

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001**

- PRESENT:-** An tArd-Mheára, Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll in the Chair and subsequently An Leas- Cathaoirleach Comhairleoir S. Martin.
- NORTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke T.D., B. Kelleher T.D. and J. Kelleher
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, , D. Wallace and C. O'Leary
- NORTH WEST:** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, C. Burke, Ml. O'Connell and J. O'Brien
- SOUTH EAST:** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune T.D., 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:** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, Ml. Ahern, B. Bermingham and P.J. Hourican

Apology received from Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D.

- ALSO PRESENT:-** Mr J. Gavin, City Manager & Town Clerk
- Mr K. Terry, Director of Services/City Engineer
- Ms. M. Loughed, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
- Mr M. Riordan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
- Ms. B. Dillon-Hall, Snr. Exec. Officer, Corporate Affairs
- Mr G. O'Sullivan, Admin. Officer, Town Clerk's Dept.

An tArd-Mheára recited the opening prayer.

**1. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended the following votes of congratulations:-

To the Cork Minor Hurling Team on their success in winning the Minor All-Ireland.

To the Cork Junior Football Team on their success in winning the Junior All-Ireland.

To all those involved in the City of Culture bid on the city's success in being short-listed for the title.

## 1.2 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended the following votes of sympathy:-

To the wife and family of John Kerins former Cork Goalkeeper.

To the O'Sullivan and Crowley families on the tragic events in Clonmel.

To the wife and family of Bernie Cahill, former Chairman of Aer Lingus

To the O'Sullivan family, South Douglas Rd., on the death of Donal O'Sullivan.

To Mr Tom Connolly, 30 Greenmount Crescent on the death of his wife Mary.

To the family of Mr Patrick Clayton, former City Manager.

To the family of the late Mrs. Corcoran, Tory Top Road, Cork

To the family of the late Bernard Bown, 12 Vicars Road, Cork

To the family of the late Tony Ahern, 15 St. Finbarr's Road, Cork

To the family of the late David Gould, 80 Clarkes Road, Ballyphehane, Cork

To the family of the late David J. Power, Eilima, Ballincurragh Park, Douglas Rd., Cork.

To the family of the late Sean McCarthy, 7 Edward Walsh Road, Togher, Cork.

## 2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of:-

- (a) Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2001
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2001

were considered and approved.

## 3. **QUESTION TIME**

### 3.1 **PETER CHURCH AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the following written reply was circulated which stated that Peter's Church Avenue extends from Grattan Street to North Main Street. The report to Council dated 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 (copy attached) gives a background to events leading to closure.

Representations have been received from the following groups:-

- Mid Parish Community Association
- North Main Street Traders Association
- Cork Civic Trust

and they all have requested that the Avenue be kept closed to the general public.

In view of these representations it is proposed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the North Central Ward.

**- Continued for information:-**

The following question was submitted by Comhairleoir Damian Wallace for written reply at Council of 15<sup>th</sup> Janaury 2001.

**QUESTION**

To ask the City Manager if he would provide a report for the Council on the closure of Peter Church Avenue adjacent to North Main Street outlining:-

- (a) When the closure was sanctioned.
- (b) Whether the public consultation process was gone through
- (c) Details of efforts which have been made to reopen the lane.

**REPLY**

Peter Church Avenue also known as St. Peter's Avenue extends from Grattan Street to North Main Street emerging south of the Vision Centre (St. Peter's Church). The eastern end of the lane has been closed off by the proprietor of No. 87 North Main Street.

The lane was originally closed off in 1995/96 in order to accommodate works being carried out on the Vision Centre. Closure was maintained to enable construction of houses near the eastern end of the lane. However, in or about 1997 the proprietor of No. 87 erected a wrought iron sheeted gate on the North Main Street frontage. This was intended to prevent trespass and reduce security risks to this premises adjacent and over the lane.

When all works on houses was complete in 2000 a request was received from a representative of a resident on Grattan Street to have the lane reopened. When approached the owner of the gate indicated that such would pose a security and business risk to his premises and restaurant. The matter has been referred to the Law Agent for legal advice and proceedings.

Written representations have been received on behalf of the business premises and the adjacent Vision Centre to keep lane closed. The North Main Street Traders Association have also advised that they wish to have lane kept closed.

Therefore apart from proceedings to have lane reopened, procedures are being initiated in accordance with requirements of the Roads Act to have the public right of way extinguished.

This will in due course come before Council for decision.

3.2 **YELLOW LINES ON ROSSA AVE., ELTON LAWN, UAM VAR DRIVE, BISHOPSTOWN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields, the following written reply was circulated which stated that Double yellow lines have recently been installed on Rossa Avenue and Elton Lawn. The work was done in close co-operation with the local Gardaí.

It was agreed that the amount of double yellow lines provided is sufficient for road safety and access reasons. Any further provision of these lines in the area would seriously impinge on the parking facilities for local residents. They would also have an adverse effect on people with 'legitimate' reasons for visiting the residential area.

3.3 **SHALOM PARK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Kelleher T.D., the following written reply was circulated which stated that provision will be made in this year's draft estimates for new play equipment at Shalom Park.

3.4 **LEGAL POSITION REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC OPEN-SPACES**

This question is deferred to the next meeting of Council to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

3.5 **KELLEHER'S BUILDINGS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that a contractor is currently on site working on the refurbishment of dwellings. The contractor has been requested to include works to the roads, footpaths and services as part of his contract with the Corporation and this work is on-going. However, should it be felt necessary, the appropriate Director of Services can arrange to view the situation on the ground.

