

## **BARDAS CHORCAÍ**

## **CORK CORPORATION**

### **MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2001**

- PRESENT:-** An t-Ard-Mhéara, Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST:** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke TD, B. Kelleher T.D. and J. Kelleher
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D. and D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST:** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, C. Burke, M. O'Connell and J. O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST:** 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)  
Ms. 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 VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations to Nagle Community College on winning the Munster Colleges Soccer Championship, and agreed to host a reception.

#### **1.2 BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended its best wishes to Toddy O'Sullivan TD for a speedy recovery from his present illness.

#### **1.3 CIVIC RECEPTION**

An t-Ard-Mhéara proposed that a civic reception be held on board the Jeanie Johnson for approximately 80 people on the occasion of its planned visit on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001. Seanoir C. O'Connell proposed and Comhairleoir J. O'Brien seconded that the reception not take place.

A vote was called where there appeared:-

FOR:- An t-Ard-Mheára Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, Seanoirí N. O'Flynn T.D., D. McCarthy, J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher, K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, T. Falvey, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, D. Clune T.D., J. Corr, J. O'Flynn, J. Minihan, S. Martin, M. Shields, M. Ahern and B. Bermingham – 20

AGAINST:- Seanoirí M. Quill, C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien and D. Boyle – 4

ABSTENTION:- Comhairleoir D. Counihan - 1

An t-Ard-Mhéara declared the proposal carried.

#### 1.4 **SPECIAL MEETING**

An t-Ard-Mheára advised that the Special Meeting to discuss the Local Government Bill and the Ombudsman's report will be held at 4.30 pm on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2001.

#### 1.5 **SUBJECT MATTERS OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

Members noted that much of the business matters before the meeting was more appropriate to Ward meetings and An t-Ard-Mheara agreed to take this matter up with the Party Whips.

#### 2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2001 were considered and approved.

#### 3. **QUESTION TIME**

##### 3.1 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the following written reply was circulated which stated that in the past local plans have been carried out for areas of the city where a need for a co-ordinated approach to addressing issues such as Urban Renewal was identified, for example the South Parish and Blarney Street Local Plans. In more recent years plans such as the Historic Centre Action Plan and the Blackpool/Shandon Integrated Area Plan have fulfilled this role. These plans did not have a statutory status but play a significant role in giving detail to Development Plan policies and in tackling specific local issues, in consultation with local people.

The recently enacted Planning and Development Act 2000 gives local area plans a statutory basis for the first time. Local area plans may be prepared in respect of 'any area which the planning authority considered suitable and in particular for these areas which require economic, physical and social renewal and of areas likely to be subject to large scale development within the lifetime of the plan' (Section 19(1) Planning & Development Act 2000).

It will not be necessary to prepare local area plans for every part of the city and those areas which can most benefit from local plans need to be identified and prioritised. In some cases, a full local plan may not be needed, if only a small number of key issues need to be addressed. At present it is not possible to give a commitment on when additional local plans can be put in place due to heavy commitments on existing staff, however, when resources are available it is intended to put in place a programme of local plans.

3.2 **YIELD SIGN AT JUNCTION OF CAHERGAL AVENUE AND CAHERGAL LAWN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that this sign will be erected within the next month.

3.3 **GREEN GARDENS, SHANDON STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D., the following written reply was circulated which stated that The matter of the Green Gardens at Shandon Street has been ongoing for a number of years with the Corporation endeavouring to have developer of the apartment complex complete outstanding works.

Following recent meeting between representatives of Blarney and Shandon North Cathedral Community Associations and Environment Department staff it has been agreed that the Parks Department will carry out necessary improvement works in the next few weeks with a view to opening the park shortly, subject to agreement with Community Associations regarding opening and closing of same.

3.4 **ROAD SURFACE AT DEANROCK ESTATE**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., the following written reply was circulated which stated that I have had the locations referred to inspected and understand they are generally in reasonable condition. However, a number of potholes are evident and have been put on programme for repair by the end of May.

As you are aware, the allocation for road resurfacing in the current year has been fully assigned. Consideration will be given to inclusion of these locations in next year's programme.

3.5 **TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell, the following written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- (a) In accordance with the wishes of Members the Tenant Purchase Scheme has not been suspended for the Knocknaheeny area.

- (b) Cork Corporation own 956 Housing stock
- (c) There is no scheme available whereby the Corporation could advance interest-free loans to tenant purchasers in respect of the cost of refurbishment work to their dwellings.

