

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF Cork City Council
HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE, 2006

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Clune 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.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O' Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.
- APPOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí P. Gosch and D. Cregan.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community
Mr. S. Coghlan, Senior Engineer, Docklands.
Mr. Finbarr Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- The Dunne Family on the death of Renee Dunne.
- The Phelan Family on the death of Sean Phelan.
- The Finnegan Family on the death of Edwin Finnegan.
- The Daly Family on the death of Joan Daly.
- The McSweeney Family on the death of Jane McSweeney.
- The O'Brien Family on the death of Paddy O' Brien.
- The Twomey Family on the death of Con Twomey.
- The Cremin Family on the death of Donal Cremin.
- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Ellen O' Sullivan.
- The Mulcahy Family on the death of Maureen Mulcahy.

- The O’Leary Family on the death of Frank O’ Leary.
- The Horgan Family on the death of Martin Horgan.
- The Harris Family on the death of Clare Harris.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to Paddy O’Brien on the huge success of the Over 60’s Competition

1.(c) **BEST WISHES**

- (a) An Chomhairle agreed that their best wishes be extended to those injured in the automobile accident at Deanrock, Togher.
- (b) An Chomhairle agreed that their best wishes be extended to Roy Keane on his retirement.

2. **N. 25 BANDON ROAD AND SARSFIELD ROAD INTERCHANGE**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Lord Mayor on the Bandon Road Interchange from the delegation and agreed that the report would be circulated to local T.D.s

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed and Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss the Report. An Chomhairle unanimously agreed and it was decided to discuss the report at the end of the meeting.

3. **CRIMINAL LAW (SEXUAL OFFENCES) BILL 2006**

Comhairleoir C. O’Connell proposed and Comhairleoir C. O’Leary seconded that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss the recent legislation on protection of minors.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, D. Clune, C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, C. O’Connell, C. Lynch, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, T. O’Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern. (12)

Comhairleoir S. Martin abstained.

An tArd-Mhéara declared the proposal defeated as it had not been carried by a two thirds majority.

4. **MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd May, 2006 were considered and approved.
- (b) The Minutes of Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 30th May, 2006 were considered and approved.

5. **QUESTION TIME**

5.1 **STATUS OF MOTION 05/48**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin a reply was given which stated that Cork City Council is at present carrying out an audit of Community and Voluntary Organisations who are using our refuse collection services. This audit is in respect of waste types and frequency of collections.

A further report will be presented to Council when the audit has been completed.

5.2 **ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN WASHINGTON STREET WEST**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Burke a reply was given which stated that the following motion was approved by Council last November:

‘That Cork City Council would reverse its decision to have two-way traffic from the College gates to the Courthouse, Washington Street, Cork, in view of the fact that there will now be only one lane for traffic leaving the City.’

The original decision to revert Washington Street West and Lancaster Quay to two-way routing was made under the procedures of ‘Part 8’ of the Planning Regulations.

In order to give effect to the above motion, it was necessary to have a new scheme layout designed to accommodate a one-way traffic system, including reconfiguration of road lining and alterations to traffic lights. On completion of the design it was then necessary to go through another public consultation process, wherein submissions and comments are invited from the Gardaí and general public. Consequently, Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 was implemented and the public consultation process will be completed on June 19th of this year. At that stage a final report to Council, outlining details of submissions made and a recommendation for approval will be made in July. It is anticipated that the work to revert to a one-way traffic system will be undertaken in the area in late summer/early autumn.

5.3 **STREETSCAPES PROGRAMME FOR DUBLIN HILL**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Clancy a reply was given which stated that the lights at the Blackpool Plaza will be in operation by the third week in July. The lights at Dublin Hill will be connected when the ESB install a new power supply at this location. This work is scheduled to be undertaken in September.

5.4 **APPLICATIONS FOR RETENTION**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

5.5 **NON-DOMESTIC WATER ACCOUNT HOLDER**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Barry a reply was given which stated that the provisions of the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 would raise difficulties with publishing lists of those in arrears. However, the following is a summary of the information required.

There are 40 Water Account customers who show arrears in excess of €25,000 according to our records at present.

21 of these are in the not-for-profit sector of which 15 have agreements to pay in place.

