

BARDAS CHORCAÍ

CORK CORPORATION

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH APRIL, 2001**

- PRESENT:** An t-Ard-Mheára, Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican in the Chair
- NORTH EAST:** Seanoir M. Quill T.D., Comhairleoirí T.Brosnan, L. Burke, B. Kelleher and J. Kelleher
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, B. Allen. D. Wallace and C. O'Leary.
- NORTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, C. Burke, Ml. O'Connell and J. O'Brien
- SOUTH EAST:** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan and J. Minihan.
- SOUTH CENTRAL:** Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan and D. Boyle
- SOUTH WEST:** Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí M. Shields, Ml. Ahern and B. Bermingham
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager & Town Clerk
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager (Housing)
Mr. M. Riordan, Assistant City Manager (Eng.)
Mr. T. Brauders, A/Assistant Town Clerk
Mr. G. O'Sullivan, Admim. Officer, Town Clerk's Dept.
Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan, Housing Dept.

An t-Ard-Mheára recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS AND CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to extend a vote of Congratulations to the Barrack Street band on winning the Silver Award at the National Concert Band Championships at Manchester, England.

An Chomhairle also unanimously agreed to host a civic reception for the band.

2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Cork County Borough Council held on 26th March 2001 were considered and approved.

3. **OFFICERS ENGAGING IN PRIVATE WORK**

City Manager circulated to An Chomhairle for information, copy of his report dated 4th April to the Dept. of Environment & Local Environment in response to circular letter of 4th January 2001. City Manager advised also that all current officers of the Corporation have signed documentation confirming compliance with the officers regulations.

4. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded by Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Mr Finbarr Kiely to the Library Committee as a replacement for Eileen Murphy who has resigned from the Committee.

5. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

5.1 **BEECHWOOD GROVE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 20th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 15th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation consider the erection of Palisade Fencing at the end of Beechwood Grove, to stop the illegal dumping of stolen cars, which are subsequently burnt out".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell - Ref. 01/027)

The report stated that the Parks Department have no record of illegal dumping of cars on this green area. The green in question is overlooked by houses, is used by children for play purposes and therefore it is not considered appropriate to erect Palisade fencing at the location.

5.2 **TORY TOP ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 20th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 15th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation create a high quality Playground at Tory Top Park to cater for the needs of the children in the surrounding areas."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin - Ref 00/197)

The report stated tenders will shortly be requested for the installation of new play equipment at Tory Top Road.

5.3 **FIRE BRIGADE STATION/WATERCOURSE ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 20th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 15th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the site soon to be vacated by the Fire Brigade on Watercourse Road/Great William O'Brien Street be developed as a resource to improve the delivery of service to the area".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch - Ref 01/035)

The report stated that plans for use on the above site are dependent on consultation with local community interests and also development of plans under the RAPID initiative. Consequently, it is recommended, pending the above, that no action is taken on the motion at present.

5.4 **TRADE REFUSE CHARGES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 20th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 15th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the City Manager would grant a waiver from trade refuse to schools that are designated disadvantaged by the Department of Education."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Wallace - Ref 01/003)

The report stated that as indicated in a previous report to Council, Section 5(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996, defines commercial waste as "waste from premises used wholly or mainly for the purposes of a trade or business or for the purposes of sport, recreation, education or entertainment, but does not include household, agricultural or industrial waste".

Under that above definition waste arising from schools is deemed to be commercial waste. In relation to waste disposal, regard must be had to the "polluter pays" principle and consequently this has to be charged for.

Currently the charges for waste are based on the number of bins collected and schools could if they so decide consider ways of reducing the amount of waste they produce and consequently reduce the amount of charges they pay. They would also be contributing in this way towards the reduction and minimisation of waste as required under national policy.

6. **PLANNING & EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

6.1 **EUROPEAN FUNDED PROJECTS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Planning & European Affairs Committee from its meeting held on 20th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager & Town Clerk on European Funded Projects.

6.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Planning & European Affairs Committee from its meeting held on 20th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager 'Housing Estates – March 2001' dated the 15th March 2001. It was also agreed that the City Manager would advise Members on the up-dated position on Mulberry Estate, Fairfield Road, Cork (Coleman Bros.) at the next meeting of the Planning & European Affairs Committee.

6.3 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR FEBRUARY 2001**

An Chomhairle considered the Economic Monitor February 2001 which had been referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Planning & European Affairs Committee held on 20th March 2001 and An Chomhairle approved the Cork Economic Monitor February 2001 and also agreed that a composite Economic Monitor be prepared for the calendar Year 2000.

7. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

7.1 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy at the Regional Development Conference in Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick.

7.2 **NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir C. O'Connell and Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the 2001 National Planning Conference on 28th & 29th May 2001 in Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny.

7.3 **NEW HOUSING CHALLENGE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher and Ml. O'Connell at New Housing Challenge Conference on in Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway on 25th - 27th April 2001.

7.4 **ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, Ml. Ahern, L. Burke & D. Cregan at the Association of Health Boards Conference on in the Allinglam Arms Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal on 27th - 28th April 2001.

8. **MOTIONS**

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

8.1 **DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

“That Cork Corporation bring forward its proposals on Douglas Swimming Pool to Council and that the criteria and parameters given to the Consultants in drawing up their reports be made public to Councillors.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/202)
- Environment Committee

8.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR BALTIMORE LAWN, DOUGLAS**

That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2000/2001 to enable a complete road resurfacing programme be carried out in Baltimore Lawn, Douglas Road, Cork.”