#### 4. **ROADS TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended April 2001.

##### 4.2 **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 regarding Parking Enforcement. The report stated that:-

**The Tow Away Service** is one element of the Traffic Management regime which is required in order to support access to and within the city.

The priorities for tow away are:

- ◆ Maintaining traffic flows
- ◆ Safety of all road/footpath users
- ◆ Supporting public transport
- ◆ Supporting special needs

The service commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2000 and is operated by Cork Corporation and the Gardai. Cork Corporation appointed Fitzpatrick Recovery Services under the Road Traffic (removal, storage and disposal of vehicles) Regulations 1983 to provide the full service from vehicle selection to storage, with effect from the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2001.

Fitzpatrick's operates under the control and supervision of the Traffic Section.

The following are the details of the operation:

1. **Vehicles Removed.** The total number of vehicles removed to 22<sup>nd</sup> April was 1103. (44 weeks)

2. <u>Offences.</u>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Obstructing Traffic Flow	495	44.8
Obstructing Clearway	267	24.2
Obstructing Disabled Bay	248	22.5
Obstructing Bus Stop/	38	3.4
Obstructing Vehicular Entrance	34	3.1
Obstructing Footpath	10	1.0
Obstructing Loading Bay	10	1.0
Obstructing Taxi Stand	<u>1</u>	<u>----</u>
	1103	100

The average weekly number of vehicles removed from 20<sup>th</sup> June '00 to 15<sup>th</sup> March '01 was 21. The average weekly number of vehicles removed from 16<sup>th</sup> March '01 to 22<sup>nd</sup> April '01 was 53.

The performance to date has shown that the service is essential and has been operated effectively in accordance with priorities.

### **Parking Fines Enforcement**

The following analysis shows the performance in this area. As there is a 6 month prosecution period the latest full reporting year is

#### **October 1999 – September 2000.**

Tickets issued	66,992	
% paid to Cork Corporation	72.24%	72.24%
<i>Paid on the spot</i>	23.31%	
<i>Paid on reminder</i>	40.67%	
<i>Paid on summons</i>	7.26%	
Summonsed and prosecuted in court		16.86%
Cancelled		10.90%

Tickets are cancelled following examination for the following reasons:

- ☐ Invalid (details incorrect etc.)
- ☐ Sign posting/road marking
- ☐ Exempted vehicles
- ☐ Residents permit
- ☐ Vehicle Breakdown
- ☐ Road tax mismatch

#### 4.3 **ROAD TRAFFIC BILL 2001**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 regarding the Road Traffic Bill 2001. The report stated that the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., together with Mr. Robert Molloy, T.D., Minister of State, recently announced the publication of the Road Traffic Bill, 2001.

The Bill seeks to improve enforcement arrangements in relation to Road Traffic offences. In particular, the Bill provides for the introduction of a penalty points system which will trigger an automatic disqualification from driving on the accumulation on a person's driving licence record of a number of infringements.

The Bill further provides for a number of other initiatives, including:

- ♦ The Transfer of the Control of Taxi Ranks and Bus Stops from the Garda Commissioner to local authorities;
- ♦ A power to introduce Road Traffic legislation for environmental reasons;
- ♦ The introduction of a system of fixed charges to replace the current "on the spot fine" system;
- ♦ A framework for implementing the European Convention on Driving Disqualification.

I enclose for the information of Members, copies of the following:-

- ☐ *Explanatory Memorandum*
- ☐ *Press Release of Minister Dempsey's Address*
- ☐ *Press Release of Minister Molloy's Address*

Copies of the Bill are available on request.

#### 4.4 **SCAFFOLDING/HOARDING/LICENSING SYSTEM**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 regarding scaffolding/hoarding/licensing system. The report stated that the Corporate Plan for 2001 – 2004 recently adopted by City Council identified an objective to:-

Control and manage the road space in a balanced way by strict monitoring, control and licensing of installations on footpaths and roads to minimise clutter, obstructions and hazard to road users.

The Roads Service Delivery Sub Group have over the past number of months been reviewing the operation of the Scaffolding and Hoarding Licensing regime with a view to achieving this objective.

The revised licensing system provides for:-

- Clear application process
- Detailed conditions
- Revised fees
- Deposit/bonding against damage to footpaths

The revised licensing procedures have been implemented from March of 2001.

The revised standards and fees are part of a continuous review and development of service standards within the Roads Department.

A quarterly report to the Roads Transportation and Safety Committee will report and measure performance in this service area.

In addition we will publicise the standards so that members of the public will be in a position to assist in monitoring activities on the ground.