3.6 **PROPOSED M.R.F. FACILITY**

- (a) In response to question submitted by Seanoir T. Shannon, the following written reply was circulated which stated that I wish to advise that tenderers for the W.R.F. project were required to tender on the basis of providing the facility at the Kinsale Road site but were also given the option of offering their own site contiguous to the city.

As it transpired the three tenderers did not offer any alternative site for consideration.

Accordingly Cork Corporation did not investigate any other sites other than various options of siting on the Kinsale Road/Black Ash site. I have no knowledge whether or not the preferred tenderer Leeway 2020 investigated other sites but as stated above the consortium did not exercise the option to submit other site(s) in their tender.

- (b) I wish to advise that the potential of a greenfield site in the County Council administrative area has not been investigated by Cork Corporation officials or consultants.

I have no knowledge whether or not Leeway 2020 investigated sites in the County.

- (c) The decision to proceed with the proposed M.R.F. is currently with City Council.

Expenditure already incurred will have to be refunded over time.

Works carried out in Kinsale Road are outlined in response to Question No. 8.

- (d) In the context of PPP Contracts, a preferred tenderer refers to the tender with whom it is proposed to negotiate the final contract terms.

3.7 **LOW WATER PRESSURE IN SILVERSPRINGS/MAYFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D., the following written reply was circulated which stated that a new watermain (200/150 mm diameter) linking the trunk main at Mayfield Cross, through Lotamore Park to Boherboy Road, was made operational in January 2001.

The new main has improved the pressure in the Lotabeg area and only 2 No. complaints are recorded in the year 2001.

3.8 **LANDFILL SITE, KINSALE ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Minihan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that the following Civil Engineering works are at various stages of completion at present at the Landfill site:

Construction and Demolition Recycling Facility

Contract 4 – including roads, fencing, weighbridges, administration building, civic amenity site, composting slab, leachate collection and treatment etc.

Contract 5 – including stormwater collection and pond, roads, river realignment, leachate collection and lagoon.

Diversion of ESB overhead powerlines

Foundations have been laid at various locations to facilitate the construction of the above structures.

I can confirm these works are being put in place to ensure compliance with EPA waste licence and ensure management of site is to best engineering and environmental practice.

The aforementioned works are not being put in place to facilitate the construction of a W.R.F.

3.9 **METEOR COMMUNICATIONS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, the following written reply was circulated which stated that-

A. In response to a written complaint received on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2001 regarding an unauthorised development (Telecommunications antennae and ancillary equipment) at Musgrave Park, Pearse Road.

A letter issued to Meteor on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 requesting that they:

1. Return property to its original condition or
2. Apply for retention of development.

B. In response a planning application for permission for the retention of the installation of DCS telecommunications antennae, microwave link dishes, equipment to container, cabling and associated equipment (T.P. 25331/01) was registered on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.

C. A Section 31 enforcement notice requiring the removal of unauthorised telecommunications antennae and ancillary equipment at Musgrave Park, Pearse Road, Cork and the restoration of that part of the premises to its former condition before 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2001, issued to Meteor on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2001.

D. A request for Further Information in respect of Planning application T.P. 25331/01 issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2001 requesting (copy attached):

1. Submission of details as indicative of Meteor Mobile Communications Limited efforts to share the existing mast with other users, as per paragraph 4.5 of the Department of the Environment Telecommunications antennae and support structures guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996.
2. Submission of details of full legal consent of the site owners to the use of Musgrave Park R.F.C. for development as proposed.

A response to this Further Information request was received on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 is at present being assessed.

E. An amended Section 31 enforcement notice issued on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2001 requiring the removal of the said unauthorised telecommunications antennae and ancillary equipment and restoration to its former condition before the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2001.

The Planning application T.P. 25331/01, which is at present before the Planning Authority, will be considered in the context of advice provided by the Department of Environment in circular letter 6/96, "planning guidelines for telecommunications antennae and support structures – July 1996".

National policy requires that all development should conform to the concept of Environmental Sustainability, such considerations demand close attention being paid to the location of masts by operators and by Planning Authorities. In order to avoid unnecessary proliferation of masts, owners (i.e. those controlling access to support structures on masts) will be expected to facilitate co-location of antennae with other operators.

The Guidelines encourage extensive pre-planning discussions with Planning Authorities, consideration of design and siting, visual impact, access roads, sharing facilities (cluster) and health and safety issues and also duration of the permission, which should at least be 5 years, to allow for technological change.

All recent proposals in respect of telecommunications antennae and ancillary equipment are being assessed in relation to the above mentioned guidelines.