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/313)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.3 **CONCRETE SURFACE ON NORTH RING ROAD**

“That Cork Corporation in the interest of public safety would lay a concrete surface on the green margin where pedestrians cross the North Ring Road from Silverheights to Colmcille Avenue in the vicinity of Mayfield Garda Station.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/071)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.4 **SUPPLEMENTARY RENT ALLOWANCE**

That this local authority insist that any payment by the Southern Health Board of Supplementary Rent Allowance be referenced by ensuring that the end recipient is listed on the Register of Rented Properties and the Register of Landlords.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/078)
- Housing Committee

8.5 **REENDOWNEY PLACE, FRIARS WALK**

“That Cork Corporation would alter the raised area at Reendowney Place, Friars Walk in order to allow vehicles easy access to the northern end of the estate.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll – 01/079)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.6 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT COLLEGE ROAD**

“That a pedestrian crossing be located on College Road in the immediate vicinity of the Bon Secours Hospital, College Road.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. – 01/082)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.7 **UPGRADE STREET LIGHTING GREENHILLS**

“That Cork Corporation upgrade and supplement where necessary the Public Lighting in Greenhills Estate as a matter of urgency.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Minihan – 01/083)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.8 **RECYCLING PROGRAMME**

“That this Council sets in motion an immediate plan to encourage domestic recycling with the direct collection of newspapers/cardboard and Glass initially on a monthly basis (every alternate fortnight) in an effort to set in train a responsible attitude by both this Council and the general Public to the whole question of waste mangement.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Minihan – 01/086)
- Environment Committee – Strategic Policy Committee

8.9 **RENT SCHEME**

- (a) That each corporation tenant be given a copy of the current rent scheme.
- (b) That each corporation tenant be given a written detailed statement of how his/her individual rent is calculated.
- (c) That each corporation tenant be issued with a) and b) above any time there is a change in the scheme or the individuals basis of calculation.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. Ahern – 01/088)
- Housing Committee

8.10 **DRAINAGE AT THOMOND SQUARE, OLD BLACKROCK ROAD**

“That Cork Corporation provide, in next years Estimates, funding to provide a public sewerage/drainage facilities to relieve the constantly recurring drainage problems at Thomond Square, Old Blackrock Road, Cork.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoirí D. Counihan & T. O’Driscoll – 01/089)
- Environment Committee

8.11 **AMENITY WALK AT BLACKROCK CASTLE**

“That Cork Corporation will:- (i) provide a surface car park to the east of Blackrock Castle in order to facilitate people who wish to use the adjacent amenity walk and who at present tend to park their cars on the narrow Castle Road creating potential danger for all road users (ii) complete the work of tarmacading the aforementioned amenity walk for its entire length to the Old Railway Bridge.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Corr – 01/090)
- Environment Committee

8.12 **INCORPORATE VACANT SITE AT JUNCTION OF RATHMORE ROAD INTO ROAD WIDENING SCHEME**

“That the vacant site at the junction of Rathmore Road and the Old Youghal Road, near Collins Barracks, be incorporated into a road widening scheme, in order to reduce danger and to improve traffic flow.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – 01/091)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.13 **MINISTERIAL VISIT TO CORK**

- “(a) That Council seek a meeting with the Minister for the Environment and Local Government on April 20th when he visits Cork so that urgent matters, including funding for important projects and the reform of Local Government, can be discussed with him;
- (b) That the Manager be requested to prepare a submission, to be presented to the Minister at that meeting.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – 01/092)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

8.14 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FARRANREE & SURROUNDING AREAS**

“That Cork Corporation as a matter of urgency would commission a local area development plan for Farranree and surrounding areas.”

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy & Comhairleoir D. Wallace – 01/093)
- Development & Planning – Strategic Policy Committee

8.15 **HILLCREST ESTATE & BLARNEY STREET**

“That the road in Hillcrest Estate would continue to Blarney Street that was proposed by the residents at a meeting in St. Vincent’s GAA Club with the Master Plan Committee.”

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/095)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.16 **TAX AMNESTY**

“That Cork Corporation calls on each of the Party Leaders whose parties have representatives in Dáil Eireann/Seanad Eireann to enquire as to whether they ever as T.D.’s or Senators took advantage of any tax amnesty.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/100)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

8.17 **RELOCATION OF BOTTLE BANKS**

“That this Council agrees that the bottle banks which have been placed on the junction of Kinsale Road, Pearse Road be removed and if necessary be relocated further on near the junction of Kinsale Road Tramore Road. These bottle banks have been the subject of persistent complaints by residents, since they are an eyesore, create a hazard and encourage illegal dumping.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir C. O’Connell – 01/102)

- Environment Committee

8.18 **ABOLISHMENT OF REFUSE CHARGES**

“That this Council agree that refuse charges be abolished and any shortfall in revenue which might accrue as a result of the charges being abolished should be sought from central government or/and from the substantial revenue received by Cork Corporation from parking charges and parking fines.”

(Proposer: Seanoir C. O’Connell – 01/103)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

8.19 **WATER QUALITY & TREATMENT OF WASTE**

“That this authority oversee the production of a Water Quality Management Plan for the Lough Mahon/Cork Harbour area, would advocate ‘sensitive area’ status for the area, in accordance with European Union directives on water quality and would insist that treatment of sewage waste from day one of operation at the Sewage Treatment Plant at Carrigrennan be to a tertiary level, allowing for maximum nitrate and phosphate removal.”

(Proposal: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/104)

- Environment Committee

8.20 **HIGH VOLTAGE CABLES**

“That in view of recent reports about the Health Risks of High Voltage Cables Cork Corporation would call on the ESB to begin an immediate programme of burying all high voltage cables in the Cork City area especially those in high residential areas.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch – 01/107)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

9. **QUESTION TIME**

9.1 **COURT HOUSE IN WASHINGTON STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the following written reply was circulated which stated that

- (a) Contract documents are being prepared and Contractor is expected on site in August, 2001.
- (b) 2 years. Work to the interior particularly the ground floor involves substantial alterations and could not be carried out while the building was in use.
- (c) Refurbishment of the Courthouse is fully funded by the Courts Service. There is no cost to Cork Corporation.

9.2 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Minihan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that the Planning Authority has dealt with 206 new enforcement files and with 245 new compliance files during the year 2000.

All the Enforcement Cases are investigated within two weeks and depending on the individual situation the files may be closed or may warrant further action.

