

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL HELD ON 29TH JANUARY, 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 and D. Wallace.
- 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 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. R. McDowell, City Planning Officer
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 SYMPATHY

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to extend a vote of sympathy to the following:-

To Dave Buckley Jnr. and other relatives of the late Dave Buckley , former Councillor.

To the family of the late Hilary Walpole

To the Kenneally family, St. Annes Park, Turners Cross on the death of Mrs Mary Kenneally.

To Staff member Donal Linehan on the death of his wife Annette.

To the family of the late Bill Ahern, Nuns Walk

To the family of the late John Bolingbroke,

To An t-Ard-Mhéara and his family on the recent death of his sister –in-law.

1.2 **FUTURE VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An t-Ard-Mhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that in future votes of sympathy would be submitted in writing prior to meetings of An Chomhairle.

2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 15th January 2001 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **REFUSE CHARGE ACCOUNTS**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir C. O'Connell, the following written reply was circulated which stated that:- (a) the cost of a letter by Croskerrys Solicitors Merrion Square Dublin, to defaulters of refuse charge accounts is £1.75 + V.A.T. (b) 2,532 have been issued. (c) 145 civil summonses have been issued by Croskerrys to refuse charge defaulters and the cost to issue a civil summons is:-

Cost - outlay £16.37 (1999)
- outlay £17.50 (2000)

(d) £14,534.64 is the total amount of money paid to date to Croskerrys by the Cork Corporation.

3.2 **UP-DATE ON REPAIRS IN VACANT HOUSES IN KNOCKNAHEENY, GURRANABRAHER AND COMPLETION OF RE-ORGANISATION OF MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IN CHURCHFIELD DEPOT.**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Ml. O'Connell, the following written reply was circulated which stated that: (1) Cork Corporation's Works Department is repairing 26 houses in the Knocknaheeny, Gurrananbraher & Fairhill area at present. Of these, 11 houses are under repair for longer than 2 months.

It is expected that 11 of the 26 houses will be returned for re-letting by 31st January, 2001. It is anticipated that the number of houses vacant for longer than 2 months will be practically eliminated by the end of February 2001. The reason for the increase in the number of vacant houses exceeding 2 months in December 2000 was largely due to the Christmas holiday period and some trades on short-term sick leave.

(2a) The pilot area for the implementation of the area based Housing Plan is in Knocknaheeny. This plan incorporates the re-organisation of Housing Maintenance having specific designated task teams. Plans for the provision of this area office are advanced and it is intended to have the pilot area operational later this year.

(b) There is no strong resistance to change or work to rule in operation in the Churchfield depot area.

(c) Apart from the painters working in specific vacant houses, no houses are used as canteens by members of staff.

3.3 **LEGAL RESTRICTIONS PREVENTING LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICIALS FROM ENGAGING IN WORK NOT UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL.**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, the following written reply was circulated which stated that Local Government Officers are subject to the Local Government (Officers) Regulations 1984, which states that -

The holder of an office under a Local Authority shall not engage in any gainful occupation, other than as an Officer of the Local Authority, to such an extent as to impair the performance of his/her duties as an Officer of the Local Authority or in any occupation which might conflict with the interests of the Local Authority or which might be inconsistent with the discharge of his/her duties as a Local Authority Officer.

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-article (1) of this article the holder of a whole-time office, the qualifications for which are wholly or in part professional, shall not engage in private practice in the profession in which he/she is employed by the Local Authority or Local Authorities or in any cognate profession.

3.4 **CLOSURE OF ALLEYWAY BETWEEN 68 & 69 CURRAHEEN DRIVE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Kelleher, the following written reply was circulated which stated that The issue of closure of this lane which serves 22 houses has been the subject of discussion and various proposals for some time. No final agreement on most appropriate means of addressing the requirements was reached. The matter of availability of funding was also not finalised.

However in the current year a fund of £100,000 has been put in place to enable commencement of a programme of closure of lanes which are giving rise to nuisance. A number of lanes in Curraheen including the subject of this motion will have proposals prepared for assessment and prioritisation by the Ward Committees.

3.5 **TO COMMEMORATE ARCHITECT WILLIAM ATKINS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the following written reply was circulated which stated that Corporation Management has no knowledge of any steps that have been taken to commemorate the Architect, William Atkins.