#### 4. **ROADS FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

##### 4.1 **MONTHLY ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended August 2001.

##### 4.2 **INTRODUCTION OF EURO TAXI FARE STRUCTURE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding the Introduction of Euro Taxi Fare Structure.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle to adopt the following Resolution:-

"That the following Taxi Fares in the Cork Taximeter Area be introduced with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2002:

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Current Fare Structure</u></b> <b>£</b>	<b><u>Proposed Euro Fare Structure</u></b> <b>€</b>
● Minimum Fare	£2.20	€ 2.80
● Charge per Mile	£1.00	€ 1.30
● Unit Charge per 1/10 Mile	£0.10	€ 0.13
● Waiting Time per Hour	£10.00	€ 13.00
● Extras: Additional Passengers/ Luggage/Animals.	£0.40	€ 0.50
● Unsocial Hours	£0.60	€ 0.75
● Public Holidays	£0.80	€ 1.00
● Pick-up Charge	£1.20	€ 1.50
● Soiling Charge	£20.00	€ 25.40



#### 4.3 **FUNDING FROM CIVITAS – INTRODUCTION OF “PAY BY PHONE” TO DISC PARKING**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001 regarding introduction of new technology “Pay by Phone” to Disc Parking. The report stated that Cork Corporation Traffic Section submitted a bid for funding under the CIVITAS Programme in partnership with Hampshire County Council (for City of Winchester) and the proposed project was listed with seven other groups of cities to receive the allocated funding. However, the Commission, in an effort to reduce the number of contracts and associated administration costs etc., recommended the amalgamation of pairs of cities to form four larger demonstration projects. Resulting from this recommendation, Cork Corporation/Hampshire County Council will amalgamate with the city of Rome/Barcelona in a combined project which will be known as MIRACLES.

Over the last two months the work of integrating the proposed elements of the project from each of the cities and adjusting the cities inputs to match the allocated funding has been ongoing and the final submissions have now been returned to Brussels for consideration.

A technical presentation of the proposed project will be made to the Commissions’ representatives in Brussels on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, following which the final recommendation, confirmation of levels of funding and recommendations for contract will be issued to the consortium.

The main theme of the project is to promote reduced dependancy on private transport, promote use of ‘clean energy’ in transportation, promote greater use of more efficient public transport, cycling and walking. The project will also demonstrate access control to environmentally sensitive areas etc.

Cork Corporation’s commitment to the project centres around the development of St. Patrick’s Street and will include the provision of quality cycle facilities, development of cycle routes, access control and an innovative parking control using state of the art Information Technology.

The use of telephones, mobile or fixed line, will be used to pay for parking by registered users. The choice of payment method by credit card or by inclusion in the normal telephone bill will be selected by the users of the system. It is envisaged that such a system can run in parallel to the existing disc parking system or other widely used pay parking controls. A major feature of the new system, like the disc parking system which has operated for almost thirty years in Cork City, is that it will operate without the need for street furniture which would require servicing, can attract acts of vandalism etc. and will not require on-going maintenance/cash collection etc.

The project will examine the legislative requirements, appropriate By-Laws etc., as well as the technical development for such a parking control method. When introduced, it will be a first, not only in Ireland or Europe but indeed world wide in the format proposed.

#### 4.4 **TOW-AWAY SERVICE/CLAMPING**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, that the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001 regarding the clamping service be approved.

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan proposed and Seanoir C. O'Connell seconded that the clamping service be suspended, except where specifically requested by the Gardaí, pending consideration of the matter by the Roads Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and a recommendation from that Committee to An Chomhairle:-

A vote was called where there appeared:-

FOR:- Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, M. O'Connell and J. O'Brien – 4

AGAINST:- Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí L. Burke T.D., B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher, K. Lynch, D. Wallace, T. Falvey, C. Burke, J. Corr, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, D. Boyle, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham and P.J. Hourican – 19

An tArd-Mheára declared the proposal defeated and the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer approved.

#### 4.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT INNISCARRA ROAD TO INNISHANNON ROAD, FAIR HILL, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding extinguishment of public right of way at Inniscarra Road to Innishannon Road, Fair Hill, Cork. The report stated that Arising from a request received from the residents in the area, the Members of the North Central Ward agreed to proceed with the proposal to Extinguish the Public Right of Way between Inniscarra Road and Innishannon Road, Cork.

In accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993, notice of intention to extinguish this Public Right of Way was published on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.

The notice confirmed that a map showing the Public Right of Way was available for public inspection at Room 335, City Hall, Cork during office hours from 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2001.

The notice provided for objections or submissions to be made in writing to the City Manager and Town Clerk not later than 4.00 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2001. No objections or submissions were received.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

The Public Right of Way over the stepped pedestrian lane connecting Inniscarra Road to Innishannon Road from point adjacent to 23 and 25 Inniscarra Road to a point adjacent to 32 and 34 Innishannon Road shall be extinguished forthwith.

City Manager and Town Clerk to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork Corporation the required Form of Order.”

4.6 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT FARRANCLEARY PLACE TO MOUNT FARRAN PLACE, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August regarding extinguishment of public right of way at Farrancleary Place to Mount Farran Place. The report stated that Arising from a request received from the residents in the area, the Members of the North Central Ward agreed to proceed with the proposal to Extinguish the Public Right of Way between Farrancleary Place and Mount Farran Place, Cork.

In accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993, notice of intention to extinguish this Public Right of Way was published on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.

The notice confirmed that a map showing the Public Right of Way was available for public inspection at Room 335, City Hall, Cork during office hours from 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2001.

The notice provided for objections or submissions to be made in writing to the City Manager and Town Clerk not later than 4.00 p.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2001. No objections or submissions were received.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher seconded by Comhairleoir M. Ahern to adopt the following Resolution:-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

The Public Right of Way over the stepped pedestrian lane connecting in an east-west direction Mount Farran Place from point adjacent to gable at 44 Mount Farran Place to point adjacent to gable at Flats 1-12 Farrancleary Place, shall be extinguished forthwith.