9.3 **MEETING WITH C.I.E.**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Allen, the following oral reply was given by the City Manager which indicated that he had met with the Chairman of C.I.E. and local transport officials to discuss with them issues regarding the bus station and railway station, and that he had advised them that Consultants had been appointed for the Docklands area. He also discussed the 20/20 Strategy with them and outlined to them the major investment required from public transport under this strategy. The City Manager further stated that the location of the bus facility has not been finalised but that C.I.E. intend to have an up-to-date and co-ordinated public transport system for the city.

9.4 **CLOSE OFF THE RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN ROWANVILLE AND ST. JOHN'S WELL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Burke, the following written reply was circulated which stated that As Councillor Burke indicates the Notice published on the 21st February, 2001 relates to the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way on sections of path extending eastward and southward from the cul de sac located between houses 56 & 57 St. Johns Well. This notice does not relate to any closure with regard to access to the green from Rowanville.

Provision has been made in the 2001 Roadworks Programme for funding of closure of laneways in the city. In order to progress this matter, it would be necessary to have special meetings of the Ward Committees to prioritise proposals in their particular wards. It is intended that this would be arranged within the next four weeks. It will then be a matter for the North West Ward to decide upon the priority of the Rowanville closure, and if included the consultation process would proceed shortly thereafter.

9.5 **EXTENSIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll, the following written reply was circulated which stated that:-

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| (a) | 1. Overcrowding Extensions: | 32 |
| | 2. Disabled Tenant Extensions: | 35 |
| (b) | 1. Overcrowding Extensions: | 17 |
| | 2. Disabled Tenant Extensions: | 16 |
| (c) | 1. Overcrowding Extensions: | 9 |
| | 2. Disabled Tenant Extensions: | 5 |

9.6 **WALLACES AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Counihan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that there have been ongoing discussions with the residents of this area for some time regarding traffic management on Wallaces Avenue. The issues raised from time to time range from a request to introduce one-way traffic, curtail parking on one side of the roadway, etc. During last year (July 2000) a questionnaire was delivered to every household on Wallaces Avenue, outlining four possible changes and a further option – status quo. Of the completed questionnaires returned to Cork Corporation, over 60% of the respondents were in favour of status quo i.e. two-way traffic to remain with parking on both sides, and parking controls near the junctions.

Following consideration of the response from the residents, no changes were recommended to the parking/traffic management in the area.

9.7 **SOUTHERN RING ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, the following written reply was circulated which stated that There has been no variation to the route of the South Ring Road in the Mahon Peninsula since the publication of the Environmental Impact Study for the South Ring Road Stage VI and the Lee Tunnel.

This document was published by Cork Corporation in December 1991 and duly submitted to the Minister for the Environment for approval. Ministerial approval to proceed with the construction of the Jack Lynch Tunnel and the Mahon section of the South Ring Road was received in November 1992.

The EIS considered a variation referred to as the Ringmahon Modification. This modification arose as a result of consultations with the Mahon Community Association as part of the public consultation process during the EIS. This modification moved the South Ring road further eastward towards the shoreline at Ringmahon Point. This modification had the advantages of minimising visual and noise impact on the residential area, eliminating loss of existing playing pitches and also maximising the amount of amenity space between the SRR as it approached the tunnel and Ringmahon Rd. For these reasons the EIS recommended that the Ringmahon Modification be adopted.

The Ministerial Approval of the EIS, received in November 1992, concurred with this recommendation.

The design of the alignment of the northern slip road of the Bloomfield Interchange was modified in accordance with revised standards in 1997. A full Environmental Impact Study on the impact of this modification was carried out and published in 1997. Full public consultation was undertaken as part of this EIS process. The recommended alignment with a modest variation was approved by the Minister for the Environment in 1998. The road was put in place and opened to traffic in May 1999

9.8 **ST. FINBARR'S PARK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, the following reply was circulated which stated that the area in question has been examined on site with a member from the Garda Síochána Traffic Section, and it is recommended that parking controls be introduced at this location.

It is proposed to introduce single yellow lines on the eastern side of St. Finbarr's Park, and to provide double yellow lines for a short distance on the western side of St. Finbarr's Park from its junction with Glasheen Road, past the entrance to Sheraton Park.

These proposals will be discussed with the residents of the area, prior to final recommendation and provision of the controls.

These proposals are included in a list of parking controls for an extended area which is adversely affected by commuter parking, particularly associated with U.C.C.

It is expected that the consultation with St. Finbarr's Park residents will take place immediately after Easter, and the agreed/approved controls will be introduced as soon as possible thereafter.

10. **RECOMMENDATION FROM PARTY WHIPS**

(a) **Annual Meeting**

On the proposal of Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. seconded by Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., An Chomhairle agreed to hold the annual meeting on Monday 2nd July 2001 at 7.30 pm, as recommended by the Party Whips.

(b) **Naming of Bridge at Blackpool: Blackpool By-Pass Scheme**

On the proposal of Seanoir M. Quill seconded by Comhairleoir J. Minihan, An Chomhairle agreed that the bridge at Blackpool be named in honour of Maire McSwiney (Maire Nic Shuibhne), as recommended by the Party Whips.

(c) **Naming of Link Road from Redforge Road to Pophams Road**

On the proposal of Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed that the Link road from Redforge Road to Pophams Road be named Bros. Delany Road (Bóthar na nDeartháireacha Ó Dubhshláine), as recommended by the Party Whips.

11. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION – STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

11.1 **TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads and Transportation - Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 26th March 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 22nd March 2001 regarding Transportation Policy issues. The report stated that the horizon year for which the targets were set under the Kyoto Convention is fast approaching, and studies indicate that a lot remains to be done, internationally, nationally, or at a local level, to make a meaningful effort to achieve the reduction in greenhouse gases in any sector, and particularly in the area of the transportation. A general change in attitude towards sustainable development must be achieved before any meaningful improvements can be undertaken, and people must be encouraged to use more environmentally friendly modes of transport.

The promotion of sustainable development as reflected in Cork Corporation's Local Agenda 21, must be brought into focus in all areas including transportation.

