure on the day in order to arrive at the reviewing stand. Having considered the matter and the consequences

of a delay in the starting time of the parade such a proposal would not be practical.

8. **SPORT COMMITTEE - 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

8.1 **LEASE APPLICATIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007, in relation to applications for 99 year Sporting Leases from Avondale United (Beaumont) and Kilreen Celtic (Tory Top park), formal Disposal Notices to be brought before Council at a later date.

9. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

9.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LEISURE AND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle noted the Quarterly Report on Leisure and Library Facilities.

9.2 **2007 ARTS GRANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendations from the Arts Committee in relation to 2007 Arts Grants.

9.3 **PART 8 REPORT ON MARINA NATURE PARK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development of a new park at the Blackrock end of the Marina comprising of adventure playground, car park area, nature area etc. and the report of the Director of Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the Part 8 report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that plans have been prepared for the development of a new park at the Blackrock end of the Marina comprising adventure playground, car park area, nature area etc. The aim of the playground will be to provide an activity based theme trail for older children (7 - 12 years approx) and a themed playground for younger children (6 years and under). The rest of the park will also provide a playful environment for children and will include a turf labyrinth, grass mounding and a wildflower meadow.

The proposal was advertised in the Examiner on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 with no submission received by closing date for same 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007.

The proposal is in accordance with proper planning and development of the area, enhancing an existing Public Open Space and is included in the Blackrock Village Area Action Plan (April 2006) as an objective for the site. The proposed works are costed at €300k approx and scheduled to commence in Summer.

#### 9.4 **EXTRA ALL WEATHER PITCHES – SAM ALLEN SPORTS COMPLEX**

An Chomhairle rejected the report of the Director of Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Due to the huge demand from residents of my Ward, I propose that extra all weather pitches be made available in the Sam Allen Sports Complex.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy – 06/449)

The report of the Director of Services stated the Sam Allen Centre at Churchfield now comprises eight All Weather Pitches, with six being originally constructed in 1998, with a further two added in late 2004. As already reported previously to Council, the topography of the Churchfield site does not lend itself to further development without considerable expense, land falling steeply away from present pitches.

The Council is providing €300k to St. Vincent’s Hurling & Football Club who will be constructing a full size All Weather Pitch at their nearby lands at Kilmore Road shortly. In addition two more All Weather Pitches will be constructed this year at the Glen Resource Centre bringing the total complement to eight pitches. Na Piarasigh Hurling & Football Club at Fairhill also have plans to develop an All Weather Pitch, complementing their indoor hurling alley. Taking all these developments into consideration, the greater Churchfield area will be well catered for in terms of artificial pitch provision.

#### 9.5 **CORK LOUGH USER GROUP**

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

‘In order to manage The Lough more efficiently in relation to issues like water quality, management and welfare of the bird and fish life and general maintenance of this important amenity, we are proposing that a Cork Lough User Group be set up, spearheaded by Cork City Council’s Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorate and involving representatives of local residents, fisherman, experts from UCC and An Garda Síochána etc.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. S. Martin – 06/534)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Lough is a wildlife sanctuary and is one of the most valued, and used amenities within the City, with a full time Caretaker employed by the Parks Department to help maintain it to a high standard. Draft bye-laws will shortly be prepared for The Lough and it would be opportune to arrange a meeting of interested parties as mentioned in the motion to consider both the draft bye-laws and other matters relating to The Lough. If sufficient interest is expressed, regular meetings could be held by this Lough User Group with a view to further enhancing the amenity, managing the welfare of the bird and fish life etc.

#### 9.6 **KENNEDY PARK**

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

‘That proper railings be put around Kennedy Park and that all the entrances be made wheelchair accessible and that car parking be prohibited across the entrances to the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/176)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Kennedy Park was identified in the Docklands Developments Strategy 2001 as a significant open space area in the Docklands with potential to be linked to Kennedy Quay by the provision of an additional linear open space strip. The future layout for Kennedy Park and the potential link with Kennedy Quay is being considered under the Draft South Docks Local Area Plan. This plan is scheduled to be presented to the Docklands Policy Committee in early March. In view of the above, it would be premature to erect railings around the perimeter of the park at this time.

In regard to wheelchair access, a wheelchair ramp was constructed at the entrance to the park from Blackrock Road in 2006, the entrance to the park from Monahan’s Road is directly off the public roadway and therefore it is considered unsafe to provide a ramp at this location.

