

**BARDAS CHORCAÍ**

**CORK CORPORATION**

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2001**

- PRESENT:** An t-Ard Mhéara, Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican in the Chair
- NORTH EAST:** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke T.D., B. Kelleher T.D. and J. Kelleher.
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace and C. O'Leary.
- NORTH WEST:** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, C. Burke, M. O'Connell and J. O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST:** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune T.D, J. Corr, J. O'Flynn, 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, M. Ahern and B. Bermingham
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mr J. Gavin, City Manager & Town Clerk  
Mr M. Riordan, Assistant City Manager (Eng.)  
Mr D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager (Housing)  
Mr B. Dillon-Hall, Assistant Town Clerk  
Mr G. O'Sullivan, Admin. Officer, Town Clerk's Dept.

An t-Ard Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to host a civic reception for all voluntary groups in the city.

**1.2 ITEM 7 ON AGENDA**

An tArd-Mhéara suggested that discussion on Item 7 on Agenda be deferred until Manager has report available on the implications of the recommendations contained in that item. An Chomhairle however, agreed to deal with the item and Comhairleoir Boyle gave notice of his intention to propose a suspension of standing orders immediately before the item.

2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2001 were considered and approved.

In regard to minutes of Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2001, An Chomhairle agreed to defer adoption of these minutes to enable Comhairleoir Boyle to suggest amendments in regard to motion on Section 59 Agreement which was included on the Agenda for that meeting.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **ROAD MARKINGS AT DILLONS CROSS**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir M. Quill, the following written reply was circulated which stated that the lane markings and road lineage have been completed on the resurfaced roads in the Dillons Cross area, subject to the installation of 5 metres of a double yellow line. This outstanding work is expected to be completed within the next few days.

3.2 **BLUE DEMONS SITE**

In response to questions submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the following written reply was circulated which stated that (a) Discussions have opened with Blue Demons

(b) This has not arisen

(c) No correspondence took place over the last 12 months.

(d) The Assistant City Manager in a detailed report to Council dated the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2000 outlined the various stages in the development of the proposal for the provision of the MRF at the Kinsale Road Landfill site, culminating in the decision of Council at its meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2000 to approve the entering of section 59 agreement with Cork County Council to progress the matter.

e) No

f) The Law agents advise to City Manager was as follows:-

It appears from the text of the Notice to Council dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2000 and the Manager's Order No. 1376/00 dated 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2000 that Cork Corporation intends to make a disposal of the above-mentioned lands comprising approximately 4 acres in area to Blue Demons Club Limited for the sum of £250,000.00

**The disposal is subject to the following conditions:-**

1. The Purchasers are required to carry out the development of the subject land under Licence from Cork Corporation and title thereto will not be transferred to the Purchasers until the development has been completed to the Corporation's satisfaction.
2. Cork Corporation will retain wayleaves over the subject land.

It appears from foregoing that it is not envisaged that the disposal of the above mentioned property will be by way of a Lease for a term of years subject to conditions and/or covenants restricting the disposal of the property. It appears rather that Cork Corporation intends to transfer the fee simple interest in the subject property to Blue Demons upon completion of its development subject to planning permissions being obtained. For these reasons, it will be open Blue Demons to dispose of the subject property once they have obtained a transfer of title from the Corporation.

(g)No. However, in order to provide a number of options for the location of the proposed MRF, the Black Ash site was considered. On the basis of a consultants report considered by Council at its meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2001 the locating of the facility at the site was considered feasible and Council confirmed this site for further consideration.

### 3.3 **CALMING MEASURES FOR TEMPLEACRE AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir D. McCarthy, the following written reply was circulated which stated that proposals for traffic calming works at Templeacre Avenue are being actively considered as part of the 2001 Programme.

### 3.4 **ISSUE OF LITTER FINES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, the following written reply was circulated which stated that every effort is made to maximise the return from issue of Litter fines. Following on the issue of fines reminders are issued for non payment followed by prosecution where necessary.