19 are in the commercial sector of which 10 either owe only the current quarter or have agreement to pay in place. While there are 6 old accounts included relating to businesses that have ceased trading, the remaining 3 accounts have been served with Disconnection Notices and are in discussions with regard to payment at present.

There are no non-domestic Refuse Collection customers who are in arrears of €25,000 or more

5.6 **RECYCLING IN IRELAND**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn a reply was given which stated that plastic which is deposited by the general public at the Civic Amenity Site is delivered by CCC to Cork Recycling Ltd in Togher who operate a permitted facility.

The plastic is baled and exported initially to a broker in England who separates the various plastic types and rebales the separated plastic into the appropriate streams such as Pet LDPE and HDPE.

The separated baled material is then resold to factories in the UK for processing and reuse in the packaging industry.

Occasionally some materials may be exported to a variety of Asian countries for re use and recycling.

5.7 **REFURBISHMENT OF ROSSALEE CLOSE**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir A. Spillane a reply was given which stated that Plans for the refurbishment of the external fabric of the three existing blocks have been drawn up to include replacement fascias, soffits, gutters, downpipes, windows, external and shed doors, along with external wall painting.

Quotations have been sought from Contractors for the different elements of the work. These are due within the next two weeks. It is expected that the work will be completed within 3 to 4 months.

5.8 **GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION TO DEVELOPERS AT VICTORIA CROSS**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham a reply was given which stated that There are no specific requirements in the Cork City Development Plan 2004 to necessitate a setback in this area, neither is it desirable given that this is a major gateway to the city.

There is provision however, for an amenity walk at the rear of these sites which will link into the U.C.C. developments at the former greyhound stadium. This will enhance the living environment for the residents in a much more meaningful way than any streetscape.

5.9 **REVIEW OF SUGAN LANE**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan a reply was given which stated that Sógán Lane is inspected and cleaned regularly, subject to the availability of resources. The recently appointed litter warden, with particular responsibility for the Mayfield area, has been asked to include Sógán Lane as a regular part of his duties.

5.10 **FINAL REPORT OF EUROPEAN CITY OF CULTURE YEAR**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer a reply was given which stated that the report will be available to Council in July 2006.

5.11 **COMMUNITY CENTRES IN GURRANABRAHER AND KNOCKNAHEENY**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell a reply was given which stated that The Community Centre at Knocknaheeny will be completed by June 2007.

The Hut project at Gurranaברה / Churchfield will be completed by March 2007. The Hut project is being overseen by a representative steering group. The users of the Hut will include The Gurranaברה Youth Development project, The Churchfield Community Development Project, services provided by the HSE, Senior Citizens Group, Local drugs task Force and other groups who used the existing premise . There will also be scope for other community uses.

In relation to the Knocknaheeny centre a process of assessing the need for space has been carried out.

All the groups who took part in the audit of community facilities have been written to and asked if they wished to apply for space in the new centre. Five groups have requested dedicated space and three groups have requested occasional use. It is hoped to accommodate all the requests however the process of assigning the space is not finalised.

It is likely that a management company will be set up to manage both centres however whatever structure is decided on , the local community, the user groups and the various agencies will be represented on it.

5.12 **STATUS OF MAYFIELD AREA PLAN**

In response to the question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Quill a reply was given which stated that A scoping report is nearing completion on local planning in the Mayfield area, which focuses mainly on the public housing areas. It addresses issues such as treatment of public open spaces, including those to the rear of houses, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, housing layout, and community facilities and amenities.

The scoping report should be completed by July and will then be followed up by more detailed designed and costed proposals.

5.13 **LINDVILLE, BLACKROCK ROAD**

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

6 **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

6.1 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon proposed, Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded and it was agreed to nominate Comhairleoir D. Wallace as Chair of the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee with effect from 1st July 2006, arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Cregan.

6.2 **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon proposed, Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded and it was agreed to nominate Comhairleoir D. McCarthy as Chair of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee with effect from 1st July 2006, arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir P.Gosch.

6.3 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed, Comhairleoir M. Ahern seconded and it was agreed to nominate Comhairleoir C. Lynch as Chair of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee with effect from 1st July 2006, arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

6.4 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

It was agreed to defer consideration of nomination of Chair of the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

6.5 **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

It was agreed to defer consideration of nomination of Chair of the Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

7. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle approved the Draft Annual Report 2005

8. **BELFAST MARITIME FESTIVAL**

It was agreed to nominate Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, C. Burke and M. Ahern to attend the Belfast Maritime Festival.