As many of his buildings are also located in the County, the matter could be referred to the Cork Civic Trust.

The Architect of St. Joachim and St Annes was Mr H. Hill.

3.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN FARRANLEA PARK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Burke, the following written reply was circulated which stated that work on placement of ramps and speed platform on Farranlea Park will commence at the start of March.

3.7 **TAKING IN CHARGE – OAKPARK, BALLYVOLANE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, the following written reply was circulated which stated that our Legal Department have notified us that the phase 2 bondspersons have agreed to pay approx. £10,000 to Cork Corporation to finish works.

This money plus the balance of phase 1 bond totals just over £15,000, which will be used to finish the defect list.

These monies will be spent with a view to bringing the estate up to the standard for taking in charge.

A decision will be made shortly as to method of completion of defects.

3.8 **PLANNING REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO “LYSANNE”, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir T. Shannon, the following written reply was circulated which stated that The owner of the property “Lysanne”, Castle Road began works without the benefit of planning permission. Once this came to the attention of the Planning Authority he was instructed to cease works. He subsequently applied for planning permission ref. T.P.23822/99 on 17th December, 1999 and a decision issued on the 30th March 2000. The Planning Regulations with regard to the application have been adhered to. The decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanála by both the applicant and a third party. An Bord Pleanála by their decision dated 12th October, 2000 determined the appeal and granted permission subject to conditions.

(b) Only works which are exempted under the Planning Regulations may legally continue during the period of an appeal of a decision to An Bord Pleanála. Correspondence on file indicate that the applicant sought clarification as to what works were exempt development and the City Planning Officer issued correspondence clarifying the situation.

(c) I confirm it is the policy of the Planning Authority to enforce the planning regulations.

(d) The matter of staff resources is currently under review.

3.9 **FIRE BRIGADE SUB-STATION, BALLYVOLANE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, the following written reply was circulated which stated that in response to part (a) of Councillor O’Brien’s question the total cost is £992.00. This cost is broken down as follows: £495.50 paid to Top Security for the provision of mobile patrols during the period 28th April, 2000 to 12th May, 2000. The security patrols were necessary until the Stations in-house security system was operational.

£496.50 is the annual service and monitoring fee payable to Catch Security Ltd. As a situation may arise from time to time where the sub-station will be unoccupied, (eg. where all personnel and appliances are mobilised in response to a large or a multiple incidents), this will be an annually recurring fee

In response to part (b) of Councillor O'Brien's question;

On completion of the necessary communications infrastructure in the building in December, 2000, discussions were entered into with the fire fighters representative to ensure a smooth transfer of operational functions from Watercourse Road to the North Ring Road Station. During the course of the negotiations a number of recommendations were made by the fire fighters. A number of the recommendations have been taken on board by management and are currently in the process of being implemented.

4. **ARTS COMMITTEE**

4.1 **MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL – SENSE OF CORK**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Arts Committee from its meeting held on 15th January 2001, An Chomhairle on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace approved the recommendation that the sum of £30,000 provided for in the Estimates in respect of the Sense of Cork Mid-summer Festival be paid out as soon as possible.

5. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

5.1 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of Assistant City Manager on Sanitary and Other Schemes for month ended 31st December 2000.

5.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager on Environmental Matters for quarter ended 31st December 2000.

5.3 **GARFIELD TERRACE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 15 January 2001, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

"That Cork Corporation carry out an immediate review of road drainage in the vicinity of Garfield Terrace, Wellington Road and in its report a full explanation of the difficulties of resolving the problem be given."

(Proposer; Comhairleoir T. Brosnan - Ref. 00/368)

The report stated that a large number of gullies at this location were cleared in January. The Roads Department has been requested to examine the feasibility of raising the footpaths to alleviate the problem.

5.4 **RED ABBEY**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Environment Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 18 January 2001, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

" That railings be constructed around the boundary of the amenity area at the Red Abbey, Douglas Street, and that arrangements be out in place to close this area during night time hours."

(Proposer; Comhairleoir D. Boyle - Ref. 00/372)

The report stated that draft proposals for improvement works were being formulated and a further report would be submitted to the Environment Committee.

6. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2000**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the financial statement for the month of December 2000.