The creation of safe and healthy environments in residential areas around the city, and in city centre is in compliance with the objectives set in Local Agenda 21.

The attractiveness of these areas can be further enhanced by Traffic Calming, Control of Urban Freight, Deliveries, Promotion of greater use of Public Transport, Cycling, Pedestrianisation, etc.

Road Safety and Accessibility, particularly for the Mobility Impaired, are some of the key principles which are considered in the design of new works, and the refurbishment of old or existing areas.

Maximising the benefit of scarce road space, particularly in city centre, are helped by the control of access and on-street parking etc. by way of numbers, price, and time of access, and these must be balanced with the provision of adequate public transport and cycling facilities, providing meaningful service when and where required by the general public.

The key areas for Transportation Policy to be addressed are as follows:-

- ✱ Commitments to Kyoto Convention – meeting targets set in Local Agenda 21 in area of Transportation.
- ✱ Road Safety – and access for Mobility Impaired.
- ✱ Completion of Ring Road for Cork City (North West Corridor).
- ✱ Promotion of Balanced Modal Split (encourage greater use of Public Transport – Cycling, Pedestrianisation).
- ✱ Protection of Residential Areas and City Centre Core from adverse traffic effects – Traffic Calming, Urban Freight Management, etc.
- ✱ Parking Control.

The Roads Programme for 2001 reflects all the above aspirations within the constraints of a limited budget.

11.2 **BYE-LAWS FOR TRUCK ROUTES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads and Transportation - Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 26th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 22nd March 2001 on the following motion, which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would enact bye-laws throughout the city to confine large trucks to specific routes/roads when travelling from one side of the city to the other (truck corridors)."

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/309)

An Chomhairle also agreed that future Strategic Policy Committees Agendas be circulated to all members of An Chomhairle for information and that members of An Chomhairle who are not members of a particular Strategic Policy Committee but who have a motion on that Strategic Policy Committee Agenda be invited to attend the Strategic Policy Committee meeting to speak on, but not to vote on, the motion.

The report stated that under provisions of Section 37 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 and the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, signs can be provided, (by the Local Authority, subject to consultation with the Garda Commissioner), prohibiting vehicles over a certain weight from entering a particular road or street etc., and therefore the making of bye-laws to exclude heavy goods vehicles from travelling along identified routes across the city is not appropriate.

The 1978 Cork Land Use and Transportation Study, which was approved by Council established the policy to provide a major new road infrastructure forming by-pass of the city, and some new, or upgrading of existing routes, in to the city centre e.g. North Ring Road, South Ring Road, South City Link Road, and Blackpool By-Pass. The Transportation Policy envisaged the development of a hierarchy of roads to direct non-essential traffic around city centre, and away from vulnerable residential areas etc.

The Cork City Development Plans, which have been prepared since 1978, reflected those elements of the CLUTS Plan regarding Transportation Issues, particularly in respect of protection of residential areas and city centre to maintain desirable environments to attract people in which to live, and to maintain a viable and vibrant city centre.

Signposting systems were designed and installed to direct traffic on to the preferred by-pass of routes, thus ensuring efficient journey times, economy of fuel, and protection of residential areas, and city centre insofar as could be achieved. Due to the piecemeal development of the major road infrastructure, particularly the South and North Ring Roads, sections of the new road infrastructure were brought in to operation in advance of the whole route becoming available. This again was promoted through the amendment of road signage etc., but in many instances traffic sought its own desired route to and from the ends of the new facilities e.g. Curraheen Road, Melbourn, and Mahon/Blackrock, etc.

With the completion of the major road construction programme, all road signage, both along the routes and on minor routes leading to and from the major routes, will be renewed.

With the provision of realistic alternative by-pass routes, restrictive measures can be considered to ensure greater protection for environmentally sensitive areas which will also ensure that the maximum benefits will accrue from the major financial investment in the new road infrastructure.

The current design programme being undertaken by the Traffic Section is examining the feasibility of introducing two-way traffic on city centre streets, and within that process the suitability of the network to cater for heavy goods vehicles is being examined. It is proposed that the work on this project will continue to extend the programme of the return of two-way traffic on the major routes, and will also identify "sensitive" areas, roads/streets, in the city with a view to tackling the problems associated with heavy goods vehicles passing through city centre, but also the problems associated with freight distribution within the city.

11.3 **PROCEDURE FOR ROAD RESURFACING CONTRACTS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads and Transportation - Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 26th March 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 22nd March 20001 on the following motion, which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation ensure that all future contracts for road resurfacing include a provision for road marking and the raising of street irons and fittings by the Contractors involved."

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy, T.D. – Ref. 00/366)

The report stated that prior to 2000 the volume of surfacing on Non-National Traffic Routes was relatively small, and the raising of street irons and furniture, and the provision of road lining was within the capacity of the Corporation's own resources to carry out. However with the increased programme in 2000, the Corporation adopted a policy that the raising of covers and the provision of road lining to replace that which was obliterated by surfacing, would be carried out by the main contractor for each scheme.

This arrangement was included in the Contract Documents for these projects. However because of industrial relations difficulties, it was not possible to have the street furniture raised. However a project specific agreement was reached with regard to the road lining.

Negotiations, including use of national Industrial Relations machinery, have been ongoing in order to ensure, that on schemes to be carried out in the current year, that raising of street furniture in advance of surfacing and immediate relining of roads will be carried out.

In summary it is Cork Corporation policy that contracts for Road Resurfacing include provision for road marking and raising of street irons and fittings.

12. **ROADS TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

12.1 **QUARTERLY ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for quarter ended March 2001.

12.2 **CORK (COUNTY BOROUGH) DISC PARKING AREAS BYE LAWS 1998**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001, regarding increase in the price of parking discs.

The report stated that Members will already be aware from the Estimates Meeting held on the 27th November, 2000 that the adopted estimate for the Sale of Parking Discs is £1,462,000 based on a proposal to increase the fee for on street parking discs from 80p to 90p.