City Manager and Town Clerk to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork Corporation the required Form of Order".

4.7 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ASHWOOD (PHASE 2), RINGMAHON ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding Taking in Charge of Ashwood, (Phase 2), Ringmahon Road, Cork. The report stated that I refer to development at "Ashwood" (Phase2, Houses 9 to 14), Ringmahon Road, Cork. I can confirm that the development has been completed to my satisfaction.

Notice of intention to declare roads at Ashwood (Phase2), Ringmahon Road, Cork to be public roads was published on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None was received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads are as follows:-

Maintenance £364-64 (€463-00) p.a.

Renewal £1,105-00 (€1,403-06) p.a.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Counihan seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle to adopt the following Resolution:-

“NOW COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993, that the roads at Ashwood, (Phase 2), Ringmahon Road, Cork be taken in charge”

4.8 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE PRIORY, REDEMPTION ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding Taking in Charge of The Priory, Redemption Road, Cork. The report stated that I refer to development at “The Priory”, Redemption Road, Cork. I can confirm that the development has been completed to my satisfaction.

Notice of intention to declare roads at The Priory, Redemption Road, Cork to be public roads was published on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None was received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads are as follows:-

Maintenance £472-40 (€99-82) p.a.

Renewal £1,363-50 (€1,731-29) p.a.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher seconded by Comhairleoir M. Ahern to adopt the following Resolution:-

“NOW COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provision of section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at The Priory, Redemption Road, Cork be taken in charge”.

#### 4.9 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF COPPERHILL, CHURCHYARD LANE, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding Taking in Charge of Copperhill, Churchyard Lane, Cork. The report stated that I refer to development at “Copperhill”, Churchyard Lane, Cork. I can confirm that the development has been completed to my satisfaction.

Notice of intention to declare roads at Copperhill, Churchyard Lane, Cork to be public roads was published on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None was received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads are as follows:-

Maintenance £3,656-00 (€4,642-16) p.a.

Renewal £8,049-50 (€10,220-76) p.a.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Counihan seconded by Seanoir T. Shannon to adopt the following Resolution:-

“NOW COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 that the roads at Copperhill, Churchyard Lane, Cork be taken in charge”.

#### 4.10 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF GLENARDEN, GLASHEEN ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer’s dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding Taking in Charge of Glenarden, Glasheen Road, Cork. The report stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at Glenarden, Glasheen Road, Cork to be public roads was published on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None was received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads are as follows:-

Maintenance £221-20 (€280-87) p.a.

Renewal £397-50 (€504-72) p.a.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher to adopt the following Resolution:-

“NOW COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provision of section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Glenarden, Glasheen Road, Cork be taken in charge”.

4.11 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF WOODFORD, ROSSA AVENUE, MELBOURN ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding Taking in Charge of Woodford, Rossa Avenue, Melbourn Road, Cork.

The report stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at Woodford, Rossa Avenue, Melbourne Road Cork to be public roads was published on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None was received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads are as follows:-

Maintenance £416-44 (€528-77) p.a.

Renewal £909-75 (€1,155-14) p.a.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham to adopt the following Resolution:-

“NOW COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at Woodford, Rossa Avenue, Melbourn Road, Cork be taken in charge.”

4.12 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF SOUTH LODGE GROVE (EXT), CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 regarding Taking in Charge of South Lodge Grove (Ext), Cork. The report stated that Notice of intention to declare roads at South Lodge Grove (Ext), Cork to be public roads was published on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited. None was received.

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads are as follows:-

Maintenance £373-44 (€474-17) p.a.

Renewal £962-50 (€1,222-12) p.a.

An Chomhairle also agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Counihan seconded by Seanoir T. Shannon to adopt the following Resolution:-

“NOW COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT

Pursuant to the provisions of section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads at South Lodge Grove (Ext), Cork be taken in charge.”

4.13 **EUROPEAN CAR FREE DAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001 regarding European Car Free Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2001. The report stated that The success of September 22<sup>nd</sup> “In Town Without My Car” day has grown at a fantastic rate over the last couple of years and it is expected that over 800 cities and towns will participate by promoting car free day this year on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The idea which was initiated in France, quickly spread to Italy and other European countries and last year a number of cities in South America, North America and other areas also participated in this Awareness Raising event to promote sustainable approaches to transport and highlighting the adverse affects which cars have on urban environment in terms of air and noise pollution. The theme of the event is to encourage the use of public transport and alternative modes of transport and to enable citizens to rediscover the city.

Last year, Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Portlaoise participated with special events and each of the cities, with the addition of Waterford, are planning to have a repeat this year.



An independent survey carried out on behalf of the Irish Energy Centre of residents in the areas participating in the event, showed that the event was highly successful in terms of an Awareness Raising measure and 89% said that they would be in favour of the initiative being repeated at least once a year.

In March 2001, the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., wrote to the City Manager encouraging participation in this years event and advocating an even wider scale than last years scheme.

Planning/Co-ordination meetings were held with Gardai, Cork Business Association, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Cork City Challenge, Cork Energy Office, Bus Eireann etc. and the proposal for 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2001, will cover basically the same area as last years event i.e., the Historic Centre and St. Patrick's Street and its adjoining streets including Oliver Plunkett Street.

