

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAI

CORK CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 8th JULY, 2002**

- PRESENT:** An tArdmheara Comhairleoir J. Kelleher in the chair
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, L. Burke
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoiri K. Lynch T.D., B. Allen, T.D., D. Wallace,
C. O'Leary
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoiri C. Burke, M. O'Connell,
J. O'Brien
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoiri D. Clune, J. Corr, J. O'Flynn,
D. Counihan, J. Minihan
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoiri S. Martin, D. Cregan
- SOUTH WEST** Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoiri M. Ahern, B. Bermingham,
P.J Hourican
- ALSO PRESENT** Ms. S. Buckley, A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation
Ms. E. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. D. O'Mahony A/Senior Executive Officer
Ms. U. Ramsell, A/Senior Staff Officer
Ms. M. O'Mahony, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR THE NATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to host a Civic Reception to honour participants of the National Special Olympics.

2. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to :

- Owen & Sheelagh O'Callaghan, Glen Farm, Rochestown, Cork on the death of their daughter Hazel.
- Mrs. Murphy and family, 35 Brandon Crescent, Dillons Cross, Cork on the death of Mr. Con Murphy.

- Eileen, Phoenie, Pat and Walsh Family, Beaumont Cottages, Churchyard Lane, Ballintemple, Cork on the death of Josephine Walsh.
- The Horgan Family, Mercier Park, Curragh Road, Cork on the death of Mr. Derry Horgan.
- The O'Leary Family, 1 St. Rita's Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork on the death of Mr. Derry Horgan.

3. **MINUTES**

Minutes of

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24th June 2002.
 - (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 28th June 2002
 - (c) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 1st July 2002
- were considered and approved.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **REFURBISHMENT OF GRAND PARADE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan a written reply was circulated which stated that based on the contract price for the St. Patrick Street scheme Cork City Council would require a further 8,530,000 Euro to complete the refurbishment of Grand Parade as originally outlined to Council.

4.2 **STRIKE NOTICE BY MANUAL WORKERS OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O'Connell a written reply was circulated which stated that this issue has been a source of contention for many years and has been the subject of numerous referrals both to the Labour Relations Commission and the Labour Court. It is clear from these referrals that both sides have a different interpretation of what the agreement provides. These differences have been addressed in a number of recent interventions by the Labour Relations Commission. Discussions on the current dispute are ongoing with the Union with a view to resolving the issues without the need for industrial action.

4.3 **LOCAL AUTHORITY TENANTS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell a written reply was circulated which stated that the abandonment of a Local Authority dwelling by a tenant does not of itself interfere with their legal rights over any property which they may have left in the premises. In such cases Cork City Council will endeavour to regularise the position with regard to possession of the premises and in relation to any possessions within same, by having the tenant sign a formal Surrender of Tenancy which

acknowledges that the City Council holds no liability in relation to articles left by the tenant in the house. There is not a statutory period provided for in housing legislation relating to the removal of property from an abandoned dwelling.

5. **STANDING ORDERS**

- 5.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle resolved to revoke existing Standing Orders with effect from 17th July 2002 and in lieu thereof formally adopted new Standing Orders for the Regulation of the Business of the Council and of the Committees thereof under the Local Government Act 2001, subject to the following amendment to Item 16 of Standing Orders on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

"Each Member shall be limited to proposing and moving a maximum of two motions at Council Meetings, either operational or policy, for which notice is required to be given under these Standing Orders save otherwise than with approval of An tArd Mheára".

6. **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION**

An Chomhairle considered the City Manager's report dated 8th July on Cork City Development Plan Review. The report stated that an eight week preliminary consultation period ran from 19th March, 2002 to 13th May, 2002 during which public meetings were held, written submissions were invited and service providers were consulted. The report summarises the issues raised through this consultation process and gives the Manager's response and recommendations on them. The issues raised and the responses to them will form a major input into the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

Members now have a period of up to 10 weeks to issue any formal directions to the Manager on the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

It is proposed to hold a seminar in early September (details to follow) to facilitate Council's consideration of this report.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

7.1 **MONTHLY ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended June 2002.

7.2 **ALTERNATIVES TO INSTALLATION OF RAMPS FOR TRAFFIC CALMING**

An Chomhairle noted the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 regarding alternatives to the installation of ramps for traffic calming.

An Chomhairle also agreed to ask the Director of Services/City Engineer to review the current specifications used for speed ramps.

