

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH MAY 2001**

- PRESENT:-** An t-Ard-Mheára, 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. and D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST:** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, C. Burke, Ml. O'Connell and J. O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST:** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí J. Corr, J. O'Flynn, D. Counihan and J. Minihan.
- SOUTH CENTRAL:** Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí S. Martin, D. Cregan and D. Boyle.
- SOUTH WEST:** Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí M. Shields, Ml. Ahern and B. Bermingham.
- ALSO PRESENT:-** Mr. D. Buggy, Deputy City Manager & Town Clerk
Mr M. Riordan, Assistant City Manager (Eng.)
Mr. J.T. Moynihan, A/Assistant City Manager (Housing)
Ms. B. Dillon-Hall, Assistant Town Clerk
Mr G. O'Sullivan, Admin. Officer, Town Clerk's Dept.

An t-Ard-Mheára recited the opening prayer.

1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

An tArdmhéara proposed and it was unanimously agreed that a vote of sympathy would be sent

To the McCarthy family, Ardmahon Estate on the death of their daughter Yvonne, and best wishes for a speedy recovery for Turlough.

To the Roche family, Ardmahon Estate on the death of their mother, Sue.

To Seanoir C. O'Connell and the McDonagh family on the death of Frances (Aileen) nee O'Connell, Kilkieran, Connemara, Co. Galway.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An tArdmhéara proposed and it was unanimously agreed that a vote of congratulations would be sent

To Bishopstown Camogie Team on winning the County Championship four times in a row.

To Colaiste Spioraid Naomh U/15 on winning the All Ireland Soccer Tournament.

To Cork Harlequins on winning the Senior European Hockey Cup.

An Chomhairle also agreed to host civic receptions for the above teams.

2. **MINUTES**

(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14th May 2001 were considered and approved.

(b) Minutes of Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council held on 21st May 2001 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **WINDOW RENEWAL/REPLACEMENTS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the following written reply was circulated which stated that proposals were included in the estimates to replace 299 windows in 2001 under the Planned Maintenance Programme in the Togher Depot area. Windows deemed to be in need of replacements which are not included in the Planned Maintenance Programme will be dealt with under the routine maintenance programme.

It is hoped to proceed to contract on the planned maintenance replacements in the near future.

3.2 **REINSTATEMENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S DRIVE AND ST. ANN'S DRIVE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that approximately eight weeks ago the Water Section carried out alteration works at the eastern end of both St. Joseph's Drive and St. Anne's Drive which had the effect of creating a notable improvement in the water supply available to the estate.

As Cllr Brosnan has indicated settlement has occurred in the temporary reinstatement. I have arranged for the depressions to be rectified and further settlement monitored. Permanent reinstatement will be carried out when settlement has ceased, which I would expect within 4 months.

3.3 **INSTALLATION OF SAFETY MEASURES AT GAELSCOIL UI RIADA**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields, the following written reply was circulated which stated that a meeting was held on site between a representative of the Traffic Section, Cork Corporation and the Principal of GaelScóil Uí Riada at which the following requests were made:

- The provision of yellow lines in the vicinity of the school entry/exit
- School Ahead warning signs
- Road Markings for pedestrian crossing

The Yellow Lines have subsequently been provided as were the appropriate School Ahead warning signs. However the provision of pedestrian crossing lines cannot be recommended where there is not a formally controlled pedestrian crossing, and consequently these road markings were not provided.

Provision of an Adult School Warden was also recommended, and operates at this site.

3.4 **ASBESTOS WASTE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, the following written reply was circulated which stated that a total of 42.52 tonnes of asbestos sheeting was disposed of at Kinsale Road Sanitary Landfill Site on the 15th May 2001. The majority of this material came from Collins Barracks with the remainder from private premises on the Western Road. The material was disposed of in accordance with the terms of the licence issued by the E.P.A. The material was double wrapped securely tied and its disposal is recorded.

3.5 **PROVISION OF YELLOW BOX GRID OUTSIDE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, the following written reply was circulated which stated that the area in question has been examined on site and the request has been discussed with the Gardaí who approve of the introduction of the yellow box control at the location. The work has now been included in the Roadworks Programme and in fact has been prioritised for introduction as soon as possible. It is hoped that the work will be carried out within the next two weeks.