While on-street parking in the restricted area will be a feature of the event, access to all the multi-storey car parks and off-street car parks in and around the city will be kept open.

This year, city centre bus services and Saturdays 'Park and Ride' will be **FREE ALL DAY** and the theme of the event will be to **COME** to town without your car.

Cork Business Association confirmed that 22<sup>nd</sup> September, being a Saturday, will result in less demand for deliveries and access by large vehicles to city centre, but, similar to last year, facilities will be provided for same as necessary. Access to the restricted areas will also be provided for residents, disabled persons and vehicles using "green fuels".

A special leaflet has been printed for the day and a copy of this leaflet will be delivered to every household and premises in the Greater Cork Area, approximately 80,000, one or two weeks before the event.

Many city centre traders will have special in-store promotions on the day, free cycle parking facilities will be provided and special prizes will be awarded to identified participants in car-pooling/multi-occupancy vehicles heading to city centre during the week preceding the event and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Access and parking restrictions will apply on most streets from 7.00 a.m. until 9.00 p.m. and on St. Patrick's Street between 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

#### 4.14 **PROSPERITY SQUARE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Prosperity Square be included in next year's Roads Resurfacing Programme".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/218)

The report stated that Prosperity Square is a concrete road on which extensive reinstatement works were carried out in the past two years. The road surface is generally in good condition. It will however be considered for inclusion in the Road Surfacing Programme for the Year 2002. It is not clear at this time what the extent of this programme will be dependent on allocations of funding from Central Government and local sources.

#### 4.15 **ALBERT ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would renew and repaint the Pedestrian Crossing on Albert Road".

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/328)

The report stated that yellow globes on the Zebra Crossing at Albert Road have been replaced with new more translucent globes which have increased the visibility of these units on the approach to the Pedestrian Crossing. The repainting of the road markings etc. are included in the current Roadworks Programme, and it is expected that these markings will be replaced within the next few weeks.

#### 4.16 **PROVISION OF RUMBLE STRIPS IN HILLCREST**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That rumble strips or ramps be put in place in Hillcrest on Blarney Road for the safety of children".

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/166)

The report stated that provision of rumble strips in residential areas is not recommended due to increased noise levels, without effective increase in traffic calming (depending on the nature of traffic problem), but the area will be investigated for the suitability for provision of ramps or other appropriate traffic calming. The area in question has been included in a list of sites for investigation/recommendation for the provision of Traffic Calming.

4.17 **RESURFACING OF UAM VAR DRIVE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the poor condition of the road in Uam Var Drive be taken into account for its inclusion for resurfacing in the Roadworks Programme for 2002."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Ahern – 01/167)

The report stated that northern end of Uam Var Drive was resurfaced in the current year's programme. As indicated in the Motion, sections of the remainder of Uam Var Drive are in relatively poor condition and will be considered for inclusion in the Resurfacing Programme for the Year 2002.

4.18 **CLOSURE OF ALLEYWAY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would allow the alleyway leading from Cross Street to South Main Street which runs to the rear of 30 Washington Street to 40 Washington Street to be closed off."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/168)

The report stated that closure of this lane was previously subject to planning application which was refused. It is proposed to proceed to close the lane under the Roads Act procedures, and the matter should be put before the next meeting of the North Central Ward Committee who can consider it for inclusion in the Lane Closure Programme for next year.

I am aware that some difficulties have been encountered with maintaining this lane due to antisocial behaviour and activities of adjoining premises.

4.19 **INSTALLATION OF SAFETY MEASURES ON TOGHER ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That this Council, aware of the dangers to pedestrians crossing Togher Road hereby calls on the Manager to forthwith install safety measures along this roadway from the Ardmanning Bar to the Clashduv/Togher Road junction.

A suggested solution would be the provision of a pedestrian crossing and island at an identified point."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – 01/170)

The report stated that surveys have previously been carried out on the Togher Road, between The Lough and Clashduv/Togher Road Junction to investigate the need for the provision of Pedestrian Crossings on this route. The surveys carried out indicated that even the Minimum Warrants for the provision of Pedestrian Crossings did not exist.

However further site investigation/surveys will be carried out to identify appropriate road re-design/traffic calming which may be introduced on this route to improve pedestrian safety and the safety of all road users in the area. When these necessary surveys/design are completed, a further report will be prepared for submission to Council for approval.

4.20 **RESURFACING OF LOUGH ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the Lough Road from Barrack Street/Bandon Road Junction to the Lough Church be resurfaced including its intersection with Greenmount Avenue which is in a very bad condition".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/220)

The report stated that section of Lough Road from Barrack Street/Bandon Road Junction to the Lough Church has been inspected. While the majority is in reasonable condition, there are a number of reinstatements and two sections of deteriorated surface which will need attention.

This work will be programmed over the next month and a half. It will also be included for consideration in next year's programme. Remedial works have been carried out in recent times on the Junction of Lough Road and Greenmount Avenue.

4.21 **MARBLE HALL, BALLINLOUGH**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2001/2002 and undertake a programme of road resurfacing and footpath renewal in Marble Hall Gardens and Marble Hall Close, Ballinlough, Cork".

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/331)

The report stated that extensive footpath renewal has been carried out in the current year in Marble Hall Gardens and Marble Hall Close. Consideration will be given to the inclusion of these areas in the Road Resurfacing Programme which will be prepared later in the year.