The additional revenue generated as a result of this increase will continue to fund Estate Road Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Measures.

To effect the proposed increase in the price of Parking Discs from 80p to 90p it is necessary to amend the provisions of the above mentioned Bye-Laws.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace adopt the following Resolution:-

"It is resolved that Article 12 of the Cork (County Borough) Disc Parking Areas Bye-Laws 1998 shall be amended as follows, with effect from the 11th April, 2001.

The fee for a Parking Disc shall be ninety pence (IR£0.90) or €1.14 or as such as may be determined from time to time by resolution of Cork Corporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 36 of the Act of 1994."

12.3 **PARKING SPACES OPPOSITE GAELSCOIL AN TADGH O'MURCHU**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2000/2001 to cut back green area opposite Gaelscoil An Tadhg O'Murchú, Willow Lawn, South Douglas Road in order to provide much needed parking spaces for parents collecting children."

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/310)

The report stated that the green area opposite an Gaelscoil is a strip of grassed area with trees running along the bank of the Tramore River. It is a pleasant environmental feature and it is not recommended that it be eliminated to provide for parking. There already is a section of it removed to provide a turning circle for cars opposite the school.

There is a 40 metre length of a parking lay-by on the school side to provide for parking for the parents. Willow Lawn itself is a 7.3 metre roadway and there is ample room for kerbside parking. The lay-by could be extended by a further 20 metres, but this will only give a marginal improvement to the parking supply.

It should be noted that the parking demand outside the school is only for short periods during the day at school periods, and spending large sums of money would not make economic sense. Every school in the city experiences serious parking problems because of the increasing trend of children being transported to school by car and the parking facilities outside Tadgh O'Murchú are in fact much better than many other bigger schools surrounded by residential development.

12.4 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LOUGH VIEW TERRACE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would improve the standard of public lighting in Lough View Terrace."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll – Ref. 01/029)

The report stated that public lighting was upgraded in this area during the refurbishment programme undertaken in 1996 and 1997. However no alterations were deemed necessary to the lighting in Lough View Terrace at the time.

A further survey will now be carried out on this road and improvements if required, will be included for consideration in next year's spending estimates.

12.5 **CLOSURE OF ALLEYWAY AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"Following consultation with the residents in Silversprings Court that Cork Corporation ensures the closures of the alleyway as recommended by the members of the North East Ward."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Kelleher – Ref. 01/034)

The report stated that at a meeting of the North East Ward held on 15th January, 2001, the Members agreed to proceed with the proposed extinguishments of the Rights of Way at Frankfield steps, 4/5 Silversprings Court, 70/71 Silversprings Court and lane connecting Murmont Road to Murmont Crescent (near Tank Field). The public consultation process will be commenced within the next week with publication of a notice in the newspapers and on site. On receipt of comments from public, residents and other interested parties, reports will be prepared for consideration of Council. Extinguishment of public rights of way is a reserved function. Funding available for closure of lanes in the North East Ward in current year is £16,700.

12.6 **SCHOOL WARDEN FOR ST. LUKES N.S.**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation put in place a School Warden to protect the children attending St. Luke's National School and to promote road safety."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Quill – Ref. 01/036)

The report stated that St. Luke's National School is on the upper section of O'Mahoney's Avenue near the junction with St. Luke's Cross. A recent survey of the area indicated that the majority of the school children were transported to school by car. Others either walked or travelled by a school bus.

The school bus parked on the southern side of Middle Glanmire Road near the junction with St Luke's Cross and the children disembarked and walked down O'Mahoney's Avenue. The children who walked either approached the school from the Wellington Road or Dillon's Cross direction.

Further discussions will be held with the school authorities on the issue of a school warden service and if deemed necessary, it will be provided subject to available funding.

12.7 **REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY PROVISION FOR SILVERSPRINGS AREA**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation carry out comprehensive review of road safety provision in the Silversprings area with a view to introducing a series of traffic calming measures together with road markings and road signs during 2001."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – Ref. 01/037)

The report stated that it is assumed the motion refers to the Silverheights and Silversprings housing estates. A survey of traffic and road safety issues will be carried out in the estates in order to identify the problems and to determine appropriate traffic calming mitigation measures.

It should be noted that the road programme funds have already been allocated to specific traffic calming schemes for this year. Proposed traffic calming measures for the Silversprings area can be included for consideration in next year's road programme.

Planning permissions have been sought for major housing developments in the city and county areas east of the Silversprings area. Cork Corporation has imposed planning contributions on the applications to fund traffic calming measures in the existing estates, in order to mitigate the effect of the increased traffic flows generated by the new developments.

12.8 **UP-GRADE OF HILLCREST ESTATE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"The Hillcrest Estate is over 20 years old. The road should be resurfaced and footpath renewed and up-grade public lighting."

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – Ref. 01/039)

The report stated that Hillcrest Estate, which is located between Harbour View Road and Blarney Road, was developed in the late '70's.

Some settlement of the road has occurred. Approximately a third of the road was resurfaced in 2000. A further third is scheduled for resurfacing in the current years programme. The remainder will then be reviewed for next year's programme.

The footpaths are generally in reasonable condition. There are however a number of defects arising from damage, abuse and faulty reinstatement. These matters will be dealt with during current year.

No complaints have been received with regard to the standard of public lighting, but will be reviewed.

12.9 **BOLLARDS FOR HORGAN BUILDINGS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation provide Bollards on the grass margin at the front of Horgan's Buildings to prevent cars parking on the grass area."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell – Ref. 01/042)

The report stated that this motion has been superseded by events. Arising from meetings with residents and the Councillor measures were taken to prevent parking on the grass by means of installation of a kerblin rather than bollards. This work is complete apart from grass reinstatement which will be carried out by the Parks section.

12.10 **RESURFACING WORK AT SOUTH LODGE & SOMERTON PARK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2000/2001 to enable much needed resurfacing work be carried out on the road at the junction of South Lodge and Somerton Park."