4. **SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – OMBUDSMAN REPORT 2000**

In accordance with the recommendation from the Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant Town Clerk dated 17th May 2001 in regard to the Ombudsman's report for 2000 as it relates to Cork Corporation.

5. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

5.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement for the month of April 2001.

5.2 **DERELICT SITE AT 43 THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager & Town Clerk dated the 17th May 2001 on Derelict Site at 43 Thomas Davis Street.

5.3 **ALLIED IRISH BANKS POLICY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager & Town Clerk dated the 17th May 2001 on Allied Irish Banks Policy.

5.4 **URBAN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL STRATEGY DOCUMENT PLAN**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager & Town Clerk dated the 17th May 2001 on Urban and Village Renewal Strategy Document Plan.

5.5 **SPONSORSHIP – LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION 18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant Town Clerk dated 17th May 2001 on Sponsorship of the Local Authority Members Association 18th Annual Conference and on the proposal of Seanoir J. Dennehy, T.D., seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

RESOLVED pursuant to Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1991, that Cork Corporation pays to Cork County Council the sum of £2,500 for the purpose as described in the report of the Assistant Town Clerk dated 17th May, 2001

5.6 **DISPOSALS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals of Land:-

SHARED OWNERSHIP

(a) Leasehold Interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 15 Model Cottages, off Blarney Street, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 22nd day of May 1999 to Vicky Galvin for the sum of £37,535.90.

(b) Fee Simple Interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 6 South Douglas Road, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 18th day of December 1995 to Helen Burke for the sum of £25,327.07.

(c) Fee Simple Interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 5 Bunker's Hill, St. Mary's Road, Cork, held by the Corporation subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 22nd day of October 1998 to John Sheehan and Mary Malone for the sum of £32,777.26.

PROPERTY SALES

a) Stall No. 29 Grand Parade Market, Cork, to Premier Organics c/o McCarthy & McCullagh, Solicitors, The Mill House, St. Patrick's Terrace, Douglas, Cork, by way of a Lease subject to an annual rent of £7,000.00 per annum plus service charges and rates. The commencement date of the Lease will be the 1st of January 2001 for a term of five years, and the User Clause will be Sale of Organic Foods.

b) Plot of ground approximately 316 sq. metres in area situated adjacent to "Oakdale", Ballyvolane Road, Cork, to Hilary Loftus c/o Barry Turnbull & Co., Solicitors, 33/34 Washington Street West, Cork, for the sum of £2,300 plus costs.

c) Plot of ground approximately 125 sq. metres in area situated adjacent to No. 1 Riverview Estate, Ballyvolane, Cork, to Michael Kavanagh of 34 Riverview Estate, Ballyvolane, Cork, for the sum of £1,500 plus costs.

d) Site approximately 0.34 hectares in area situated at Churchfield National School, Cork, to Cork Diocesan Trustees for the sum of £25 plus costs.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

98, Lower Friar Walk, Cork – GR2753

Acquired under Housing Order No. 1 of 1951 from James Barrett, 1, Lower Friars Walk, Cork by Deed of Transfer dated the 16th of December, 1952.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Arthur and Ann Ryan of that address for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

43, Charles Daly Road, Cork – GR2962

Acquired under Housing Order No. 1 of 1959 from Denis Patrick Crowley, "Sarahville", Pouladuff Road, Cork by Deed of Transfer dated the 23rd of September, 1960.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Samuel and Phyllis Spillane, of that address for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

51, Gurranabraher Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork – GR2940

Acquired under Griffin Estate C.P.O. 1944 from George William Dunscombe, Larkfield, Killiney, Co. Dublin by Deed of Conveyance dated the 22nd of February, 1946.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Denis & Patricia O'Donovan of that address for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

26 Patrick O'Donoghue Place, Togher, Cork – GR2351A

Acquired under Housing Order No. 1 of 1959 from Patrick Long, Ardmanning House, Togher, Cork, by Deed of Transfer dated 10th of February 1961.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Barry and Fiona Walsh c/o Conway Kelleher Tobin, Solicitors, 29 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

5.7 TO ADOPT A DISABILITY CHARTER

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the following motion together with the report of the City Manager & Town Clerk thereon dated 17th May 2001:-

“That this Council draw up a Disability Charter to include the following initiatives:-

- (a) Employment of a Full time Disability Access Officer for Cork City.
- (b) Full Disability Access to all public buildings

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

The report stated that it is the City Manager's intention to explore the possibilities of the employment of a full-time Disability Access Officer for Cork City with the City Partnership through the Cork City Development Board. In the meantime, the Officer designated by the Corporation to deal with Disability Access is the Chief Building Control Officer.