7.3 **TAXI FARE STRUCTURE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican and seconded by Comhairleoir B. Allen, T.D., An Chomhairle adopted the following Resolution :-

"That the following Taxi Fares in the Cork Taximeter Area be amended with effect from 15th October, 2002

DESCRIPTION	PRESENT	PROPOSED
Minimum Day Fare	€2.85 (7/13 th or 3 mins 14 seconds)	€3.11 (2/3 mile or 4 mins)
Minimum Night Fare	€3.60 (7/13 th or 3 mins 4 seconds)	€3.35 (2/3 mile or 4 mins) between 10pm & 8am.
Distance Charged	10c per 1/13 th mile day & night.	Day Fare (8am-10pm) 12c per 1/12 th mile Night Fare (10pm-8am) 15c per 1/12 th mile
Rate per mile	€1.30 per mile day & night.	Day - €1.44 (8am-10pm) Night - €1.80 (10pm-8am, Sunday & Public Holidays)
Waiting Time per hour	€13 per hour day & night	€14.40 per hour day (8am-10pm) €18 per hour night (10pm-8am, Sunday & Public Holidays)
Soiling Charge	€25.40	€25
Public Holiday charge	€1 extra from 8pm on day before until 8am on day after	Incorporated in night fare
Luggage Charge	50c per item	50c per item (€1.00 max luggage charge)

7.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – 56 & 57 ST. JOHN'S WELL, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle adopted the following Resolution :-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

The Public Right of Way, extending Eastwards from the Cul de Sac located between house numbers 56 & 57 St. John's Well for a distance of 31.48 metres approx. and extending Southwards from the Cul de Sac located between house numbers 56 & 57 St. John's Well for a distance of 62.44 metres approx. shall be extinguished forthwith.

City Manger to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required form of order".

7.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – CLARKES ROAD / LOWER FRIARS WALK, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle adopted the following Resolution :-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

The public right of way over the pedestrian laneway adjacent to No. 2 Clarkes Road, extending for approximately 70 metres connecting Clarkes Road and Lower Friars Walk to the rear of Tory Top Library shall be extinguished forthwith.

City Manger to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required form of order”.

7.6 **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORK COUNTY COUNCIL AND CITY COUNCIL OF CORK FOR THE GRADE SEPARATION OF SARSFIELD ROAD AND BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern and seconded by Comhairleoir D. Clune, An Chomhairle adopted the following Resolution :-

“That Cork County Council, being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the powers, functions and duties of Cork City Council (including the power to acquire compulsorily any lands and the preparation and publication of an Environmental Impact Statement) insofar as they relate to, concern or arise from the grade separation of Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road Roundabouts, including realignment and upgrading of the South Ring Road (N25) between and on the approaches to the junctions and all other approach roads to the junctions (including Sarsfield Road to its junction with Wilton Roundabout and Bishopstown Road to its junction with Waterfall Road), and any associated works and roadworks should be executed by Cork County Council (which said works are hereinafter referred to as “the said purpose”), hereby resolves to enter into an agreement with Cork City Council for the said purpose pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993”.

7.7 **DISC PARKING CONTROLS IN THE GLASHEEN ROAD AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 regarding Disc Parking Controls in the Glasheen Road Area.

The report stated :

(Bendemeer Pk., Coolgarten Pk., Dorgan’s Rd., Glasheen Pk., Glasheen Rd., Kilcrea Pk., Lima Lawn, Linaro Ave., Liseux Pk., Magazine Rd., Robin Hill Ave., Robin Hill, School Ave., Sheare’s Ave., The Orchard, Victoria Cross Rd.

The Glasheen Rd. Area, as defined above, was part of a disc parking zone extension scheme, which was approved some time ago by Council and the Gardaí. Recently, the local residents in both areas have become anxious for the disc parking controls to be implemented into their areas.

The attached schedule gives details of the locations of the parking controls. It is planned to implement the controls during the summer months.

7.8 **RENEWAL OF FOOTPATHS AT FAIRY LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

“That Fairy Lawn be included in next year’s programme for path renewal.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/290)

The report stated that we will consider this work for inclusion in the 2003 Roadworks Programme.

7.9 **PELICAN CROSSING ON AVENUE DE RENNES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

“That Cork Corporation install a Pelican Crossing on Avenue De Rennes, Mahon near the new Gaelscoil as a matter of urgency. This facility is necessary to ensure that students attending the school and local residents can cross this busy road in safety.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/238)

The report stated that Traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Avenue de Rennes to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility.

If the warrants exist, the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be put forward for consideration in next year’s road programme

7.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT DUNLOCHA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would provide traffic calming measures at Dunlocha Cottages, Blackrock with a view to controlling the speed of traffic though the area’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Clune T.D. Ref. 02/91)

The report stated that I have arranged for both traffic count by type and traffic speed surveys to be carried out to determine fully the precise extent of speeding in the area. When the results of such surveys are available our Road Design Division will make recommendations on the appropriateness or otherwise of traffic calming measures in the area. At that stage the proposals can be put forward for consideration in next year's Roads Programme.