4.22 **RESURFACE KILLALA GARDENS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the road be resurfaced in Killala Gardens, Knocknaheeny due to the massive potholes in the area".

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/165)

The report stated that a recent inspection of Killala Gardens indicated that the road was generally in good condition apart from a number of reinstatements which need attention. Remedial works will be carried out shortly and a further review will be made when programme 2002 is being prepared.

#### 4.23 **FOOTPATHS IN FARRANLEA PARK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would replace the footpaths in Farranlea Park which are in a very poor state of repair".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/169)

The report stated that extensive sections of footway have been renewed in Farranlea Park in the last two years, and consideration will be given to including further sections in the forthcoming Footpath Renewal Programme.

#### 4.24 **SHEARES PARK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would recognise that many old people live in Sheare's Park and provide funds in the Estimates 2001/2002 to enable its very dangerous footpaths to be renewed".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. Ahern – 01/176)

The report stated that Road Maintenance Section is very conscious of the needs of elderly people and strives to ensure that footways are kept in a safe condition. I can confirm that Sheares Park is among the locations being considered for inclusion in Footpath Renewal Programme for 2002.

#### 4.25 **JAYWALKING**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would put in place proper enforceable by-laws to eliminate the scourge of jaywalking in our city streets".

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill – 01/178)

The report stated that discussions will be undertaken with the Gardaí and Cork Corporation Law Agent regarding the introduction of realistic Bye-laws which might be introduced to reduce or eliminate the dangers resulting from jaywalking. Following consultation with the Gardaí and the Cork Corporation Law Agent, a further report will be prepared for Council for consideration.

4.26 **INISHOWEN, MAYFIELD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

That Cork Corporation make financial provision for the resurfacing of the roadway at Inishowen, Mayfield in its Estimate of Expenses for 2002".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/185)

The report stated that the request to have Inishowen in the Road Surfacing Programme for 2002 is noted and that consideration will be given to its inclusion when the detailed programme is being prepared later in the year. The proposed programme will be placed before Council for consideration and approval early in the new year.

4.27 **TO PROVIDE SAFETY MEASURES FOR HILLCREST AVENUE & HARBOUR VIEW ROAD, HOLLYWOOD ESTATE & ARDCULLEN**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation immediately erect a Yield Right of Way sign, and also to provide White Lines at the junction between Hillcrest Ave and Harbour View Road, and also that a Pedestrian Crossing be provided between Hollywood Estate and Ardculleen".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell – 01/199)

The report stated that the area in question will be surveyed and any necessary statutory signs for Yield Right of Way etc. will be provided following the necessary consultation with the Gardaí. Traffic and Pedestrian Surveys will also be carried out to ascertain the level of use and potential requirement for Pedestrian Crossings in the area.

5. **HOUSING FUNCTION COMMITTEE**

5.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Assistant City Manager for the month of August.

5.2 **REVISED TERMS FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE & RENTAL SUBSIDY SCHEMES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 in relation to Revised Terms for the Capital Assistance Scheme and the Rental Subsidy Scheme.

The report stated that I attach for the information of Members a copy of Circular Letter VHU 2/01 dated July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001 issued by the Voluntary and Co-Operative Housing Unit of the Department of the Environment & Local Government. The Circular sets out amendments to the terms of the Capital Assistance and Rental Subsidy Schemes and the principal amendments, as they apply to Cork Corporation, are summarised as follows:-

**(A) Revised Unit Cost Levels**

- (i) Capital Assistance:  
1-2 Bed Dwellings: £95,000/Unit  
Family Type Houses & Traveller Bays: £110,000/Unit  
(All Capital Assistance Accommodation is now eligible for 95% funding)

- (ii) Rental Subsidy Scheme: £110,000/Unit

**(B) Income Limits**

The Rental Subsidy Scheme has been amended to remove the requirement of an income limit of £12,000 being applied to 75% of tenancies. Whilst this income limit has been removed all households must be qualified for Local Authority housing.

**(C) Communal Facilities**

The level of assistance for communal facilities has been increased from £3,500/unit to £4,500/unit with no upper limit on the number of units attracting assistance.



The amendments to the Schemes, and the new higher levels of assistance are to be welcomed and, in line with the objectives of the Corporate Plan 2001-2004, will facilitate the voluntary and non-profit sectors in increasing their housing output to meet social housing demand.

**5.3 TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 in relation to the disposal of 1 no. dwelling under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and resolved that the disposal be carried out in accordance with the terms of that report.

**5.4 DEVELOPMENT BY CORK SIMON COMMUNITY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 in relation to the proposed provision of funding for 4 no. units of accommodation for the Cork Simon Community and approved a loan pursuant to Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992, for an amount not exceeding £331,840 to the Cork Simon Community subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme.

**5.5 DEVELOPMENT BY CARA HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 in relation to the provision of funding for 35 no. units of accommodation for Cara Housing Association and approved subject to the approval of the Dept. of the Environment and Local Government, a loan pursuant to Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992, for an amount not exceeding £4,817,062 to the Cara Housing Association subject to the conditions of the Rental Subsidy Scheme.

**5.6 UPGRADING OF BALCONY FLATS ON TOGHER ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That this Council agree that funding be sought to include the upgrading/refurbishment of the balcony flats on Togher Road from Clashduv Road up, to include them in the Deanrock Regeneration Project.”