5.8 REGENERATION OF SHANDON AREA

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the following motion together with the report of the City Manager & Town Clerk thereon dated 17th May 2001:-

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

(a) That work would commence as soon as possible on the two Derelict Properties on Cathedral Avenue and that the Residents of Cathedral Avenue be kept informed of any development work.

(b) That Cork Corporation would ensure that the derelict area of land on John Philpott Curran Street, which is presently a rubbish dump and is rat infested would be cleared particularly as there are many young children living in the area. The derelict site is dangerous, unhealthy and unsightly for the residents many of whom are elderly and who have been living at the area for more than 30 years.”

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

The report stated that Cork Corporation commissioned a report on the Shandon Area which was outlined to members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The area is also included in the Shandon/Blackpool Integrated Area Plan.

Preliminary work has been concentrated on the Craft Centre and its potential to re-invigorate the tourism potential of the area.

It is also proposed to review traffic management in order to best manage the diverse need of the various users of the area.

(a) The development of No. 13 Cathedral avenue has been approved by the City Council under Part X of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 1994 (as amended).

Cork Corporation is now in a position to invite tenders for the refurbishment of 13 Cathedral Avenue as a three bedroom three-storey house.

(b) On 13th December, 2000, under T.P. 23360/99 Cork Corporation issued notification of intention to grant planning permission to Benbury Ltd. and Oliver O'Neill for 20 residential units at John Philpott Curran Street. Planning permission was subsequently appealed by a third party on 10th January, 2001. This case currently rests with An Bord Pleanala.

The site at John Philpott Curran Street, to which T.P. 23360/99 relates, incorporates No. 8 John Philpott Curran Street and the site adjacent. While No. 8 John Philpott Curran Street and the site adjacent (to rear of No. 5 – 6 Shandon Street) were declared derelict in 1997, certification of a revised site area (under the Derelict Sites Act 1990) is currently underway. Certification of dereliction should be finalised very shortly.

It is intended to enter into dialogue with representatives from the business community, residents of the area, church authorities, and elected members with a view to bringing forward a comprehensive programme in relation to the overall regeneration of the Shandon area.

5.9 **CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 21st May, 2001:-

“That this Council requests Aer Rianta and the Government to establish a locally based “Cork Airport Board” with representation from the local and regional authorities, tourist, business and consumer interests (etc), reporting to Aer Rianta, and enabled to assist local management to initiate and create the necessary conditions to facilitate expansion and development of Cork Airport with a medium to long term strategy.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham - 01/127)

Comhairleoir J. O’Flynn proposed, Comhairleoir B. Bermingham seconded and An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be amended to include reference to workers representatives and an Chomhairle then approved the motion as amended:-

“That this Council requests Aer Rianta and the Government to establish a locally based “Cork Airport Board” with representation from the local and regional authorities, tourist, business and consumer interests (etc) and workers representatives, reporting to Aer Rianta, and enabled to assist local management to initiate and create the necessary conditions to facilitate expansion and development of Cork Airport with a medium to long term strategy.”

5.10 **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Held on 21st May, 2001 and following discussion An Chomhairle approved the motion:-

“That consideration be given to the payment of an annual travel allowance to employees of this Corporation who choose to travel to and from work by cycle.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle - 01/140)

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

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Held on 21st May, 2001 and following discussion An Chomhairle approved the motion:-

“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)

5.12 **TREATY OF NICE REFERENDUM**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“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 7th, 2001.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle - 01/155)

6. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

6.1 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager on Sanitary and Other Schemes for the month ended 30th April 2001.