6.2 **REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of Collector of Municipal Rate dated 15th January 2001 for year ended 31st December 2000.

6.3 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2001**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager and Town Clerk dated the 18th January 2001 on the Bank Overdraft for half year ending 30th June 2001.

The report stated, that approval is requested to increasing the level of the Corporation's Overdraft Facility to **£6 m.** (Six Million Pounds) for the first half year to the 30th June 2001. Approval is requested for the present level in order to provide for the maximum limits which may occur having regard to the Revenue and Capital Account Balances during the period. The level for the comparable period in 2000 was £4.5 m. (Four Million and Five Hundred thousand Pounds).

6.4 **VARIATION OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW 1998 – CITY CENTRE AREA OF RENEWAL**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., approved the report of the City Manager and Town Clerk dated 18th January 2001 on the variation of Cork City Development Plan Review 1998 – City Centre Area of Renewal and adopted the following Resolution:-

“Resolved pursuant to Section 21 of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, and amended by Section 37 of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976 to vary the Cork City Development Plan Review 1998 as follows:

PROPOSED VARIATIONS OF THE CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. Include in paragraph 5.19 the following “bullet point”.

- An area situated between Academy Street, Emmet Place/Drawbridge Street and Patrick Street shown on the revised Fig. 5.3 attached, is designated as an area of renewal.

A number of key sites within the area currently in non-retail use are likely to be vacated providing options for site assembly or reorganisation. The purpose of designation is to facilitate development for higher order retail uses (department store, fashion goods) thus enabling the city centre to maintain its role as the primary location for comparison shopping in the region.

Any application for development within the designated area will be considered in the light of this objective. A development brief for the area will be prepared setting out options for parking and servicing, the future role of William Street, Bowling Green Street and Faulkner's Lane, height and density of development and guidance regarding protected buildings and other buildings of architectural interest.

2. **Fig. 5.3 Zoning objectives revised."**

6.5 **REVISION OF REMUNERATION – (1) CRAFTWORKERS, GENERAL OPERATIVES AND RELATED GRADES AND (2) REVISION OF PROGRAMME FOR PROSPERITY AND FAIRNESS**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager and Town Clerk dated the 18th January 2001, on the Revision of Remuneration for (1) Craftworkers, General Operatives and Related Grades and (2) Revision of Programme for Prosperity and Fairness.

- (1) The report stated that Craftsmen in Local Authorities have their wage rates determined by reference to an agreed set of analogues in comparable employments. This arrangement has been in operation for over 20 years.
- (2) An agreement has recently been concluded between the Local Authorities and Health Agencies (represented by the Local Government Management Services Board and Health Services Employers Agency) and the Local Authority and Health Boards Craft Group of Union in relation to the Craftworkers 2000 Analogue Review. The review provides for an increase of £24.32 per week on the craft rate. This review was specifically provided for under the terms of the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness.
- (3) The Minister for the Environment and Local Government has sanctioned the implementation of the Agreement to the grades involved.
- (4) In addition, General Operatives and related grades who have an 80% pay relationship with Craftworkers will receive a similar pay increase. A cash increase of £19.46 per week will be the outcome here. These increase will be paid on top of basic increase payable under the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness.
- (5) The cost of implementing the agreement in the current year will be £750,000 and provision has been made in the estimates for this expenditure.
- (6) Members will also be aware that the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness was the subject of a review at national level the result of which has been accepted by all the parties and provides for an additional general wage increase of 2% with effect from 1 April 2001 and an additional lump sum of 1% payable in April 2001. No specific provision has been made for this increase which was not anticipated. The award will cost about £400,000 on the revenue side and provision will have to be made within the estimates to meet this expenditure.

6.6 **PROPERTY SALES**

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

- (a) Plot situated at Ballyvolane Road Cork to Cork Urban Enterprises Limited c/o Raymond Shanahan of J. W. O'Donovan, Solicitors, 53, South Mall, Cork for the sum of £1.00.
- (b) Plot situated adjacent to No.1, Slí Garten, Mayfield, Cork to James Crowley of that address for the sum of £500.00, each party to bear their own costs in this matter.
- (c) Corporation's interest in part of No. 2, Camden Quay to John Roche c/o Francis Kelleher, Solicitors, 1, Pearse Square, Cobh, Co. Cork for the sum of £1,000 plus £500 costs.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

29, Capwell Road, Cork – GR2919

Part acquired (1) by Agreement from Thomas Sommerville Reeves, Black Castle, Navan, Co. Meath by Deed of Conveyance dated the 18th of June 1956 (2) under Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1967 by Deed of Conveyance dated the 2nd of July, 1997 from Nora Mary Scanlon & All Unknown Owners.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Estate of Ms. Sheila Keohane (Deceased) c/o O'Donnell Breen-Walsh O'Donoghue, Solicitors, Trinity House, 8, Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of £8.00 plus costs.