9. **PROHIBITION OF CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON THE STREETS OF CORK AND IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF CORK, BYE LAWS 2001.**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the report of the City Manager to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

10. **LORD MAYOR'S PICNIC IN THE PARK – PART XVI REPORT (SECTION 238) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000**

An Chomhairle considered the holding of the Lord Mayor's Picnic in the Park on 25th June 2006 and the report of the City Manager prepared under Part XVI (Section 238) of the Planning & Development Act 2000. It was agreed to approve the City Manager's Report.

11. **DOCKLANDS POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd MAY, 2006**

11.1 **PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the Progress Report and the recommendation that the reports therein be released publicly via the City Council's website.

11.2 **ECONOMIC STUDY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Docklands Development on the Economic Study with the recommendation that it be issued to stakeholders and public for consultation.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th JUNE, 2006**

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of May, 2006.

12.2 **MOTIONS**

12.2.1 **RAILINGS AT NO. 1 CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st June, 2006 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council carry out repairs to the railings at No. 1 Churchfield Way Upper which were damaged recently and are in a very dangerous condition.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 06/214)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the necessary repairs will be carried out.

12.2.2 **PHASE 1 – THE GLEN REGENERATION PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st June, 2006 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council complete all remaining works under Phase 1 of the Glen Regeneration Programme especially in the eastern section of Comeragh Park where the road surface in particular and entrances to some homes need immediate attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/293)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware that the Glen Regeneration Project Phase 1 was completed late last year. However, some road re-surfacing works and the provision of new footpaths in the eastern section of Comeragh Park are currently underway and will be completed shortly.

12.3 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

Shared Ownership

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 3, Hillcrest Drive, Blarney Road, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated 8th March 1999 to Gerard Hughes and Rachel Healy for the sum of €65,985.89
- b) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 9, Farranferris Place, Farranree, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated 13th August 2001 to Desmond Cullinane and Johanna Twomey for the sum of €88,105.40.
- c) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 38, Nun’s Walk, Ballyphehane, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 12th July, 1999 to Raymond Geasley and Anne Cronin for the sum of €68,953.84.
- d) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse situated at and known as 60, Innishannon Road, Fairhill, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 20th June 1994 to Caroline Horgan for the sum of €30,392.21.
- e) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse situated at and known as 72, Briarscourt, Shanakiel, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 8th December 2000 to Pauline Forde for the sum of €6,203.53.

Fee Simple

- a) Disposal of Freehold Interest in plot to the rear of No. 8, East View Terrace, Quaker Road, Cork for the sum of €100.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 to Michael J. Deeney, c/o Anne L. Horgan & Co., Solicitors, 2&3, Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork.
- b) Disposal of Freehold Interest in dwellinghouse and premises situate at and known as “Avondhu”, 84, Friar’s Road, Turners Cross, Cork for the sum of €50.80 to Margaret Coughlan c/o Barry C. Galvin & Son, Solicitors, 91, South Mall, Cork together with costs in the sum of €460.00.

13. **PARK AND RIDE FACILITY AT TINKERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle rejected the Report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That we the five Local Public Representatives of the North East Ward request the City Manager to

- 1. Consider fully the valid arguments against the current proposal to locate a Park and Ride facility at Tinkers Cross, Mayfield.
- 2. To acknowledge that the said site is both unsuitable and unacceptable.
- 3. Arising out of this to seek out a suitable and acceptable alternative site to service the agreed need for Park and Ride facility for the North East side of the City.
- 4. Agree to develop the green space at Tinkers Cross for Recreational Purposes.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Quill, Cllr. T. Brosnan, Cllr. J. Kelleher, Cllr. A. Spillane, Cllr. D. Murphy 06/225)

The City Manager advised that the Park and Ride facility would not now go ahead at this location, that the Civic Amenity Development would now proceed and that he would bring a report to An Chomhairle regarding the sale of land at this location to the Office of Public Works for a special school.

14. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 9 p.m.

15. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE –
6th JUNE, 2006**

15.1 **REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CORK
CITY COUNCIL'S TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager on the report on progress of the implementation of Cork City Council's Transportation strategies.

15.2 **REWARDS TO MOTORISTS WHO 'CAR POOL'**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion.

'That incentives and rewards such as cheaper parking, the use of bus-lanes, etc. be given to motorists who 'car pool', by sharing their cars and travelling together, which is the case in various cities around the world.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/185)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that car pooling can be an effective measure in reducing the high levels of congestion on the road network. Cork City Council has encouraged its staff, through an initiative under an EU project to take part in a car pool scheme. Larger employers in the City are also required to do so by adopting commuter mobility management plans as part of planning permissions.

While there are incentives in various locations around the world to motorists who car pool, i.e. use of special lanes on motorways, etc. it is difficult to provide similar incentives in Ireland. The Traffic & Parking Regulations only allow taxis and cyclists to use bus lanes in addition to buses. The national legislation would therefore have to be changed to allow motorists who car pool to use bus lanes. The issue of compromising the effectiveness of the bus lanes would also have to be addressed if a high numbers of cars use them.

Cheaper parking incentives can only be provided in well-controlled private off-street car parks. Obviously it would be impossible to control in public places, as a parked car does not give any indication of the number of passengers carried in it. Some private employers and large institutions do provide preferential parking facilities to registered people who car pool, but this requires strict monitoring and control.

In summary therefore, while Cork City Council will facilitate the use of car pooling through encouragement and the planning process it is not in a position to provide any direct benefits as referred to in the motion.

15.3 **CLAMPING OF VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PLACES BE TERMINATED**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion.

‘That clamping of vehicles in public places be terminated as the new parking fines are introduced nationally and enough of a deterrent to vehicles parking illegally.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 06/193)

A vote was called for on the report of the Assistant City Manager where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, A. Spillane, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, J. O’Brien, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, G. O’ Flynn (2)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Assistant City Manager approved.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council has three parking enforcement tools available at present:

- Parking fines
- Clamping of vehicles
- Tow –way of vehicles.

The three methods of enforcement are necessary and complimentary, i.e. there are cases when each of them is appropriate in different circumstances, e.g. tow-way can be essential where parked vehicles are causing a road danger or hazard, clamping can be necessary for repeat offenders and can be a very good visible deterrent to other potential offenders etc.

The clamping crew is also required to patrol the disc parking areas in the outer suburbs as there are not sufficient traffic wardens available. This is essential to ensure the residential areas concerned are protected from commuter or ‘outsider parkers’ where cars are left all day causing a huge nuisance to local residents, e.g. those residents who live adjacent to Cork University Hospital.

15.4 **RESIDENTS PARKING PERMIT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006 on the following motion.

‘That the administrative charge associated with the residents parking permit be abolished immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Shannon 06/96)

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006.

The report stated that the cost associated with the resident parking permit can be broken up into three parts:

- Cost of the permit - a new secure hologram based permit has to be purchased in order to minimise copying and fraud. (Cost between €4 - €5 each).
- Administration costs –there is a significant time and effort involved in processing and issuing the permits and this has associated costs.
- Enforcement costs –the enforcement agencies have to examine and enforce the use of the permits otherwise the scheme will cease to function properly.

The €10 only makes a contribution towards the costs listed above. It should be noted that other local authorities such as Limerick and Galway City Councils also charge an administrative fee and Dublin City Council charge between €35 and €400 for the permit depending on the circumstances. A ‘free’ permit would probably also command less respect from the owners and less emphasis and effort would be made on essential renewal and updating.

15.5 **DISCONTINUE THE CURRENT CLAMPING REGIME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion.

‘That following the increase in fines on car owners recently introduced by Minister Martin Cullen TD, this Council instructs its officials to discontinue the current clamping regime.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/206)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has three parking enforcement tools available at present:

- Parking fines
- Clamping of vehicles

- Tow –way of vehicles.

The three methods of enforcement are necessary and complimentary, i.e. there are cases when each of them is appropriate in different circumstances, e.g. tow-way can be essential where parked vehicles are causing a road danger or hazard, clamping can be necessary for repeat offenders and can be a very good visible deterrent to other potential offenders etc.