6.2 **CAR PARK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report stated that The Part X Consultation process in respect of a proposed car park at Castle Road is currently underway. The latest date for receipt of submissions is the 8th June 2001. The outcome will be reported on to the June 2001 meeting of the Environment Committee.

The tarmacking of the walkway to the Old Railway Bridge will be considered as part of the landscaping proposals for the Mahon Development. A further report will issue at a later date.

6.3 **BOTTLE BANKS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report stated that Cork Corporation has engaged Fehily Timoney & Co., Consulting Engineers to carry out a Waste Recycling Study. This study includes an audit of existing recycling facilities including all bottle banks. The City Engineer will ask them to particularly examine the bottle bank location at the above location in order to determine its optimum location.

6.4 **TORY TOP ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report stated that provision has been made in this year’s estimates to replace existing play equipment in Tory Top Park and tenders for the supply and installation of new equipment will be invited within the next few weeks.

6.5 **CONTROL OF DOGS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report stated that it is an offence under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to fail to remove faeces deposited by a dog.

50 signs are currently being erected around the City indicating that this is an offence. It is intended to circulate all householders in the City informing them of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act and the question of dog fouling will be included. As part of our ongoing Litter Awareness Campaign this matter will continue to be highlighted.

The Litter Wardens follow up any complaints received and take appropriate action against dog owners.

6.6 **RED ABBEY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report stated that the Parks Strategy adopted by Council states that parks and open spaces should be freely available for use by the public and where possible and practical parks should be enclosed and locked at dusk to protect and safeguard equipment and facilities from wanton vandalism and abuse.

Cases have to be assessed on their merit and prioritised for action based on assessment of needs and funds available. Proposals for the development of the Red Abbey site will be subject to consultation with Council and with the local Community. Based on the results of this consultation decisions can be made on whether to fence off the entire area or not as part of the development. When these proposals are prepared a further report will issue to the Committee.

6.2 **THOMOND SQUARE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoirí D. Counihan & T. O'Driscoll - 01/089)

The report stated the problem was identified in Thomond Square as arising from a private common drain which runs along the rear of the houses and one of the drains is in very poor condition. This drain is private and the responsibility of those householders discharging to it and not the local authority. To assist in alleviating the situation it would be possible to extend the public sewer from the Old Blackrock Road to the front of the house in Thomond Square and the householders can connect to it by piping to each house at their own expense. The cost of extending the public sewer is estimated at £10,000 and the report recommended that funds be included in next year's estimates to carry out this work.

6.3 **WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May, 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and also approved that the motion be referred to the Joint Committee of Cork Corporation and Cork County Council for consideration:-

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

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

The report stated that the treatment plant at Carrigrennan, when it goes into operation at the end of the year 2003, will fully comply with the EU Waste Water Directive and the Government's Environmental Action Programme was also considered. The waters of Lough Mahon have not been declared sensitive and no nutrient removal is required at the plant at this stage of the current environmental legislation. The Cork treatment plant has been designed in a modular basis and can allow retro fitting of nutrient removal facilities at any stage. The concept of a Water Quality Management plan for the estuary was actively considered in the early nineties.

The proposed EU framework directive on water policy is at an advanced stage of adoption by the European Communities. The proposed directive will require quality management planning of what is to be based on the river basement catchment as the natural unit for management and will require development of river basin management plans.

It is envisaged that Cork County Council would be the appropriate executive authority to co-ordinate the production of a catchment plan to include the Lee Estuary, Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour.

6.4 **RINGMAHON ROAD**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the

Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That the Corporation, as part of the Cork Main Drainage work along the walkway at Bessboro, Blackrock, would tunnel underneath the main Ringmahon Road in order to link the walkways on either side of the road beneath the Ringmahon road itself.

Thus, would the safety of the amenity walkers be ensured by obviating the necessity of crossing the very heavily trafficked Ringmahon Road."

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

The report stated as part of the work on the Main Drainage contractors had suggested that they would construct a pedestrian underpass underneath Skehard Road where this walkway intercepts Skehard Road. The underpass will be a sufficient size to accommodate pedestrians and would allow walkers using the railway line to continue the walk without the need to cross the main Skehard Road. The proposal as put forward by the contractors is currently being investigated with a view to having the walkway put in place.