However, in a number of cases, it is not possible to proceed with a prosecution due to:-

- (a) incorrect name and address being given
- (b) Persons having moved from the address given and notices being returned by an Post marked "gone away" or "not known at this address"
- (c) Prosecutions are also not proceeded with where there appears on subsequent investigation that there is a doubt in the evidence being put forward i.e a person submits proof that they were not resident in the area at the time of the alleged offence
- (d) A detailed report as required under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 will be submitted to the March meeting of the Environment Committee on the operation of the act for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

3.5 **SECURITY AT HALTING SITES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Ml O'Connell, the following written reply was circulated which stated that security is not provided at the various halting sites in the City. A Caretaking service is provided. The cost for Caretaking at the 4 Halting Sites for the year 2000 was an average of £23,999 per Halting Site.

3.6 **TO BUILD M.R.F. ON BLACK ASH SITE**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir T. Shannon, the following written reply was circulated which stated that (a) None. (b) No issues were raised as no meetings took place.

(c) These are all matters to be considered in the context of a planning application, EPA licence and other permits when a final project is agreed and (d) No.

4. **RENNES FAIR 2001**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Twinning Committee in regard to the invitation to participate in the Rennes Fair 2001 and it was agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded by Comhairleoir L. Burke T.D. that the Corporation participate in the Fair and that An t-Ard-Mheára, Chairperson of the Twinning Committee and Ald. M. Quill would attend the fair.

5. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the following Shared Ownership Disposals:-

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 78 Inniscarra Road, Fairhill, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 1st day of March 2000 to Derek Daniels and Noreen Daniels (nee Brady) for the sum of £47,315.27.
- (b) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 22 Cathedral Road, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 29th day of April 1994 to Lesley Wilkinson for the sum of £9,234.28.
- (c) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 31 Sycamore Place, Togher, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 23rd day of July 1996 to Mark Cotter and Lisa McCarthy for the sum of £9,265.84.

- (d) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 2, Fair Street, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1995 to Noel O'Connell and Jackie O'Connell for the sum of £15,656.84.
- (e) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as Clarville, Woodview, Ballyvolane, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 24th day of May 1993 to Clare Canavan for the sum of £18,889.30.
- (f) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 20 Fairfield Square, Farranree, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 8th day of December 1998 to Thomas Murray and Denise O'Callaghan for the sum of £34,811.80.
- (g) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 52 Laurel Ridge, Shanakiel, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 16th day of December 1992 to Donal Lawton and Helen Lawton for the sum of £22,628.10.

6. **SPECIAL MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF  
29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2001**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the Special Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2001 in regard to prefabs at Ringmahon House and on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle seconded by Seanoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed that the prefabs at Ringmahon House be let to Mahon Youth Network, in the event of an alternative suitable site being located that the prefabs be moved there, and that in the event of Ringmahon House being sold the proceeds of sale would go towards the provision of community facilities in Mahon.

7. **PROPOSED WASTE RECOVERY FACILITY – RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2001.**

At the outset, Comhairleoir Boyle proposed and Seanoir Shannon seconded a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss motion on Section 59 Agreement which appeared on Agenda for the Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2001.

An tArd-Mheára advised that there were two recommendations from that Special Meeting before An Chomhairle and he proposed that Item 7 on the Agenda be dealt with by An Chomhairle as a decision on the matters contained therein may obviate the need for the discussion proposed by Comhairleoir Boyle and An Chomhairle agreed to this.

A discussion took place on the following recommendations from the Special Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2001;

- (a) that the original landfill site not be considered for the proposed Waste Recovery Facility.
- (b) That the Black Ash Site be accepted in principle as the first choice location for the proposed Waste Recovery Facility.

Following discussion, a vote was called on proposal (A) where there appeared:-

FOR:- An tArd-Mheára Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, Seanoirí N. O'Flynn T.D., D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, C. O'Connell, J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke T.D., B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher, K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, C. O'Leary, T. Falvey, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, J. O'Brien, D. Clune T.D., J. Corr, J.O'Flynn, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, D. Boyle, M. Shields, M. Ahern and B. Bermingham - 30

AGAINST:- 0

A vote was then called on proposal (B) where there appeared:-

FOR:- An tArd-Mheára Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, Seanoir D.McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke T.D., B. Kelleher T.D., D. Wallace, J. Corr and M. Shields - 8

AGAINST:- Seanoirí N. O'Flynn T.D., T. Shannon, C. O'Connell J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D., C. O'Leary, T. Falvey, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, J. O'Brien, D. Clune T.D., J. O'Flynn, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, D. Boyle, M. Ahern and B. Bermingham - 22

Following these decisions and in response to member queries, the City Manager advised that a full report to Council will now be necessary in regard to all implications and costings arising from the decision in regard to proposal (A) and on other options available and it will be a matter for Council to give consideration to that report before management will proceed further.