#### 4.5 **EXTENSION OF DISC PARKING CONTROLS TO AUDLEY PLACE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 regarding extension of disc parking controls to Audley Place. The report stated that requests to extend disc parking controls have been received from local representatives and residents in Audley Place/ St. Patrick's Hill. This area is already part of the disc parking zone extension area previously approved by Council.

In order to progress the procedures necessary for the implementation of the controls, the following steps have been taken:

- Meetings were held with the local residents to agree details of the parking controls.
- Detailed parking schedules have been drawn up.
- Consultation has been held with the Gardai in accordance with the procedures required under the Roads Traffic Act 1994.

The schedules give details of parking controls which will extend the controls from the existing location outside St. Angela' School to the junction of Audley Place with Old Youghal Road.

4.6 **PART X PROCEDURES – IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE N20 SOUTH RING ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 regarding Part X Procedures – Improvement Works on the N20 South Ring Road. The report stated that the widening scheme as proposed for the South Ring Road, between Vernon Mount and Douglas, has the following objectives:-

- Improve the regulation of traffic at and in advance of the two existing slip roads to Douglas and hence improve traffic safety.
- Reduce noise levels to residential properties on the City side of the South Ring Road in Douglas.
- Provide a cycleway/walkway that will eventually link the South Douglas Road to the Kinsale Road.
- Improve the landscaping between the South Ring Road and the Tramore Road.
- Improve signing for Douglas on the South Ring Road.

**2. Description of the Works**

The Works include the following:-

- Widening the existing carriageway from 2 travelling lanes and hard shoulder to 3 travelling lanes and hard shoulder by extending the pavement area into the median and widening the existing hard shoulder from Chainage 0m to Chainage 700m.
- Widening the existing carriageway from 3 travelling lanes and hard shoulder to 3 travelling lanes, deceleration lane and hard shoulder by extending the pavement area into the median and widening the existing hard shoulder from Chainage 700m to Chainage 1150 m (adjacent to the OFF Ramp for the South Douglas Road).
- Widening the existing carriageway from 2 travelling lanes and hard shoulder to 3 travelling lanes and reduced hard shoulder by widening the Reinforced Earth Structure between the start of the OFF Ramp for the South Douglas Road and the Bridge crossing the South Douglas Road



- Realigning the Off Ramp to the South Douglas Road to accommodate the widening outlined in Part 3 above
- Installation of Sound Barriers on the Elevated Structure and on the Off Ramp to the South Douglas Road
- Construction of cycleway between the mini roundabout at the end of the Off Ramp for the South Douglas Road and the Black Ash Road
- Construction of Mound between Vernon Mount and the start of the OFF Ramp for the South Douglas Road and landscaping of same.
- Overlaying the existing pavement with 60mm of basecourse macadam, 40mm stone mastic asphalt and 25mm thin coat surface.
- Ancillary works including crash barriers, drainage, road lining/markings, installation of public lighting bases, underground service road crossings etc.
- Construction of 2 No. Gantries for Traffic Signs

### **3. Public Consultation**

In accordance with Part X of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994, Cork Corporation advertised the proposed scheme in the local press on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2001. The advertisement stated that particulars of the proposed scheme were available for public inspection and that any submissions and or observations in connection with the development could be made by 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2001. No submissions or observations were received from the public. Discussions were held with residents from Riverbank, South Douglas Road, Cork and the scheme was explained to them.

Discussions were also held with the Gardai who submitted written comments. These comments related in the main to traffic restrictions that the Gardai would impose on any contractor when undertaking the works with respect to advance signing, number of traffic lanes to be open to traffic and communication of ongoing problems during the works. The Gardai also requested that the timing of the lights at the Douglas Road junction be optimised for changed traffic patterns. It is Cork Corporation's intention to comply with all the requests made by the Gardai.

Cork County Council made a submission with respect to advance signing on the South Ring Road. This sign will be provided.

Discussions were also held with the Environment Department of Cork Corporation. They indicated that it would be more environmentally friendly to construct the cycleway/footpath on the Tramore River side of the noise mound and barriers. This suggestion will be adopted and the line of the new cycleway/footpath selected in consultation with the Environment Department.

The Chief Fire Officer has indicated that he has no objection to the proposed Road Scheme and the City Planning Officer has confirmed that the development is in line with the 1992 City Development Plan.

#### 4.7 **RESURFACE PROSPERITY SQUARE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/204)

The report stated that extensive repair work was carried out last year to the concrete road in Prosperity Square. It is not envisaged that resurfacing will be required in the next year. However it will be reviewed when preparation of next year's Programme is being carried out.