6.5 **GLASHEEN STREAM**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 21st May 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 17th May 2001 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation and Cork County Council Environment Department Staff be instructed to co-ordinate their efforts to put a stop to the continuing pollution of the Glasheen Stream adjacent to the South Ring Road and Sarsfield Road and that they be instructed to trace, and eliminate, the sources from the housing estates on the Bishopstown side of the Stream and the Doughcloyne Industrial Estate, or nearby housing developments, on the Wilton side.

If there is any dispute or questioning of the level of pollution, the South West Regional Authority Fishery Board should be consulted for their opinion on the condition of the River at that location."

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

The report stated that the Corporation has eliminated all significant foul discharges apart from one in Sarsfields Road. Pumps and de-filtered surface water pipes have been replaced. There are currently two other discharges at Sarsfield Road, one from cross connection of washing machines and one which is a mixture of Corporation water and spring/run off water and efforts will continue to eliminate these over the coming weeks. Ongoing monitoring of the river with a view to total elimination of all discharges is a priority of the City Drainage section. The river between Sarsfields Road and Woodhaven has been cleaned up on a number of occasions in the past and a further clean-up will be arranged shortly.

6.6 **DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which had been referred to it for discussion from meeting of the Environment Committee held on 21st May, 2001 and following discussion, An Chomhairle adopted the motion:-

“That this Council pass its draft Waste Management Plan by June 14th, 2001.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle - 01/141)

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

8. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

8.1 **SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoiri C. O’Connell and D. McCarthy, Comhairleoiri J. Kelleher, M. Ahern and M. O’Connell at the Sustaining Rural Communities on the 15th & 16th June 2001 at Adare, Co. Limerick.

8.2 **MAKING SENSE OF THEM ALL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir K. Lynch at Making Sense of Them All on the 25 – 27th May 2001 at Dunhallow Park Hotel, Kanturk, Co.Cork.

8.3 **IRELAND – THE FUTURE? THE WEST?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon at Ireland- The Future? The West? on the 14th & 15th May 2001 at Knock, Co.Mayo.

8.4 **DEVELOPING IRELAND’S INFRASTRUCTURE – SOUTHERN AND EASTERN ASSEMBLY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at Developing Ireland’s Infrastructure – Southern and Eastern Assembly on 18th & 19th May 2001 at Westlodge, Bantry, Co.Cork.

8.5 **GOOD PRACTICE IN RENT COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir K. Lynch at Good Practice in Rent Collection on 23rd May 2001 in Carlow.

8.6 **SOCIAL STUDY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri T. Falvey and M. Shields at the Social Study Conference 49th Annual Summer School at the Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo on 21st – 23rd June, 2001.

8.7 **TRAINING SEMINAR ON HOUSING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri J. Kelleher, D. Counihan and M. Shields at the Training Seminar on Housing to be held at the Limerick Inn, Limerick on 13th June, 2001.

8.8 **PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Falvey at Conference on Public Private Partnership to be held at Limerick Inn, Limerick on 14th June, 2001.

8.9 **DESIGNING CITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at National Sculpture Factory Conference on Designing Cities to be held at City Hall, Cork on 26th June, 2001.

8.10 **WASTE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR – ARE WE REALLY CHANGING OUR WAYS?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri B. Allen, T.D., L. Burke, T.D. and D. Cregan at Waste Management Seminar “Are we Really Changing our Ways?” to be held at the City West Hotel, Saggart, Co. Dublin on 30th May, 2001.

9. **MOTIONS**

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

9.1 **PARK OWEN**

“That Cork Corporation include Park Owen in next years Roads Resurfacing and Footpath Renewal Programme”.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/217)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.2 **CHURCHYARD LANE, BALLINTEMPLE**

“That Cork Corporation would provide funds in the Estimates 2001/2002 to enable much needed remedial work be carried out on Churchyard Lane, Ballintemple.

This work should include road resurfacing, footpath renewal and road widening at the old graveyard/Temple Hill Lawn.”