23, St. Anne's Road, Gurrabraher, Cork – GR2912

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 Margaret Keating, Anthony & Charlotte O'Regan c/o Thomas A. Shanahan & Co., Solicitors, Left Bank House, North Gate Bridge, Cork for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

“Homeville”, Wycherley Terrace, College Road, Cork – GR2876

Acquired by Agreement from the Trustees of the Bass Estate by Deed of Conveyance dated the 13th of July, 1989.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to William Murphy and Mary Teresa Murphy c/o Colm Burke, Solicitor for the sum of £40.00 plus £350.00 costs.

317, Connolly Road, Ballyphehane, Cork – GR2928

Acquired under Housing Order No. 1 of 1955 (a) from Edward Barrett, Ballyphehane, Cork by Deed of Transfer dated the 7th of May, 1958 and (b) from Elizabeth Kelleher, Lower Pouladuff Road, Cork by Deed of Transfer dated the 2nd of November, 1956.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to John Declan McNamara c/o O'Donnell Breen-Walsh O'Donoghue, Solicitors, Trinity House, 8, Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

13, Farranferris Park, Farranree, Cork – GR2926

Acquired by Agreement from Timothy Murphy, 2, Lucan Place, Western Road, Cork by Deed of Transfer dated the 20th of November, 1936.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above-mentioned premises to John Carroll, 13, Farranferris Park, Farranree, Cork for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

74, Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork – GR2896

Acquired by Agreement from Edward Duggan, “Gurranabraher House”, Blarney Street, Cork by Deed of Conveyance dated the 10th of December, 1935.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Reps. Jeremiah Guiney Decd. c/o O'Donnell Breen-Walsh O'Donoghue, Solicitors, Trinity House, 8, Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

10, St. Annes Road, Gurranabraher, Cork – GR2927

Acquired under the 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 Helen and Michael O'Donovan c/o Gerard Hanley, Solicitors for the sum of £5.00 plus costs.

Comhairleoir C. Burke declared his interest in relation to Disposals 6.6(a) and Homville, Wycherley Terrace.

6.7 **EXEMPTION FORM PAYMENT OF REFUSE CUM SERVICE CHARGES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager and Town Clerk dated the 16th November 2000 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

"That this Corporation, in line with existing government policy, exempt all householders over seventy five years of age, from payment of Refuse cum Service Charges."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – Ref. 00/227)

The report stated Cork Corporation has a very generous Waiver Scheme for persons in the lower income groups who may qualify for full/part waiver. Automatic Waivers are granted to all Old Age Pensioners (aged over 65 years) who satisfy the Waiver Scheme guidelines. Accounts are not issued except for spot check purposes in a small number of cases.

The cost to Cork Corporation of implementing the Waiver Scheme is in excess of £1m per annum.

It would not be acceptable or fair to extend full waivers to persons over 75 years of age who may be in a financial position to pay for their Refuse Collection Service as the cost of the Waiver Scheme is borne by households who pay their Refuse Charges.

An Chomhairle also agreed that the matter be considered again in the context of the Estimates for 2002.

6.8 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2000.**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from its meeting held on 22nd January 2001, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 18 January 2001, on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

(a) Waiver of Commercial Rates for Pre-School Services

"That this Council wishes that Commercial Rates should be waived on buildings or those parts of buildings in which "pre-school services" are delivered."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. Ahern - Ref. 00/341)

(b) Child-Care Facilities

"That this Council agree that any premises providing Child-care facilities, only have the section of the premises used for such activities evaluated."