#### 4.8 **RESURFACE LAKE LAWN, WELL ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2000/2001 to enable resurfacing work be carried out in Lake Lawn, Well Road. I wish a complete footpath renewal programme be carried out in Lake Lawn at the same time."

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/312)

The report stated that Lake Lawn was not included in the Resurfacing Programme for 2001. A recent inspection indicated that while showing signs of distress the road surface was in reasonable condition. It will however be again reviewed for 2002 Programme.

The footways in the estate are of a condition generally consistent with the age of the estate. However localised damage and defective reinstatements are obvious and work in this regard will be programmed for later in the year. An overall renewal of the footways is not envisaged in the current year. On recent inspection it was noted that there was a high level of vehicle encroachment on the footways, due to volume of vehicles in the estate and limitations of parking.

4.9 **YELLOW LINES ADJACENT TO LANSDOWNE COURT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That yellow lines be painted adjacent to Lansdowne Court in order to eliminate indiscriminate parking in the area which is a serious inconvenience to the residents of the Lansdowne Court."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Allen, T.D. – Ref. 01/048)

The report stated that following consultation with the Residents in the Lansdowne Court and adjoining area, it was agreed to provide Yellow Lines at the identified locations.

Consultation is ongoing with residents in the Audley Place/Patrick's Hill general area regarding the extension of disc parking control, and the provision of yellow lines in the areas affected by commuter parking.

It was proposed to carry out all the road markings in this area at the same time following favourable approval from the consultation process.

It is now proposed to implement the agreed double yellow lines in the Lansdowne Court area as soon as is feasible, and not necessarily to await the full consultation process for their surrounding areas as listed above.

The Road Lining Programme is currently addressing the provision/replacement of priority markings at identified locations, and the yellow lines at Lansdowne Court will be included in this list for provision as soon as is feasible.

4.10 **STOP SIGN AT JUNCTION OF EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That a "Stop sign" be provided at the junction of Edward Walsh Road with Togher Road. A fatality happened there previously and there is likely to be a re-occurrence if no action is taken."

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy, T.D. – Ref. 01/062)

The report stated that having examined the location on site, it was identified that the sight distance at the junction is good, and that a Yield Sign may be more appropriate than a Stop Sign at this location. The provision of the appropriate control is currently being discussed with the Gardaí, and the necessary sign will be installed as soon as possible thereafter.

#### 4.11 **UPGRADE OF LIGHTING ON VALENTINE VILLAS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the lighting on Valentines Villas near the Lough be upgraded."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll – Ref. 01/063)

The report stated that two existing lights were upgraded and a third light was installed in Valentine Villas during the Citywide Refurbishment Programme which was undertaken in 1996 and 1997.

However a further survey will be carried out and any further lighting requirements which may be established will be taken into consideration for inclusion in next years (2002) programme of works.

#### 4.12 **REMOVAL OF WALL AT ROSELAWN, POULADUFF ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That this Council agree that the wall which protrudes on to the road at Roselawn, Pouladuff Road be removed since it constitutes a traffic hazard and is an incentive for illegal dumping."

(Proposer: Seanoir C. O'Connell – Ref. 01/076)

The report stated that this motion relates to the structure which effectively closes the footpath on the southern side of Deerpark Court at the eastern end of Roselawn.

Roselawn is effectively the western end (Pouladuff Rd. end ) of Deerpark Road which connects across to Friars Walk. The footpath on the northern side of Roselawn continues through to Deerpark Court. No footpath exists on the south side of Roselawn, which consists of green verge and parking area. The former handball alley abuts the southern side of the carriageway and effectively prevents extension into Roselawn of the footpath from Deerpark Court.

The structure itself would not be deemed a traffic hazard, other than its presence requires pedestrians on the south side of the road to cross. The height of the structure and shelter afforded could well contribute to collection of windblown litter and illegal small scale dumping.

The removal of this structure, apart from acquisition costs, would be expensive. This together with further requirement to construct a footway could not be easily accommodated within existing budgets and would not be deemed of sufficient priority to warrant specific funding. I do not therefore recommend that any action other than monitoring be carried out.

#### 4.13 **GREEN MAN CROSSING AT CLASHDUV ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Roads Transportation & Safety Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That a green man crossing be put in place on Clashduv Road adjacent to Clashduv Park and the large housing developments parallel and perpendicular to the Park. There are a large number of children living in this area without any means of traversing this very busy road."