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/318)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.3 **PLAYGROUND FACILITY FOR BALLINLOUGH PARK**

“That Cork Corporation undertakes to provide a modern Playground Facility in Ballinlough Park which is an ideal location for such a facility to the betterment of the community in the area and adjoining communities.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir J. Minihan – 01/129)
- Environment Committee

9.4 **HATCHED YELLOW BOXES AT ASHFORD ESTATE**

“That Cork Corporation immediately provide hatched yellow boxes at the junctions from Ashford Estate to Curraheen Road so as to make it easier and safer for Motorists to exit and access the Estate and that these be provided in the short term regardless of any other proposed engineering works in the vicinity.”

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 01/146)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.5 **WILLOW BANK, NASH’S BOREEN**

“That a wall be built near 25 Willow Bank, Nash’s Boreen to stop horses and cars going through the housing estate.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir D. McCarthy – 01/147)
- Housing Committee

9.6 **SPORT FACILITES FOR PARKLANDS, NASH’S BOREEN & KILEENS**

“That Cork Corporation together with Cork County Council would jointly develop sports facilities including a municipal Golf Course in the area between Parklands, Nashs Boreen and Kileens to cater for the growing population in the immediate area.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir C. Burke – 01/150)
- Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee

9.7 **CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER**

“That remedial works be carried out urgently in Churchfield Way Upper as this road is in a very bad state of repair.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir Ml. O’Connell – 01/153)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.8 **CERTIFICATE OF EARNINGS**

“That this Council agree that all applicants on the housing waiting list submit a certificate of earnings every twelve months.”

(Proposer: Seanoir C. O’Connell – 01/156)

- Housing Committee

9.9 **TORY TOP ROAD**

“That the footpaths in Tory Top Road would be upgraded to a standard similar to those in other Corporation parks throughout the city.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll – 01/158)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.10 **FORDES FIELD, MAYFIELD**

“That Cork Corporation make provision for the building of a ‘state of the art’ childrens playground at Fordes Field in Mayfield as a matter of priority.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – 01/159)

- Environment Committee

9.11 **TO PROMOTE THE ARTS, CRAFTS & DESIGN CREATIVITY IN CORK CITY**

“That this Council, aware of the dynamic art, craft and design creativity and atmosphere in the city of Cork, calls on the City Manager to arrange for the rolling display of such works of art in attractive casing throughout City Hall’s beautiful stairways, landings and halls, enhanced with a delightful public restaurant.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – 01/161)

- Finance & General Purposes Committee

9.12 **NATIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES**

“That this Council calls upon the Government not to centralise national sporting facilities at the proposed Campus Ireland facility at Abbotstown, Co.Dublin and further that an effort be made to locate the proposed cycling velodrome in the Cork region.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/162)

- Environment Committee

9.14 **NAMING OF ROADWAY**

“That this Corporation name the recently opened roadway that links Wandesford Quay with St. Finbarre’s Bridge.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Boyle – 01/163)

- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.15 **GOVERNMENT SAVINGS SCHEME**

“That Cork Corporation would call on Minister of Finance, Charlie McCreevy to remove any element of means testing from the new Government Savings Scheme.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir K. Lynch – 01/164)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

10. **TREATY OF NICE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion due notice of which was given:-

In the Referendum of June 7th 2001, this Council urges a Yes Vote on the Nice Treaty facilitating the process of enlargement to continue ensuring a fair, just and peaceful Europe during the 21st Century.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir B. Bermingham – 01/160)

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed and Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded the motion. A vote was called where there appeared:-

FOR: An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican. Seanoir J. Dennehy, T.D. Comhairleoiri J. Kelleher, B. Allen, T.D., D. Wallace, T. Falvey, J. Corr, J. O’Flynn, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, D. Cregan, M. Shields, M. Ahern and B. Bermingham – 14

AGAINST: Seanoir C. O’Connell. Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, C. Burke, J. O’Brien and D. Boyle - 5

An tArdmhéara declared the motion carried.

11. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 1 no. for extension at 119 Kilbarry Place.
- 3 no. for extension at 51 Corrib Lawn.
- 3 no. for extension at 33 Friars Road.
- 3 no. for extension at 24 Ballinure Avenue,
- 3 no. for extension at 2 Inchera Park.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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