(Proposer: Seanoir C. O'Connell - Ref. 00/352)

(c) Exemption of Commercial Rates for Child Care Facilities

"That this Council seek to make all child care facilities exempt from the payment of commercial rates."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle - Ref. 00/357)

The report stated that the position in relation to the contents of the above Motions is that Rates are payable on all premises used commercially, unless declared exempt by the Commissioner of Valuation. In accordance with Section 63 of the Poor Relief Act 1838, premises are declared exempt if used for public or charitable purposes or public worship.

Cork Corporation does not have the power to waive Rates on premises used for Pre-School Services/Child Care Facilities. Pre-schools operate on a commercial basis and, as such, are legally obliged to pay Rates. Local Authorities depend on Rates as their source of income and must collect Rates on all properties that are not exempt. If Rates were to be removed from these categories the effect would be to increase the Rates payable by other Rates payers.

6.9 SINNOTT CASE

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which had been referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2001:-

“ That this Council calls on the Minister for Education and Science to not proceed with the appeal against the High Court decision in the Sinnott case.”

(Proposer : Comhairleoir T. Brosnan - Ref. 00/369)

Following discussion, on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Lynch, An Chomhairle adopted the motion.

6.10 **UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2001

“ That this Council expresses its concern at the continued trends in national budgetary policies which exacerbate the ways in which the wealth of the nation is being enjoyed by the most marginalised in our society, when contrasted against that enjoyed by the most affluent.”

(Proposer : Comhairleoir D. Boyle – Ref. 00/386)

Following discussion, a vote was called where there appeared:-

FOR:- An t-Ard-Mheára Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, Seanoir C. O’Connell, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, K. Lynch, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, J. O’Brien, J. Corr, J. Minihan and D. Boyle – 10

AGAINST:- Seanoir T. Shannon , Comhairleoirí T. Falvey and S. Martin – 3

An t-Ard-Mheára declared the motion carried.

6.11 **BUDGET**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred to it for approval from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2001:-

“That this Council congratulates the Minister for Finance, Mr Charlie McCreevy TD on the Budget recently presented to Dail Eireann.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir - T. Brosnan - Ref. 00/391)

Following discussion, a vote was called where there appeared:-

FOR:- Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Falvey, J. Minihan and S. Martin – 5

AGAINST:- An t-Ard-Mheára, Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, Seanoir C. O’Connell, Comhairleoirí K. Lynch, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, J. O’Brien, J. Corr and D. Boyle. –8

An t-Ard-Mheára declared the motion defeated.

6.12 **BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES BOARD**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which had been referred to it for discussion from the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2001.

“That this Council express its continued lack of confidence in the board of the Blood Transfusion Services Board over its failure to properly provide assurances over the future of the blood testing laboratory at St. Finbarr’s Hospital, Cork.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle - 01/006)

Following discussion, on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle seconded by Comhairleoir K. Lynch, An Chomhairle adopted the motion and agreed that it be brought to notice of the Minister for Health and the Blood Transfusion Services Board.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

8. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

8.1 **GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS ANNUAL SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanadóir D. Cregan, Comhairleoirí L. Burke and J. Dennehy at the General Council of County Councils Annual Seminar 2001 on 26th & 27th January 2001 in Castlebar, Co.Mayo.

8.2 **A.M.A.I. CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan and Ml. Ahern at the A.M.A.I. Conference on the 9th & 10th February 2001 at Tralee, Co.Kerry.

8.3 **ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanadóir D. Cregan, Comhairleoirí L. Burke and T. O’Driscoll at the Association of Health Boards in Ireland Annual Conference to be held on 30th & 31st March 2001 at Bundoran, Co.Donegal.

8.4 **NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoirí C. O’Connell, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, Ml. O’Connell, K. Lynch and T. O’Driscoll at the National Planning Conference at Ormond Hotel, Kilkenny on 22nd & 23rd March 2001.

9. **MOTIONS**

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

9.1 **PLAYGROUND AT PARK OWEN**

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/196)
- Environment Committee

9.2 **CLEAN UP GREEN AREA AT BERLINGFORD DRIVE**

That Cork Corporation would clean up the green area in Berlingford Drive, Church Road and replace the fence between Berlingford Drive and Clontarf Estate.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – Ref. 00/307)
- Environment Committee

9.3 **POLICY ON PURCHASING PRIVATE HOUSES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT STOCK**

That a report be presented to Council on Cork Corporation policy on purchasing private houses for Local Government stock. The Report would include criteria for purchases bearing in mind that it is Government policy to have a fully integrated housing programme. What is the purchase breakdown per electoral ward?. How many purchases have been made in County Council areas?. What is the average purchase price per house? What was the highest price paid? Finally, what is the maximum number to be purchased in any given estate?.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/376)
- Housing – Strategic Policy Committee

9.4 **STRAWBERRY HILL, SHANAKIEL**

That the road in Strawberry Hill, Shanakiel would be resurfaced urgently.”