He advised also, in response to Comhairleoir Boyle's query, that the Section 59 Resolution which was referred to during the meeting has no relevance to the current situation.

He further advised that as a result of the decision on proposal (B) no further consideration will be given to an M.R.F. on Blackash Site and that the Corporation will now proceed with the licence to Blue Demons and the advertising of the proposed Park and Ride facility.

## 8. **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

### 8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2001, An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Assistant City Manager for the month of January.

### 8.2 **RENEWAL SHELTERED HOUSING LIMITED**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 in relation to the renewal sheltered housing limited.

The report stated that members will recall report dated September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000 wherein I confirmed that the Department of the Environment had approved funding for the above facility under the Capital Assistance Scheme. The granting of a loan not exceeding £494,270 to the Respond! Voluntary Housing Association was approved by Members at the meeting of the Borough Council held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

This premises is run by Renewal Sheltered Housing Limited and provides accommodation for homeless women, some of whom have left institutional care or are in need of supported accommodation or have undertaken treatment for addiction. Loan facilities were approved to Respond! which has acted in partnership with Renewal, which had not at that time obtained the required approved status from the Minister for the Environment & Local Government. The Minister has now granted this approved status and it is proposed to regularise matters by re-issuing the loan facility to Renewal Sheltered Housing Limited.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 it is recommended that a loan not exceeding £494,270 be granted to Renewal Sheltered Housing Limited subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme.

8.3 **TO SPEED UP PROCESS FOR INSPECTION OF DISABLED PERSONS GRANT AND HOUSE PURCHASE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 5th February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 in relation to speeding up process for inspection of disabled persons grant and house purchase.

The report stated that members will be aware that Cork Corporation administers a number of Schemes including Disabled Persons Grants, Reconstruction Loans and House Loans requiring inspections to be carried out on properties.

Inspections are necessary to ensure that works are reasonably priced and carried out to a required standard. This is obviously in the best interest of the applicant. An increase in the number of applications being received under the various Schemes has had a consequential increase in the inspection workload.

A review is now being undertaken of the procedures and systems involved in processing applications under the various Schemes. This review is intended to streamline the application process (including the inspection and reporting regimes) with the objective of providing the best possible service to the public within the resources available.

9. **ROADS TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

9.1 **MONTHLY ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended January 2001.

9.2 **EXTENSION OF DISC PARKING TO MAIVILLE TERRACE AND LISTOWEL AVENUE, EVERGREEN ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads, Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 regarding the Extension of Disc Parking on Evergreen Road, Cork. The report stated the local residents have asked that the parking controls be also implemented in Listowel Avenue and Maiville Terrace off Evergreen Road. The parking schedules for Evergreen Road have been amended to include these areas.



### 9.3 **RESTRUCTURING OF GULLEY CLEANING SERVICES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5th February 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on the restructuring of gully cleaning services. The report stated that a review of the current arrangements for maintenance of road gullies has been undertaken with a view to ensuring a programmed cleaning regime, repair programme and effective emergency response.

There are approximately 14,000 gullies in the city.

An effective gully maintenance programme consists of:

1. **Routine maintenance** i.e. regular cleaning out and testing of a gully. The frequency of cleaning of each gully to be regular but reflective of particular needs.
2. **Repair** i.e. rectification of faults with grating, gully pot, outlet, piped connection to the sewer.
3. **Response maintenance** i.e. response to problems caused by blocked gullies during and after rainfall. This demand arises both during normal working day and after hours.

Responsibility for various aspects of these elements currently rests with 3 sections of the Corporation – Cleansing, Roads and Drainage.

This has given rise to difficulties in co-ordination and assigning priorities, and in order to provide a quality service response it will be reorganised under the Roads Department.

This will ensure that responsibility for service delivery and resource requirements will be clear and prioritised within the Roads Department.