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/311)

The report stated that road resurfacing budget for the South East Ward in the 2001 Roadworks programme has been fully allocated and no provision was made for surfacing of the junction of Somerton Park and South Lodge.

A recent inspection indicated that repair of some reinstatements would ensure that condition of this junction could be maintained. It is intended that this work would be carried out in the near future.

12.11 **WORKS ON FOOTPATHS IN FARRANFERRIS CRESCENT, FARRANREE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That urgent remedial and resurfacing works be carried out on the footpaths in Farranferris Crescent, Farranree. This footpath is in appalling state of disrepair and is constantly flooded. Residents find it very difficult to gain access to their homes."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell – 01/056)

The report stated that this motion refers to the footpath fronting 1 to 17 Farranferris Crescent.

On recent inspection it was found to be cracked and damaged with some defective reinstatements. The green adjacent to the path was rutted, muddy and ponding. The main cause of this situation is the use of the footpath and green as a vehicular access and parking area.

This derives from the fact that none of these houses were designed with direct access to the road. This is a feature shared with many other housing estates in the City and with increasing car ownership the demand for additional parking adjacent to houses is increasing. No funding is available at present for the provision of additional parking or access.

Repairs to reinstatements will be carried out shortly. A costed proposal to replace footpath with a vehicular access will be prepared with a view to attracting funding from Ward Funds and perhaps contributions from residents.

12.12 **RESURFACING OF ROADS IN McCURTAIN VILLAS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would carry out resurfacing of all the roads in McCurtain Villas and repair all the footpaths in the area as both roads and footpaths are in a very poor state of repair."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/060)

The report stated that provision has been made in the current Roadworks Programme for the resurfacing of a large proportion of McCurtain's Villas (2000 m²). No provision has been made for renewal or refurbishment of footways in the estate. However particular hazards as they arise will be dealt with on an individual basis.

13. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - INTEGRATED HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Housing & Community Services – Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 15th March 2001 that An Chomhairle approve the report on those elements of the Draft Integrated Housing Strategy which relate specifically to the duties and functions of Cork Corporation. An Chomhairle also received a presentation from Comhairleoir K. Lynch, Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson, on the matter.

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir Lynch to adopt the following thirteen objectives which relate to the functions of the Corporation;

1. Co-ordination of the Local Authority Homeless Service.
2. Provision of specialised training for staff.
3. Support the provision of 299 emergency beds currently occupied.
4. Provision of 40 transitional housing units.
5. Provision of Foyer accommodation.
6. Provision of couple and 2-parent emergency accommodation.
7. Provision of long-term supported and special needs housing.
8. Provision of accommodation for homeless people presenting.
9. Identification of mainstream affordable private housing.
10. Assistance and facilitation of provision of new homeless accommodation
11. Provision of creche and daycare facilities.
12. Preventing of rent arrears and tenancy loss.
13. Facilitation of independent review of the operation of the Homeless Forum.

14. **HOUSING**

14.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Assistant City Manager for the month of March.

14.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the Quarterly Report of the Assistant City Manager for the quarter ended 29th March 2001.

14.3 **THE GLEN REGENERATION PROJECT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 in relation to the Glen Regeneration Project. The report stated that Members will be aware that work has been on-going for the past 2 years on the development of proposals for the Regeneration of The Glen area. A substantial process of public consultation was undertaken by the Corporation with local residents and community groups, and the Part X Planning procedure was completed in June, 2000 for Phase 1 of the Regeneration Project. This phase includes the refurbishment of 2 no. blocks of flats, the demolition of one block of flats, the construction of 47 no. new dwellinghouses and community centre as well as site development works and provision of amenity and play areas.

The development proposals are consistent with and will meet in relation to The Glen area, the objectives contained in the Housing Options Policy Document, to regenerate areas of local authority housing.

The Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal has now given approval in principle to proceed with Phase I. Tenders will now be invited and it is anticipated that work will commence later this Summer. It is also intended to now initiate public consultation in relation to detailed proposals for the further phases of the Regeneration Scheme and to bring these proposals forward as soon as possible.

14.4 **MASTERPLAN FOR KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001 that the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 in relation to proposed Masterplan for Knocknaheeny be approved. Following discussion, the Manager agreed to the deletion of the paragraph in the report relating to the Tenant Purchase Scheme. An Chomhairle approved the report as amended to exclude the paragraph relating to the Tenant Purchase Scheme. An Chomhairle also adopted the Knocknaheeny Masterplan document.

The report stated that further to report dated March 1st, 2001, the final phase of public consultation has now been completed in relation to the draft Masterplan for the Knocknaheeny area. As previously indicated, the Masterplan is intended to serve as a framework policy instrument to guide initiatives aimed at regenerating the Knocknaheeny area. In accordance with the objectives of the draft document, it is now intended to proceed with the preparation of detailed proposals for the next phase of the on-going refurbishment programme. These proposals will include for the creation of a new street-scape fronting on to Harbour View Road and the development of community facilities as the first new element of the proposed new local town centre. In accordance with the objectives of the Masterplan, proposals will now also be advanced for the construction of Local Corporation offices as part of the new centre.

14.5 **TEMPORARY OFFICES AT KNOCKNAHEENY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 in relation to proposed temporary offices at Knocknaheeny. The report stated that members will be aware of the Housing Departments proposals for the establishment of a local area based service delivery structure, to be set up in the first instance in the Knocknaheeny Area. The proposals will require the provision of offices to accommodate housing personnel.

Pending the construction of a permanent office, it is now necessary that a temporary building should be put in place. This will facilitate the early introduction in the north west area of such localised housing services as allocations, rent payment office, repair taking office etc.

A suitable site for the proposed temporary structure has been identified at Knocknaheeny Avenue at the lower end of the green area surrounding the present soccer pitch. Meetings have taken place with the Committee Members of the New Farm Soccer Club who use the site and they have expressed agreement with the proposal to provide offices at this location on a temporary basis.

It is now proposed to proceed with the formal Part X Planning Process and to advertise the proposal in the normal way.