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – Ref. 01/002)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.5 **CLEAN UP OF GLASHEEN RIVER**

That Cork Corporation take immediate action to deal with the intolerable condition of the land on the banks of the Glasheen River where it abounds Deanrock Estate, Riverview Estate and Sandymount Avenue and to clean up what has now become an obvious public health hazard.

The affected area, which is located inside the safety railings adjoining the river, is totally overgrown, is unhygienic, stinking and is now rat infested and therefore a major danger to public health in the area.”

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – Ref. 01/011)
- Environment Committee

9.6 **GREEN MAN CROSSING AT CLASHDUV ROAD**

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: Comhairleoirí S. Martin and M. Shields – Ref. 01/013)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.7 **INFILL HOUSING ON LAND ADJOINING AVONMORE PARK**

That in-fill housing be provided on the land adjoining house number 18 Avonmore Park, Mayfield and that the walk-way between Avonmore Park and Mount Brosna be closed.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher – Ref. 01/014)
- Housing Committee

9.8 **RESURFACE AVONMORE PARK**

That Cork Corporation resurface Avonmore Park in 2001

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – Ref. 01/015)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.9 **MANDATORY WATER FLOURIDATION**

That this Council has no confidence in the state’s continuing policy of mandatory water flouridation.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – Ref. 01/016)
- Environment – Strategic Policy Committee

9.10 **RESOURCE CENTRE FOR CHURCHFIELD AREA**

That Cork Corporation would work with the local voluntary organisations in the Churchfield area and with the statutory agencies towards planning, developing and building a resource centre which would cater for the needs of the area”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – Ref. 01/017)
- Environment Committee

9.11 **ESTABLISH INDIVIDUAL BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT FOR EACH HEALTH BOARD HOSPITAL**

That Cork Corporation calls on the Minister for Health to establish individual Boards of Management for each hospital, which are presently under the control of the Health Boards.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke – Ref. 01/018)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

9.12 **GREEN MAN CROSSING AT PALACE ANNE LAWN**

That a Green Man crossing be put in place by McCarthy Shop/Palace Anne Lawn, South Douglas Road.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon and Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 01/020)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.13 **BOUNDARY EXTENSION**

That Cork Corporation would commission a report to examine the issues surrounding a possible boundary extension.

(Proposers:- An t-Ard Mheára Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, Seandóir D. Cregan, Comhairleoirí D. Clune T.D, J. Corr, B. Bermingham, B. Allen T.D., L. Burke T.D. and C. Burke – Ref. 01/024)
- Development & Planning – Strategic Policy Committee

9.14 **COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPLEX AT MAHON**

That this Corporation immediately release all monies held to allow for the soonest possible completion of the Community Centre complex at Mahon.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – Ref. 01/025)
- Environment Committee

9.15 **TO RECOGNISE COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY EFFORT IN THE CITY**

That this Council put in place an initiative to recognise community voluntary effort in this city, in this the United Nations Year of the Volunteer.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle – Ref. 01/026)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee

9.16 **PALISADE FENCING AT BEECHWOOD GROVE**

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Ml. O’Connell – Ref. 01/027)
- Environment Committee

9.17 **HARTLANDS ROAD**

That Cork Corporation would as a matter of policy include Hartlands Road in its review of areas affected by disc parking in view of the fact that cars are now parking there in order to avoid the disc parking zone in the vicinity of U.C.C.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll – Ref. 01/028)
- Roads Transportation & Safety Committee

9.18 **CAR PARK FOR PEDESTRIAN WALK IN MAHON**

That the Corporation provide a car park in association with the pedestrian amenity walk in Mahon which commences at Castle Road and terminates in Rochestown in the interests of traffic safety.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Counihan – Ref. 01/030)
- Environment Committee

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