(Proposer: Seanoir C. O’Connell – 01/157)

The report stated that regeneration proposals for Deanrock Estate relates to the refurbishment of the N.B.A. system built flats complex, the provision of new infill dwellings and the rationalisation of the road layout and open space provision. The scale and nature of the work proposed is significantly different to what is being requested in respect of the Togher Road and Clashduv Road balcony flats and for this reason is considered best dealt with at design and contracting stages as a separate project. I will be requesting the City Architect to examine the balcony flats and bring forward up-grading/refurbishment proposals for the consideration of Members.

#### 5.7 **ACCESS BY EMERGENCY SERVICES TO LIFFEY PARK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That Cork Corporation take the necessary measures to ensure that all parts of Liffey Park can be accessed by Emergency Services.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/171)

The report stated that Chief Fire Officer has been requested to review the issue of access by the emergency services to Liffey Park. He has now reported that he has inspected the area and is satisfied with access arrangements.

#### 5.8 **FUNDING FOR KELLEHER BUILDINGS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That this Council invites Mr. Bobby Molloy, T.D. to Kellehers Buildings to view the appalling mess created by the shortage in Government funding for refurbishment and to try to get a change in Government policy on the matter.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/172)

The report stated that refurbishment work being carried out to the dwellinghouses at Kelleher's Buildings is part of an on-going re-development programme for all the Corporation's Red-Brick Buildings. Vacant possession of units is required to facilitate the carrying out of refurbishment work and the organisation of contracts entails working closely with tenants in the de-tenanting process. The work is, as a consequence, being undertaken on a phased rolling basis.

Work is currently on-going at Kelleher's Buildings on 12 no. dwellings with work due to commence on a further 13 no. units. The completion of these contracts will leave four units remaining to be refurbished. The City Architect has been requested to bring forward proposals for submission to the Department of the Environment & Local Government for the improvement of roads, footpaths and services at Kelleher's Buildings.

## 5.9 **SHARED OWNERSHIP HOUSING SCHEME**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to alter the Shared Ownership Scheme to allow a three per cent per annum discount (to a maximum of 30%), as operates on the Tenant Purchase Scheme, on the rented Local Authority's share of a property when it is being “bought out” by the Shared Owner.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. Ahern – 01/175)

The report stated that the Shared Ownership System of house purchase was introduced in 1991 as part of the Plan for Social Housing. The purpose of the system is to improve the affordability of houses for persons who would not otherwise be in a position to purchase their own dwellings. The system does this by allowing a phased acquisition of equity, by the low entry costs involved and by the availability of subsidies to low income borrowers. It also allows applicants to acquire, through the Local Authority, a dwellinghouse in an area of their choice and differs from the Tenant Purchase Scheme, which offers the option of purchase to tenants of Local Authority houses.

Shared Ownership borrowers are enabled to purchase the entire equity in their dwellinghouses in two or more steps with the un-purchased equity at any given time being rented from the Local Authority. The system obliges borrowers to repay the value of the un-purchased equity and in its current format does not enable a Local Authority to offer a discount in respect of such repayment. It should be noted that monies paid in redeeming loans are ultimately used to finance the costs to the Local Authority of acquiring the relevant properties. To offer a discount in the measures sought would result in a considerable financial loss to the Local Authority which would ultimately need to be borne by the ratepayers.

5.10 **HOUSING PRIORITY LIST**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Functional Committee from its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“As part of Cork Corporation Housing Priority List applicants who are currently on the Allocation Active List, that the housing allocation officer should furnish a list of names to Public Representatives within a specific time scale to give them an opportunity so that they can make representation on behalf of constituents who are actively being considered for housing.

Should this motion be passed it would halt the practice of 31 Councillors and T.D.’s continually making representation on behalf of the three and a half thousand people on the housing list. This would also free the valuable time the housing allocation officer and others in the Housing Department from shifting through the mountains of correspondence from elected representatives and others, thus allowing them to concentrate more in delivering a service more effectively and more efficiently.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. O’Connell – 01/201)

The report stated Cork Corporation allocates dwellings under the terms of its Scheme of Letting Priorities. All eligible applicants are given the opportunity to select multiple areas of preference for housing, and furthermore, are provided with the facility of varying such area or areas on a daily basis. It is considered that such a flexible option should continue in practice as it allows applicants to reconsider their preferred area should their circumstances change at any time.

Accordingly, under the above system it is not possible to “freeze” a list of applicants for the various preference areas and to maintain such rigid lists for certain pre-determined periods. Because of the benefits accruing to applicants under the present allocation process it is considered that no change should be made in current practice.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

7. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

7.1 **MANAGING CHANGE IN SOCIAL HOUSING – BIENNIAL NATIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir J. Dennehy Comhairleoirí K. Lynch and D. Boyle at the Managing Change in Social Housing – Biennial National Social Housing Conference on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2001 at Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo.

7.2 **THE PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL 2001**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Economy and Society – choices for Ireland in the new century” held on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2001 at Avondale House and Forest Park, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

1.1 **SUPPORTING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy and Comhairleoirí K. Lynch and J. Kelleher at the Supporting Community Initiatives Conference to be held at Kilkee, Co. Clare on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2001.

7.4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Local Government Initiatives Conference to be held at Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, Co. Tipperary on 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2001.