14.6 **TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 in relation to the disposal of three dwellings under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and resolved that the disposals be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the report.

14.7 **WINDOWS AT AVONMORE PARK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated the 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That the windows in house numbers 25 to 30 Avonmore Park, Mayfield be replaced as soon as possible.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – Ref. 01/059)

The report stated that the windows in dwellinghouses numbers 25-30 Avonmore Park, Mayfield were inspected in Autumn 1999 as part of the Corporation's planned maintenance programme and were considered at that time not to be in need of replacement. The windows in these dwellings will be inspected and considered for replacement in the next cycle of planned maintenance for the area.

14.8 **REPRODUCE BOOK ON HOUSING OPTIONS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated the 29th March 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That Cork Corporation reproduce a booklet outlining all of the information and options available to people who are seeking to build, buy or rent a house using local authority means.”

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy – Ref. 01/012)

The report stated that Earlier this month, the Department of the Environment and Local Government informed housing authorities that the housing information leaflets produced by the Department have recently been up-dated. The up-dated leaflets relate to the following:-

- Your Housing Options,
- Local Authority Housing,
- Voluntary Housing Schemes,
- Improvement Works In Lieu of Local Authority Housing,
- Low Cost Housing Sites,
- Mortgage Allowance Scheme,
- Local Authority Loans for House Purchase and Improvement,
- Accommodation Options for Homeless People,
- Disabled Persons Grant,
- Tenant Purchase Scheme,
- Shared Ownership Scheme,
- Affordable Housing Scheme,
- Charter for Rented Housing

A supply of these documents will be furnished by the Department to Cork Corporation and will be made available to members of the public.

14.9 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY**

An Chomhairle noted the decision of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 2nd April 2001 to refer the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 29th March 2001 on the following motion to An Chomhairle for discussion in the context of the Integrated Homelessness Strategy:-

“That this Corporation immediately make payment of £40,000 Section 10 bed night subsidy to the Cork Simon Community for the period covering 1st January, 2000 to 30th June 2000, being monies allocated for this purpose in the current Estimates of this Corporation and funded 90% by counter subsidy given by the Department of the Environment and Local Government.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – Ref. 01/040)

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the matter to its next meeting.

15. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendations from the Community Development Sub-Committee from its meeting held on 26th March 2001 regarding grant allocations and on the proposal of Seanoir N. O’Flynn seconded by Comhairleoir Ml. O’Connell, An Chomhairle approved the following grants:-

- Contribution to Ogra Chorcaí Summer Playschemes - £27,000
- Contribution to Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Youth Committee - £25,000

16. **NOMINATION OF REPLACEMENT TO TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this matter to its next meeting.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

18. **CONFERENCES**

18.1 **ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at Association of Health Boards in Ireland Conference on 27th to 28th April 2001 in the Allington Arm Hotel, Bundoran, Co.Donegal.

18.2 **THE LANDFILL DIRECTIVE – SEPARATE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir C. O’Connell, Comhairleoirí T. O’Driscoll and M. O’Connell at the Landfill Directive – Separate Collection and Treatment Conference in Galway Bay Hotel on 19th to 20th April 2001.

18.3 **L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the LAMA Conference to be held at Rochestown Park Hotel on 19th & 20th April 2001.

18.4 **SHERKIN ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Sherkin Island Environmental Conference to be held at Carrigaline, Co.Cork on 3rd & 4th May 2001.

19. **MOTIONS**

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

19.1 **PLAYGROUND AT TORY TOP ROAD**

That Cork Corporation create a high quality playground at Tory Top Road to cater for the needs of the children of the surrounding area. Funding has been in place for the last two years to enclose and secure the above playground. It meets with the criteria under the rolling programme for the provision and maintenance of high quality playgrounds”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/205)
- Environment Committee

19.2 **CLOVER LAWN, SKEHARD ROAD**

That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2000/2001 to enable a complete road resurfacing programme be carried out in Clover Lawn, Skehard Road. Also that a traffic survey be carried out in this estate with a view to providing ramps to slow down speeding traffic.”

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/314)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.3 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME AVONDALE PARK**

That due to the steep incline at the entrance to Avondale Park appropriate measures be taken as part of the resurfacing programme to incorporate anti skid strips at this entrance.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Minihan – 01/084)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.4 **AIDS CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

That Council confirm with the Pfizer Corporation at Ringaskiddy what role, if any, they are playing in trying to prevent the importation into South Africa and other countries of generic drugs, which are desperately needed to tackle the AIDS crisis there.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – 01/094)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

19.5 **ZEBRA CROSSING AT FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND CROSSES GREEN**

“That a zebra crossing be erected between Fairfield Avenue and Closes Green”

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/096)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.6 **PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS ON SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

That Cork Corporation apply to the Dept. of the Environment for funding for a pedestrian overpass on Silversprings Lane to be located in the vicinity of the Garda Station in Mayfield.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/099)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.7 **PLAN FOR EMPTY CORPORATION DWELLINGS**

That this council recognises that the 441 corporation dwellings that are currently empty represent an investment of £50 million and that this council requests that a detailed plan be prepared and activated to bring these dwellings into use as rented accommodation.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. Ahern - 01/101)

- Housing Committee

19.8 **FOULING OF FOOTPATHS & PUBLIC AREAS BY DOGS**

That a programme of awareness and enforcement of the bye-laws relating to the fouling of foot-paths and public areas by dogs be started.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – 01/105)

- Environment Committee

19.9 **TO ADOPT A DISABILITY CHARTER**

That this Council draws up a Disability Charter to be adopted in conjunction with other Local Authorities, Interest Groups and the Southern Health Board. It should clearly include the following initiatives:-

- (1) Employment of a Full time Disability Access Officer for Cork City/County (preferably a member of the disabled community).
- (2) Full Disability Access to all public buildings
- (3) Co-ordination of needs with all relevant agencies, both statutory and Voluntary.