The gully type, location, traffic flows etc. will require appropriate cleaning methods and frequency.

A specific dedicated unit will be formed from existing employee posts in Cleansing and Drainage Sections to form a routine maintenance cleaning unit within the Roads Department. This will be supported by contract hire of drain cleaning contractors.

The impact of utility cuttings, road deterioration etc. has given rise to a need to prioritise a repair programme for damaged gully drains. Specific Roads employees will be assigned to this programme in Year 2001.

The need to augment resources in response to heavy rainfall will also be addressed.

Complaint management will also be centralised in the Roads Department. This will provide for a clear measure of impact and responsiveness of the routine cleaning and repair programme.

The reorganisation of the service under the Roads Department will require discussion with staff representatives, which are currently in progress. I will report to the Roads Transportation and Safety Committee on progress at the end of March 2001. In the interim responding to particular difficulties identified will be addressed on a priority basis.

I am confident that a reorganisation of the service in the Roads Department will provide for a quality service, which will be evident at an early stage. The monthly Roads Report will incorporate performance measures for this programme. This will enable an assessment of the level of resources required on an ongoing basis to achieve required levels of service.

#### 9.4 **CITY CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRIAL PROJECT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on City Centre Traffic Management Trial Project. The report stated that the strategy of restoring two-way routing in various city streets such as McCurtain Street, Merchants Quay, Lancaster Quay, etc. was part of the LUTS transportation strategy and it has been incorporated into the City Development Plans since.

Feasibility studies for two traffic management schemes have been carried out using a traffic model. The schemes were identified as schemes A & B in the modelling report:

**Scheme A:** The introduction of two-way traffic to Lavitt's Quay, Merchants Quay and Anderson's Quay between Christy Ring Bridge and Custom House Street.

**Scheme B:** Includes Scheme A plus the introduction of two-way traffic to St. Patrick's Bridge, Bridge Street, McCurtain Street and the Lower Glanmire Road between Brian Boru Street and Ship Street.

The re-introduction of two-way traffic into the city centre streets, for logistical and financial reasons will have to be done in phases and it is recommended that scheme A be commenced immediately. If successful, scheme B will then follow and then onto other parts of the city. Other reasons why scheme A should proceed include:

- a) The main drainage works have just finished along the route (except for minor works at Patrick's Bridge) and now is the time for new road linings, islands, etc.
- b) The final phase of the Blackpool By Pass will be opened in March/April of this year. It is essential that 'Scheme A' comes into operation within a reasonable time of this event in order to provide a strategic link between the new road scheme and the South City Link/South Ring, Airport, etc.

The following procedures need to be completed:

1. Agreement to the proposal by management
2. Agreement by City Council
3. Consultation/Agreement with the Gardai
4. Detailed design of the civil and electrical works
5. Estimation of costs and sourcing of funding.
6. Public Consultation.

The consultation process is on going at the moment. A notice has been inserted in the press media and submissions/comments are due back by the 12<sup>th</sup> February. A report on this process and other outstanding matters relating to the two-way scheme will be submitted to the March meeting of the Roads, Transportation and Safety Committee.

The estimated costs of the proposed works for Scheme A is in the order of £200,000.

It is proposed to part-fund the works out of this year's roads programme together with the Regional Traffic Management Grant from DOELG. Funds will also be used from the Blackpool By Pass and St Patrick's Street schemes for work on the Christy Ring and Patrick's bridge junctions.

It is anticipated that it will take at least 10 weeks to complete the works as outlined above. (SCOOT validation and loop cutting cannot occur until after the two-way system is in place and traffic patterns have stabilised).

Benefits of the reversion to two-way routing include:

- ❑ Two-way systems make deliveries, access and local circulation much easier.
- ❑ The one-way system is confusing for tourists and visitors.
- ❑ The reverting to two-way is a form of traffic calming for the city centre and now is an opportune time to install this system because of the reduced traffic volumes resulting from the opening of the Jack Lynch Tunnel. It will allow the city centre to carry out its proper role as a commercial and business district for the city.

An Chomhairle also agreed to review the operation of this project after a period of 18 months.