(Proposer: Comhairleoiri S. Martin and M. Shields – Ref. 01/013)

The report stated that a recent traffic and pedestrian survey was carried out at the location in question. The survey showed that the volume of pedestrians/traffic was far lower than the recommended levels recommended by national standards. These standards were devised to ensure that pedestrian facilities were provided in a safe manner.

The location is also within 90 metres of an existing crossing on the Clashduv Road northwest of the entrance to Riverview Estate. Pedestrian facilities also exist on Clashduv Road at the junctions with Glasheen Road and Togher Road.

One option is to relocate the existing crossing near Riverview Estate to a location, which would serve both current needs and the needs of the park. This will be considered for inclusion in next year's road programme.

### 5. **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

#### 5.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager for the month of April.

## 5.2 **REFURBISHMENT & REGENERATION OF DEANROCK ESTATE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 in relation to the refurbishment and regeneration of Deanrock Estate. The report stated that Draft proposals for the regeneration of Deanrock Estate, Togher have now been prepared by the City Architect. The design approach being taken is to create a quality living environment, building a community by means of an integrated cohesive design in terms of social structure, hierarchy of open space, scale and visual impact.

The key objectives are to:-

- Eliminate areas of anti-social behaviour.
- Build on a sense of community pride.
- Improve overall physical appearance.
- Create an integrated community.
- Establish hierarchy of open space.
- Develop infrastructure.
- Optimise density.

The proposed scheme seeks to refurbish and integrate the retained blocks of flats (5no.) with both the existing and proposed new housing. It is proposed to create five distinct areas each with it's own access, identity, aspect and context. One of the existing blocks is proposed to be demolished and to be replaced with two-storey housing.

This will allow for the development of the existing problematic open space fronting Togher Road and will facilitate the provision of new secure access to both new and existing dwellings at Shournagh Lawn.

The existing open space in and around the Trustee Savings Bank, together with the park on Clashduv Road are open, windswept and unresolved. This area suffers from a lack of passive supervision and has little relationship with its surrounds. It is proposed to integrate the park by repositioning Deanrock Avenue further West. New duplex units will be built on the existing avenue, backing onto and thereby securing the bank premises and incorporating it into the urban fabric.

In summary, the principle features of the regeneration proposals include:

- (i) The demolition of one of the existing blocks of flats,
- (ii) The refurbishment of 5 no. blocks of flats to provide 30 No. 2-bed apartments with 3 -bedroomed units over,
- (iii) The construction of 68 no. units of varying sizes and configuration,
- (iv) The carrying out of environmental improvements including comprehensive hard and soft landscaping and;
- (v) The re-routing of existing estate road from Clashduv Road.

The proposals contained in the plan will now be subject to detailed consultation with the local community. The final proposal will, in the normal way, be subject to formal consultation through the Part X Planning Process.

### 5.3 **WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE GLEN & MAYFIELD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee from its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That this Council calls on the Housing Manager to outline in detail the window refurbishment programme for The Glen & Mayfield in 2001 and to ask the Manager to confirm if the programme has been cut back due to the shortage of funds being allocated in the Estimates for 2001.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/049)

The report stated that under the Planned Maintenance Programme it is proposed to replace windows at No.'s 1 to 30 Glenamoy Lawn in the current year. Funding to undertake this work was provided in the 2001 Estimates.

It is anticipated that all the work involved in the window replacement programme in respect of which funds were provided in the Estimates will be completed in the current year.

### 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

### 7. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

7.1 **THE MANAGEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Tim Falvey at the Management of Construction & Demolition Waste in Ireland on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Tullamore Court Hotel.

7.2 **GREEN & BEAR IT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Dan Boyle at the Green & Bear It Conference on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2001 at the Economics & Social Research Institute, Berlington Rd., Dublin 4.

7.3 **SOCIAL STUDY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir John Dennehy, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. Corr and D. Wallace at the Social Study Conference at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer School on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2001 in Westport, Co. Mayo.

7.4 **L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí Deirdre Clune T.D. and Denis Cregan at the L.A.M.A. Conference on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at Rochestown Park Hotel.

7.5 **IRELAND – THE FUTURE? THE WEST?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Conference Ireland – The Future? The West? to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Knock House Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo.

7.6 **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. at the Environmental Health Conference to be held in the Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel from 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

7.7 **MAKING SENSE OF THEM ALL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the ‘Making Sense of Them All’ Conference to be held at Dunhallow House, Kanturk, Co. Cork on 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2001.