(Proposers:- Comhairleoirí J. Minihan, K. Lynch, D. Boyle & Ml O'Connell – 01/108)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

19.10 **BAN ON SPONSORSHIP BY BREWERY ON COLLEGE CAMPUS**

That Cork Corporation calls on University College Cork and Cork Institute of Technology to ban all sponsorship by brewer's of any events which are held on college property."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/109)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

19.11 **REGENERATION OF SHANDON AREA**

That a major programme of works be undertaken in relation to the regeneration of the Shandon area, the Historic Centre of the City. These works, would, based on the following improve the overall appearance of the area under the Cork City Development Plan --to create a positive image which is fundamental to the regeneration of the area – to re-establish a sense of community pride along and to realise the tourism potential under the Historic Centre Action Plan.

1. That the damaged pillar of the Shandon Steeple which has been damaged for almost 6 months now be re-erected/repared as a matter of priority.
- Planning & European Affairs Committee
2. That most stringent efforts would be made in relation to the litter/rubbish dumping which occurs frequently in the area particularly on Church Street, John Philpott Curran Street, Eason's Avenue and the area in and around the Firkin Crane Centre.
- Environment Committee
3. That light fittings would be erected as a priority particularly on Cathedral Avenue and John Philpott Curran Street.
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

4. That work would commence as soon as possible on the two Derelict Properties on Cathedral Avenue and that the Residents of Cathedral Avenue be kept informed of any development work.
 - Finance & General Purposes Committee
5. That Cork Corporation would ensure that the derelict area of land on John Philpott Curran Street, which is presently a rubbish dump and is rat infested would be cleared particularly as there are many young children living in the area. The derelict site is dangerous, unhealthy and unsightly for the residents many of whom are elderly and who have been living at the area for more than 30 years.
 - Finance & General Purposes Committee
6. That the Roads Department would carry out resurfacing work particularly on Cathedral Avenue and Eason's Avenue as a matter of priority.
 - Roads Transportation & Safety Committee
7. That speed ramps would be erected on Cathedral Avenue, Eason's Avenue, Church Street as a matter of priority to prevent any serious accidents – cabs, lorries and cars in order to ensure the safety of children in that area.
 - Roads Transportation & Safety Committee
8. That the Corporation would arrange to develop a public open space at St. Ann's Park which would provide a recreational area for children in the local area as well as the local pre-school, Eason's Hill, particularly as it is the only green area in the entire Shandon vicinity. That the Park would be regularly maintained and would have more suitable opening hours especially during the Summer Months.
 - Environment Committee

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch – 01/112)

19.12 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON WESTERN ROAD**

That a pedestrian crossing be located on the Western Road between the Medical Clinic and the Western Star Bar in view of the high number of accidents that have happened there in recent times both pedestrians and motorists.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. – 01/113)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.13 **TRAFFIC LIGHT AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT JUNCTION OF UPPER FAIRHILL AND MOUNT AGNES ROAD**

That traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing would be put in place at the junction of Upper Fairhill and Mount Agnes Road as there is a large volume of traffic coming through this junction and there is also a need to provide for safe crossing for pedestrians.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/114)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.14 **FENCING OFF ALL AREAS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST**

That Cork Corporation should have a policy of fencing off all areas of historical interest and public parks to enable residents to maximise the enjoyment of their public amenities. The policy as a first step should provide monies in the 2001 estimates to fence off the Red Abbey.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – 01/115)
- Environment Committee

19.15 **BALLYPHEHANE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

That Cork Corporation would in the interests of safety take measures to prevent vehicles from parking close to the gates of Ballyphehane Community Centre.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll – 01/116)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.16 **RINGMAHON ROAD**

That the Corporation, as part of the Cork Main Drainage work along the walkway at Bessboro, Blackrock, would tunnel underneath the main Ringmahon Road in order to link the walkways on either side of the road beneath the Ringmahon road itself. Thus, would the safety of the amenity walkers be ensured by obviating the necessity of crossing the very heavily trafficked Ringmahon Road.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Counihan – 01/117)
- Environment Committee

19.17 **BISHOPSTOWN BY-PASS**

Further to my previous motion on this issue:-

That this Council considers top priority and wishes the inclusion in the Cork Strategic Area Plan the construction of “the Bishopstown by-pass” i.e. a road line from the Carrigrohane Road N22 to the Model Farm Road R608 to the new Ballincollig by-pass (South Ring Road) N28 at a point near Deasey’s Bridge on the Curraheen Road, thereby substantially reducing the excessive traffic build up within estates and local roads in the Bishopstown area.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – 01/118)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.18 **WASTE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT**

That this Council express its total opposition to the proposal contained in Waste Management (Amendment) Act, currently before the Houses of the Oireachtas, that decision making powers of elected members of local authorities be further lessened and reduced.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/119)
- Environment Committee

19.19 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

That a Traffic Management Plan be instigated for the Middle Parish area of the city.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/120)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

19.20 **TO CURB THE CONTINUING POLLUTION OF GLASHEEN STREAM**

That Cork Corporation and Cork County Council Environment Department Staff be instructed to co-ordinate their efforts to put a stop to the continuing pollution of the Glasheen Stream adjacent to the South Ring Road and Sarsfield Road and that they be instructed to trace, and eliminate, the sources from the housing estates on the Bishopstown side of the Stream and the Doughcloyne Industrial Estate, or nearby housing developments, on the Wilton side. If there is any dispute or questioning of the level of pollution, the South West Regional Authority Fishery Board should be consulted for their opinion on the condition of the River at that location.

(Proposer:- Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 01/121)
- Environment Committee

19.21 **PROPER AND SAFE DEVELOPMENT OF LANDS ADJOINING THE SOUTH RING ROAD**

That Cork Corporation Roads Department work with the Sarsfield Road Combined Residents Association and local Public Representatives to ensure the proper and safe development of the lands adjoining the South Ring Road which are located in the County and are zoned for recreational use, but which will be seriously affected by the Sarsfield Road Fly-over, for which Cork Corporation are the Agents.”

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 01/122)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

20. **TENDERS**

Seven number tenders were opened for office supplies.

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