## 9.5 **CHRISTMAS PARK AND RIDE 2000**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 regarding Christmas Park 'N' Ride 2000. The report stated that for the fourth year in succession a Park 'N' Ride Scheme operated from Victoria Cross for the Christmas period. Figures were comparable to last year (passenger numbers were 22757) and the scheme was considered to be a success.

The Scheme was very successful considering that:-

- December 2000 was an exceptionally wet month and this led to a lower level of activity in parking numbers.
- The period from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of December was very quiet due to snow. The Gardaí had actually advised people not to travel unless absolutely necessary.

Below are some of the statistics for this year's scheme:-

- (a) It commenced on 25<sup>th</sup> November and finished on 6<sup>th</sup> January operating 7 days/week and being closed on 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- (b) The hours of operation were 8.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m. (Mon – Sat) and 10.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m. on Sundays.
- (c) 22757 passengers used the service generating a revenue of £32,896.
- (d) The running costs were:-

- (i) **Cork Corporation:**  
(Site Maintenance, Advertising, Security, ESB).      £14,800
- (ii) **Bus Eireann:**      £36,550

**The total running costs were therefore -      £51,350**

#### 9.6 **RAMPS ON CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would put in place ramps on Cathedral Avenue, Shandon to ensure the safety of the children in the area and to prevent any serious accidents from occurring".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch – Ref. 00/373)

The report stated that the area in question has been included in the list for surveys, assessment, and recommendation on the provision of appropriate traffic calming, following which an appropriate scheme design will be prepared for consultation before any works are undertaken.

9.7 **JUNCTION AT CAHERGAL AVENUE AND CAHERGAL LAWN**

In accommodation with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would act immediately to eliminate the very dangerous situation which exists at the junction of Cahergal Avenue and Cahergal Lawn – which situation has been highlighted by all public representatives for years now and which can no longer be allowed to continue."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – Ref. 00/378)

The report stated that both Cahergal Avenue and Cahergal Lawn are cul de sac developments with only 22 houses in one and 39 in the other. The traffic using this area are either residents, visitors, or servicing the houses in question, and in general are familiar with the road layout. However due to lack of courtesy and indiscriminate driving there have been a number of incidents, and near misses, at the junction of Cahergal Avenue and Cahergal Lawn.

The area will be inspected with the Gardaí with a view to the provision of a Yield Right of Way control on one leg of the junction, following the receipt of the Gardaí approval for the provision of this control, the necessary work will be undertaken as soon as possible.

9.8 **BEALE'S HILL, LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the foot-bridge over the railway line at the lower end of Beale's Hill, Lower Glanmire Road, be cleared and made passable."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – Ref. 00/387)

The report stated there has been an accumulation of fallen leaves and debris on Beale's Hill and in particular on the pedestrian bridge over the railway.

Arrangements have been made by the Environment Section to remove the deposited material and return bridge to safe, clean pedestrian use by the end of February.

9.9 **FUNDING FROM CIVITAS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation and Bus Éireann jointly seek funding from CIVITAS, a new project from the European Commission aimed at improving public transport and reducing pollution in urban areas."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – Ref. 00/388)

The report stated that the main trust of the CIVITAS Programme was to attract proposals for "Large Demonstrator Projects undertaking innovative and radical projects in the area of Public Transport", and also other projects which would aim at the use of "clean" energy in the transportation area, or other measures aimed at reduction of pollution and more efficient use of energy in the transport sector.

The funding levels available would be up to a max. of 30% of an overall project cost, and therefore any major project would require a considerable level of local funding to undertake a project with a likely opportunity for acceptance of a successful tender. The lack of resources within both Cork Corporation and Bus Éireann could not allow for the undertaking of a major project under the CIVITAS Programme.

Cork Corporation are however currently in discussion with the City of Cologne for the purpose of preparing a submission under the CIVITAS Programme where Cologne is the lead city with the major project and Cork would be considered a follower with a commitment to undertake a lesser project.

10. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS MARCH – JUNE 2001**

An Chomhairle approved the Schedule of Meetings for March – June 2001.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

12. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

12.1 **ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, D. Boyle, J. O'Flynn, T. Falvey, S. Martin, M. Shields and B. Bermingham at the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference held on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2001 at the Bundoran Hotel, Tralee, Co.Kerry.