The issue of prohibiting car parking at the entrances will be addressed in conjunction with the Council’s Traffic Dept.

#### 9.7 **PLAYGROUND, THE GLEN**

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

‘That Cork City Council expedite the construction of a children’s playground in the Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/006)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council wishes to construct a playground in the Glen and is in discussions with Church authorities at present regarding an identified suitable site for same. It is hoped to bring a further report to Council at an early date.

9.8. **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.

9.9 **MURPHY’S FARM AND BISHOPSTOWN HOUSE**

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

‘That Cork City Council would immediately as part of the overall development of Murphy’s Farm and Bishopstown House carry out a development programme of works to include complete resurfacing of the parking area and to improve the road surface in the area adjacent to the house.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 06/561)

The report of the Director of Services stated that temporary repairs to the surface of the parking area in the Courtyard were carried out in early February. Improvement works to the Courtyard, car park, public lighting and footpaths will be considered as part of the overall development of Murphy’s Farm.

Details of the proposed development works will be submitted to the June Functional Committee meeting for consideration.

9.10 **LIGHTING & FOOTPATHS – BISHOPSTOWN HOUSE**

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

‘Upgrade courtyard and car park; provide adequate lighting and footpaths at Bishopstown House, Murphy’s Farm, Bishopstown’

Bishopstown House and the scout hall attached are used by many groups especially young boy scouts, youth club members, tennis club members etc and the courtyard and car parks are in a very dangerous condition due mainly to large pot holes full of water. Children have to find their way around these obstacles in the dark as the public lighting is totally inadequate. High visibility lighting is necessary from a safety viewpoint and also to discourage anti social behaviour in the area. It is imperative these works are carried out as a matter of urgency.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 07/015)

The report of the Director of Services stated that temporary repairs to the surface of the parking area in the Courtyard were carried out in early February. Improvement works to the Courtyard, car park, public lighting and footpaths will be considered as part of the overall development of Murphy's Farm.

Details of the proposed development works will be submitted to the June Functional Committee meeting for consideration.

#### 9.11 **CORK CITY – TOURIST HOT SPOT**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

#### 9.12 **THE RESERVOIR**

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

'That Cork City Council take immediate action to clean up and develop a plan to develop the Reservoir ('Old Basketball Court') and surrounding area in conjunction with the local residents in the Ardculen area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/025)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Part 8 Application for the development of 13 no. houses on part of the lands adjacent to the Reservoir on Harbour View Road has been advertised.

The proposed infill housing is in response to ongoing issues with local residents in regard to unauthorized access by vehicles onto this area, flytipping and littering. The proposal also includes the provision of an access road and car parking for house nos 11-26 Ardculen, these houses presently have no vehicular access to their houses or car parking facilities.

A development plan for the remaining areas including the ‘Old Basketball Court’ will be prepared in conjunction with the Housing Dept., Ward Members and local residents.

A clean-up of the ‘Old Basketball Court’ will take place within the next week.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

11.1 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at the Local Government Planning Service Conference held in the Clonea Strand Hotel, Clonea, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007.

11.2 **AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Lynch at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2007 held in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

11.3 **IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007 – 2013 – THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy at the Implementing the National Development Plan 2007-2013-The Role of the Regions Conference held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

11.4 **PLANNING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham, T. O’Driscoll, P. Gosch at the Planning Seminar for Councillors held in the Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

11.5 **WICKLOW COUNTY TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn and D. McCarthy at the Wicklow County Tourism Conference held in the Marriott Druids Glen Hotel & Country Club, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow on the 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, B. Bermingham, S. Martin, J. Kelleher and D. Murphy at the Association of County & City Councils Annual Conference 2007 to be held in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

11.7 **ENERGY AND THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SUSTAINABLE, RENEWABLE, EFFICIENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, B. Bermingham, J. Kelleher and S. Martin at the Energy and the Development Plan – Sustainable, Renewable, Efficient Conference to be held in the Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

11.8 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Kerry Environmental Conference to be held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry on the 28<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.

12. **MOTIONS**

12.1 **ABOLISH VAT ON ESB, GAS AND TELEPHONE BILLS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred from meetings of An Chomhairle held on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

‘That this City Council calls on Central Government to abolish VAT on ESB, GAS and Telephone bills for OAP’s and Social Welfare Recipients.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 07/033)

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr. – (11)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, S. Martin, F. Dennehy.- (5)

**ABSTAINED:** Comhairleoir M. Ahern

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.



13. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

13.1 **CHILDRENS HOSPITAL IN CORK**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would ask the Government to provide funding to build a world class children’s hospital in Cork to provide cover for the Munster region.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/017)

13.2 **BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT IN HOSPITALS**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health to immediately establish Boards of Management in each hospital which were former Health Board hospitals and in particular that the Board would be structured to include non medical people in addition to employee nominees.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 07/047)

13.3 **PENALTY POINT SYSTEM – DISABLED PARKING ZONES**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to extend the Penalty Point System to motorists who persistently and consistently illegally park in Disabled Parking Zones.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/053)

14. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committees:-

14.1 **FOOTPATH IN MAIVILLE TERRACE**

‘That the footpath in Maiville Terrace be reinstated.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/269)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.2 **CENTRAL HEATING IN ARDCULLEN, HOLLYHILL**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would install Central Heating systems in all houses in ArdculLEN, Hollyhill.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/042)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.3 **WALL BETWEEN – 85 & 86 LARCHFIELD**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to erect a railing on the wall between numbers 85 and 86 Larchfield in the interests of residents security.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/044)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.4 **MARKETING CAMPAIGN – CITY BREAK TOUISTS**

‘That Cork City Council enter into discussions with other towns and cities in the South of the Country to explore the possibility of a joint marketing campaign aimed at City Break tourists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/062)

**Corporate Policy Group**

14.5 **HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council repair the roads, address any drainage problems and repair the footpaths in Hollyville Estate, Hollyhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/064)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.6 **‘THE CORN FIELD’ – PLAYING SURFACE TO BE IMPROVED**

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

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

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

14.7 **RESURFACING WORK ON LOVERS WALK**

‘That Cork City Council will carry out resurfacing work on Lovers Walk – Montenotte in recognition of the fact that a section of that road is in a grossly run down condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 07/066)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.8 **WORKS ON MOUNT EDEN RISE, BLARNEY STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately carry out an assessment of the outstanding works necessary to facilitate the taking in charge of Mount Eden Rise, Blarney Street and that a funding mechanism would be put in place to allow for the completion of these works and the subsequent taking in charge of the estate by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 07/067)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

14.9 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

‘That Council would form a Standing Orders Committee whose function would be to monitor and review standing orders as the need arises.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, Cllr. B. Bermingham 07/068)

**Corporate Policy Group**

14.10 **ERECT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT & SILVERSPRINGS LANE JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council erect Traffic Lights at the junction of Silversprings Court and Silversprings Lane as residents are greatly impeded and endangered when exiting onto Silversprings Lane due directly to the widening of Silversprings Lane during construction of the Green route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/070)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.11 **ERECT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD & SILVERSPRINGS LANE JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council erect Traffic Lights at the junction of Silverheights Road and Silversprings Lane as residents of Silverheights are finding it both difficult and dangerous exiting onto Silversprings Lane following the changes in road layout introduced by Council officials last year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/071)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.12 **NEW DEVELOPMENT AT THE END OF BARRACK STREET**

‘(a) That Cork City Council name the new development at the end of Barrack Street “The South Gate Bridge Plaza”

(b) That we extend the style of public lighting on the bridge into the new development on Barrack Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 07/072)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.13 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF A BUILDING**

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

‘That Council request the Department of the Environment to permit the Council to take account of the energy efficiency of a building when setting the Commercial Rate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/073)

14.14 **PARKING DIFFICULTIES IN CONNOLLY PARK AREA**

‘That Cork City Council examine the present parking difficulties with a view to carrying out a series of measures to deal with the problem of all day parking by commuters in the area of Connolly Park and in doing so also put in place double yellow lines at the Connolly Park junction with Pouladuff Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/074)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.15 **YELLOW FLASHING LIGHT CROSSING**

‘That Cork City Council put in place a ‘Yellow Flashing Light Crossing’ at the section of Gillabbey Street outside of St. Finbarr’s School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/075)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON MELBOURNE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a meaningful programme of traffic calming on the Melbourne Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/076)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.17 **RESURFACING IN ASHFORD ESTATE AND HILLSIDE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council given the poor condition of Ashford Estate and parts of Hillside Estate would as a matter of priority put in place a programme of resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 07/077)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.18 **NEW STREET SIGN AT COLLEGE VIEW, COLLEGE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place a new street sign at College View, College Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 07/078)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 2 no. - Ride on Mowers

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**