1.2 **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MID-WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher and M. Shields at the above Conference to be held at Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

1.3 **SUICIDOLOGY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Suicidology Conference to be held at the Silversprings Moran Hotel, Cork on 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

2. **MOTIONS**

The following motions due notice of which had been given were referred to the next meeting of the appropriate Committee:-

8.1 **INCLUSION OF EVERGREEN STREET IN ROADS PROGRAMME**

“That Evergreen Street be included in next year’s road programme”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/231)  
- Roads Functional Committee

8.2 **ROAD RESURFACING FOR KILBRACK LAWN**

That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates for 2001-2002 to enable much needed road resurfacing work to be carried out on Kilbrack Lawn, Skehard Rd..”

(Proposer:- Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/224)  
- Roads Functional Committee

8.3 **HOUSING APPLICANTS**

That Cork Corporation in allocating houses and flats treat all applicants equally and that the present policy of positive discrimination towards members of the traveller community be ended.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/245)  
- Housing – Strategic Policy Committee

8.4 **PURCHASE OF PRIVATE HOUSING**

That Cork Corporation as a matter of courtesy consult with local residents before purchasing private housing for local authority use and also a ceiling be put on the amount of houses that can be purchased in any given street or estate.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – 01/254)  
- Housing Strategic Policy Committee

8.5 **SPEED CONTROLS FOR HILLSIDE DRIVE, GLASHEEN**

That speed controls be installed as a matter of urgency at Hillside Drive, Glasheen, to try to control the highly dangerous situation that exists there from speeding vehicles.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 01/258)  
- Roads Functional Committee

8.6 **MEANS TESTING FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS**

I am calling on the Minister to have home improvement grants put in place which should be means tested.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/260)  
- Housing – Strategic Policy Committee

8.7 **LAND AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES**

Land to be made available for industrial purposes in the Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Area”

(Proposer:- Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/261)  
- Planning & Development Functional Committee

8.8 **BELLVIEW CRESCENT, MILITARY HILL**

That a Refurbishment Plan for the apartments at Bellview Crescent, Military Hill, be drawn up, to include:-

- (a) Installation of Central Heating;
- (b) Replacement of perimeter fencing around gardens (front and back)
- (c) Remainder of front doors to be replaced
- (d) General clean-up of the whole area.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – 01/262)  
- Housing Functional Committee

8.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING FOR AVENUE DE RENNES, MAHON**

That a survey be carried out on traffic, that suitable traffic calming measures be introduced in Avenue de Rennes, Mahon for the safety and well being of pedestrians in the area.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Clune T.D. – 01/263)  
- Roads Functional Committee

8.10 **HOT WATER SUPPLY AND BATHROOM FACILITIES FOR CORPORATION HOUSES**

That in view of Cork Corporation’s stated policy that they do not install hot water systems or bathrooms in houses until such time as those houses are vacated, that we would now immediately carry out an assessment of the number of houses that do not have a hot water supply and a bathroom and that we install such basic facilities immediately.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. – 01/268)  
- Housing Functional Committee

8.11 **PLANNING APPLICATION**

That this Council expresses its total opposition to the proposal by Environment Minister Noel Dempsey to impose a fee of £16 on any person wishing to object to a planning application at local level.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir K. Lynch – 01/269)  
- Development & Planning – Functional Committee

8.12 **WASTE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT**

That this Council urgently debate the decision of the City Manager to invoke the Waste Management (Amendment) Act to institute this Council's Waste Management Plan, without any further recourse to the elected members of this Council"

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/270)  
- Environment Functional Committee

8.13 **CMP DAIRY**

That this Council express its deep disappointment at the decision of CMP Dairy to cease glass milk bottle production, recognising this decision as being extremely retrograde, that will add significantly and unnecessarily to the mountain of waste which this City has to deal with, and that further this Council should seek to convince CMP Dairy to reverse this wrong decision."

(Proposer Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/271)  
Environment – Strategic Policy Committee

8.14 **RESURFACING OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARK**

That Cork Corporation make provision in its Estimate of Expenses for 2002 for the resurfacing of St. Joseph's Park, Boherboy Road, Mayfield."

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/272)  
- Roads Functional Committee

8.15 **SPECIAL DESIGNATION STATUS FOR COLLINS BARRACKS TO ST. LUKES TO ST. PATRICK'S HILL**

That Cork Corporation makes application to the Department of Environment for special designation status for the areas from Collins Barracks to St. Lukes to St. Patrick's Hill so that the area can be developed with a view to providing a significant amount of accommodation especially if all the older 3/4 storey houses can be properly developed."

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/273)  
- Development & Planning – Strategic Policy Committee



8.16 **KINSALE ROAD LANDFILL**

That this Council undertakes to dispose of the Land at Kinsale Road Landfill ( by way of Section 83) to the People of Cork by way of a Trust in order to ensure that this land is fully developed as an Amenity Park as promised.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir J. Minihan – 01/274)

- Environment – Strategic Policy Committee

8.17 **TO CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF ALL MASTS AND ANTENNAE IN CORK CITY**

That Cork Corporation carry out a comprehensive survey of all masts and antennae in the City area and to establish which of these masts have sought and received planning permission and to identify those which are unauthorised by Cork Corporation, especially those erected by C.I.E.. who are using a loophole in the planning laws to erect, not only their own masts, but to attach antennae for third parties on those masts and, furthermore, to report on the health and environmental implications.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Allen – 01/275)

- Planning & Development Functional Committee

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