12.2 **DELIVERING IRELANDS INFRASTRUCTURE – THE REGIONAL DIMENSION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at the above conference to be held at West Lodge Hotel, Bantry on 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

12.3 **ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Burke T.D., Comhairleoir D. Cregan and Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the annual conference of the Association of Health Boards in Ireland to be held at Bundoran, Co. Donegal on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001.

12.4 **WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Ml. Ahern and Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Winter School Conference to be held at Letterkenny on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2001.

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **PLAYGROUND AT TORY TOP PARK**

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)  
- Environment Committee

13.2 **PARKING SPACES OPPOSITE GAELSCOIL AN TADHG O’MURCHU**

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)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.3 **BUS EIREANN STOPS TO DOUBLE UP AS TAXI RANKS**

That amendments be made to existing laws to enable Bus Eireann stops in the city double up as taxi ranks between the hour of midnight and 6am in the morning. This would be of enormous benefit to the travelling public by making use of existing facilities providing shelter and well lit taxi ranks.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/383)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety - Strategic Policy Committee

13.4 **REPRODUCE BOOK ON HOUSING OPTIONS**

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)  
- Housing Committee

13.5 **FREE LEGAL AID SERVICE**

That Cork Corporation recognises that a large number of people are not entitled to avail of legal advice as they are excluded from availing of the services of the Free Legal Aid Service due to the failure of the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Finance to revise the qualifying criteria over the last three years and that Cork Corporation calls on the relevant Department to immediately review same.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – Ref. 01/019)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

13.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LOUGH VIEW TERRACE**

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll – Ref. 01/029)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.7 **SPENDING LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION**

That Council views with extreme concern the plans by the Minister for the Environment to increase the spending limits for candidates in the next General Election.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – Ref. 01/031)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

13.8 **HELP LINE FOR FAMILIES OF MISSING RELATIVES**

That this Council call upon the Government to allocate appropriate resources to immediately establish a permanent telephone help line facility, to assist families of missing relatives.

(Proposer: Seanoirí J. Dennehy T.D., M. Quill, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Boyle, D. Clune T.D., J. Corr, K. Lynch, J. Minihan, T. O’Driscoll and D. Wallace – Ref. 01/032)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee



13.9 **RAILING FOR HOUSES AT GREEN STREET**

That Cork Corporation would erect a railing outside all of the houses from No's 48, Green Street to No. 56 Green Street in order to give adequate security to the residents of the area.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – Ref. 01/033)  
- Housing Committee

13.10 **CLOSURE OF ALLEYWAY AT SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

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

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Kelleher – Ref. –01/034)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.11 **DEVELOPMENT OF SITE AT OLD FIRE BRIGADE STATION ON WATERCOURSE ROAD**

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 services to the area.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir K. Lynch – 01/035)  
- Environment Committee

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

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)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.13 **REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY PROVISION FOR SILVERHEIGHTS AREA**

That Cork Corporation carry out comprehensive review of road safety provision in the Silverheights 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)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.14 **TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK**

That this Council call on the Minister for Finance to ensure that customers of standing of the Trustee Savings Bank be treated in a preferential manner on the sale of the Bank to a third party.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – Ref. 01/038)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

13.15 **UP-GRADE OF HILLCREST ESTATE**

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)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.16 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY**

That this Corporation immediately make payment of £40,000 Section 10 bed night subsidy to the Cork Simon Community for the period covering 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 to 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

- Housing Committee

13.17 **MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN**

That this Corporation review its involvement in the Major Emergency Plan for this region in the light of recent incidents and developments that may undermined the effectiveness of the plan.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – Ref. 01/041)

Environment – Strategic Policy Committee

13.18 **BOLLARDS FOR HORGANS BUILDINGS**

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)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

13.19 **NEW HEALTH SYSTEM**

That this council calls on the Minister for Health & Children to introduce a health system which has the effect of ensuring that operations and hospital care of all kinds is based on medical need only.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – Ref. 01/043)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

13.20 **PARAPETS ON BRIDGE AT HIGH STREET**

That in the interests of public safety the height of the parapets on the bridge at High St. be raised.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Counihan – Ref. –01/044)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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