The clamping crew is also required to patrol the disc parking areas in the outer suburbs as there are not sufficient traffic wardens available. This is essential to ensure the residential areas concerned are protected from commuter or ‘outsider parkers’ where cars are left all day causing a huge nuisance to local residents, e.g. those residents who live adjacent to Cork University Hospital.

16. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th JUNE, 2006**

16.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st June, 2006, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended May, 2006.

16.2 **S38 REPORT ON NO. 3 GREEN ROUTE – FARRANREE/KILBARRY TO CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st July 2006 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st July 2006 and resolved to adopt the proposals as outlined in the above report.

16.3 **SECTION 38 - ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 BARRACK STREET STREETScape RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st July 2006 prepared under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the report of the Assistant Manager dated 1st July 2006 and resolved to adopt the proposals as outlined in the above report.

16.4 **PART 8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS - COLLEGE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the development of Environmental Improvement Works at College Road and the report of the Assistant City Manager dated, 1st June, 2006 prepared under Part 8 - Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulation 2001 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke agreed to approve the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st June, 2006 on Environmental Improvement Works at College Road.

16.5 **INTRODUCTION OF A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM SPRING LANE, BLACKPOOL, CORK NOTICE UNDER SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994.**

An Chomhairle considered the Introduction of one-way Traffic System Spring Lane, Blackpool, Cork and the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st June 2006 prepared under the Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields An Chomhairle agreed to approve the report of the Assistant City Manager dated, 1st June, 2006 on the Introduction of a one-way Traffic System Spring Lane, Blackpool, Cork and resolved to adopt the proposals as outlined in the above report.

16.6 **INTRODUCTION OF A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM BALLINLOUGH ROAD, CORK NOTICE UNDER SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated the 1st June 2006 prepared under the Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr An Chomhairle agreed to approve the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st July 2006 on the Introduction of a one-way Traffic System Ballinlough Road and resolved to adopt the proposals as outlined in the above report.

16.7 **ARD NA RÍ**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Ard na Rí be included in the 2007 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/110)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ard na Rí will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Estate Resurfacing Programme.

16.8 **BONAVENTURE PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the cul de sac side of Bonaventure Place be included in the 2007 Estate Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/111)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the cul de sac side of Bonaventure Place will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Estate Resurfacing Programme.

16.9 **RESURFACING OF FOOTPATHS IN MEELICK PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council’s Road Department would resurface the footpaths fronting No. No. 9 Meelick Park as they are in a very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/142)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The footpath outside house nos. 7 to 9 Meelick Park, Ballyvolane, was recently inspected. It was found to be in reasonable condition and not in need of attention at this time. It will be included in our Works Programme for attention at a future time.

16.10 **CLOSE LANE BETWEEN LOUGHMAHON ROAD AND LOUGHMAHON CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will close the lane between Loughmahon Road, Loughmahon Close, because of ongoing anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary (06/200))

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the 2006 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a recent meeting. The closure of the laneway at Loughmahon Road/ Loughmahon Close is not included in the list of prioritized locations. Loughmahon Road/ Loughmahon Close will be added to the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding in 2007.

16.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BE PLACED ON BOTANIC ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council agrees that traffic calming measures (ramps) be placed as a matter of urgency on Botanic Road which is due to be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connell (06/203))

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Botanic Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

The fact that the roadway is to be resurfaced is not a critical factor, as if ramps are to be installed in the future, they can be easily be ‘keyed’ into the new surfacing. Any request for traffic calming has to go through the normal selection process and when suitable traffic calming devices are designed, a full public consultation process has then also to be undertaken.

16.12 **PAINT THE TRAFFIC ISLAND AT THE JUNCTION OF HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1st June, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council paint the traffic island at the junction of Harbour View Road and Hollyhill Lane as it is almost invisible to motorists at the moment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy (06/204))

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the painting of the traffic island on Harbour View Road at the junction with Hollyhill Lane will be inputted

into this year's road painting programme and the work will be carried out in the coming weeks

17. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 1 No. 7 Araglen Court, Togher Road, Cork. (extension)
- 1 No. 23 Churchfield Green, Churchfield, Cork. (extension)
- 1 No. 43 Connolly Road, Ballypheane, Cork. (extension)
- 1 No. 32 Templeacre Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork. (extension).

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the remainder of the Agenda to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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