7.8 **SHERKIN ISLAND, ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, B. Bermingham and D. Counihan at Sherkin Island, Environmental Conference at Carrigaline, Co.Cork held on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

7.9 **DELIVERING IRELAND'S INFRASTRUCTURE: THE REGIONAL DIMENSION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir K. Lynch at Delivering Ireland's Infrastructure: The Regional Dimension at Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co.Cork on 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

7.10 **STREETSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Streetscape Architecture Conference to be held at Paulstown, Co.Kilkenny on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2001.

8. **MOTIONS**

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

8.1 **GOULD STREET RESURFACING**

That Cork Corporation include Gould Street in next years Road Resurfacing Programme and survey the footpaths with a view to having them repaired”.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin –Ref. 00/216)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.2 **PELICAN CROSSING ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

That Cork Corporation would install pelican crossings as a matter of urgency at the church and by O'Driscoll's supermarket on the Ballinlough Road. This road has experienced a huge increase in traffic and speed of traffic over the past few years and traffic calming measures promises in the past are well overdue.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/316)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.3 **REFUSE COLLECTION TIMES**

That this Council reviews the refuse collection times both in the City Centre and on main traffic routes in order to ensure the minimum interference with traffic flows during normal working hours.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Minihan – 01/087)  
- Environment Committee

8.4 **HOUSING FOR SINGLE PEOPLE**

That Cork Corporation would immediately develop a policy of providing one bedroomed units in order to provide adequate accommodation for the large number of single people who are presently on the waiting list for housing.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/124)  
- Housing & Community – Strategic Policy Committee

8.5 **CHURCHFIELD AVENUE**

That a pedestrian crossing be erected on Churchfield Avenue near the shop.

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/131)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.6 **FORBID MEMBERS OF OIREACHTAS HOLDING CONSULTANCY POSITIONS**

That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for the Environment and the leaders of the main political parties to introduce statutory regulations forbidding members of the Oireachtas from holding consultancy positions to private sector commercial organisations.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/134)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

8.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR GARDINERS HILL**

That Cork Corporation bring forward traffic calming measures for Gardiners Hill as soon as possible and that consultations would be held with local residents to obtain their views on the proposed measures to be introduced.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/135)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.8 **CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER**

That remedial work is carried out urgently to the footpath at Churchfield Way Upper.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir Ml. O’Connell – 01/139)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.9 **WOODLAWN MEWS, TRAMORE ROAD**

That Cork Corporation carry out an investigation of the private housing development at 1-7 Woodlawn Mews, Tramore Road, Togher, so as to ascertain if the Corporation were negligent in any way in carrying out their statutory duties to ensure that the service was of the correct size and laid as per planning permission granted.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 01/143)  
- Planning & European Affairs Committee

8.10 **ST. PATRICK’S BRIDGE**

That the lighting on St. Patrick’s bridge be upgraded.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll – 01/144)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.11 **PLAN FOR REVITALISATION AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF RIVERS AND STREAMS WITHIN THE CITY.**

That Cork Corporation draw up a comprehensive Plan for the revitalisation and future management of the Rivers and Streams within the City Boundary and that the advice and assistance of the South West Fishery’s Board be sought for that exercise.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 01/145)  
- Environment Committee

8.12 **SPORT'S POLICY FOR CORK CITY**

That the SPC on Sport and Recreation should draw up a Sports Policy for the administrative area of Cork City as this would act as a Blue Print for future National Lottery funding.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoirí L. Burke and D. Cregan – 01/148)  
- Recreation Amenities & Culture – Strategic Policy Committee

8.13 **SOUTHERN RING ROAD**

That this Council sensitive to the needs of people who have difficulty with heights, agree to screen that portion of the Southern Ring Road, travelling east to west, that overlooks the Douglas Shopping Centre, in the interests of personal and road traffic safety.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – 01/151)  
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

8.14 **ICE SKATING RINK FOR CORK CITY**

That this Council seek developers interested in the provision of an ice skating rink in Cork City, adding to its stock of amenities that its citizens can enjoy, and attracting others into the city.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – 01/152)  
- Environment Committee

8.15 **HOST CITY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2003**

That this Council facilitate this city becoming a host city for the 2003 Special Olympics, being held in Ireland, offering hospitality to a delegation from a large participant nation.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/154)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

8.16 **TREATY OF NICE REFERENDUM**

That this Council urge full and active participation by voters in the referendum to decide acceptance or not of the European Union Treaty of Nice and other constitutional referenda to be decided on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/155)  
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

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