7.11 **COURTOWN DRIVE TARMACED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That the green area fronting houses 9 to 13 inclusive in Courtown Drive would be tarmaced because, during winter, the area becomes soft and muddy and the residents, having parked their cars on the roadway, are forced to go through the green area resulting in their homes being destroyed with mud’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. Ref. 02/110)

The report stated that Reduction of green areas in the residential parts of the city has environmental and planning implications and needs to be carefully considered. In many cases, views vary among the residents themselves as to the desirability of carrying out these alterations to green areas/road surfacing. Also, there is no financial provision in the 2002 Roadworks Programme for carrying out this type of work.

7.12 **PARKING / LIGHTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That more car-parking spaces and more public lights be provided at St. Joseph's Park, Boherboy Road, Mayfield’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher Ref. 02/111)

The report stated that A design scheme has been drawn up to upgrade all the public lighting at St. Joseph's Park. Total estimated cost is €14,000. It will be put forward for consideration in next year's roads programme.

The area will also be visited in conjunction with the Garda Síochána to determine if any action can be taken to improve the existing parking facilities in the estate.

7.13 **LIMIT SPEED ON REDEMPTION ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That appropriate traffic control measures would be put in place to limit speed and protect the safety of residents and their parked cars on Redemption Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Quill Ref. 02/113)

The report stated that traffic and speed surveys will be carried out on Redemption Road in order to determine the extent of the speeding problem. The Roads Design Division will then investigate if there are any appropriate measures that could be installed to alleviate the problem for the residents in the area.

7.14 **TRAFFIC CHAOS AT SILVERHEIGHTS JUNCTION / N.R.R.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork Corporation in conjunction with the Gardai take immediate action to relieve the traffic chaos at the junction of Silverheights Road and North Ring Road and again at the junction of Boherboy Road and North Ring Road as residents of Silversprings and Lotabeg areas find it impossible to access the North Ring due to continuous congestion caused by poor traffic management’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan Ref. 02/116)

The report stated that the problems referred to in the above motion are linked to the operation of two other junctions on the North Ring Road, i.e.

- Colmcille Avenue/North Ring Road
- Old Youghal Road/North Ring Road (Tinker’s Cross)

These junctions either have inadequate or no storage area for right turning vehicles. A right turning vehicle accessing Colmcille Road, and which does not get a sufficient gap in the northbound traffic, can quickly cause a queue to occur as far as the junction with Silverheights Road.

The solution is to carry out local road widening in order to create space for right turning traffic. The Roads Design Division is currently investigating proposals for the two junctions in question and a further report will be issued on completion of design proposals.

7.15 **GLANDORE AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council meet the requests of the Glandore Avenue Residents Association in relation to signage, road marking, traffic calming street lighting and a pedestrian crossing on the Blackrock Road outside of St. Michael’s Church.’

(Proposer Comhairleoir D. Boyle Ref. 02/118)

The report stated that the junction of Glandore Avenue and Blackrock Road has very poor visibility. It will require special treatment in relation to signage, road markings, etc. The Traffic Division has met with representatives of the Residents Association from Glandore Avenue and a number of improvement measures have been agreed at this stage.

Traffic and pedestrian surveys will also be carried out on Blackrock Road to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility.

If the warrants exist, the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be put forward for consideration in next year’s road programme.

7.16 **ROAD RESURFACING – CONGRESS, FRIARS, MT. PLEASANT ROADS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

“That Congress Road, Friars Road and Mount Pleasant Road be included in next year’s Road Resurfacing Programme.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/295)

The report stated we will consider this work for inclusion in the 2003 Roadworks Programme.

7.17 **PELICAN CROSSING ON THE SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork Corporation install a pelican crossing on the Skehard Road between the C.S.O. and the church as a matter of urgency. This facility is necessary to ensure that local residents can cross this very busy road in safety.’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/239)

The report stated that traffic and pedestrian surveys will also be carried out on Skehard Road to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility.

If the warrants exist, the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be put forward for consideration in next year's road programme.

7.18 **BISHOPSTOWN BY PASS**

An Chomhairle agreed to hold the motion in Committee for further discussion.

‘That this Council favours option B (or B + E) as the Bishopstown By Pass and that funding of same be sought forthwith.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham Ref. 02/122)

7.19 **RESURFACING AT CHURCHFIELD TERRACE EAST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork Corporation would arrange to carry out resurfacing work at Churchfield Terrace East as a matter of urgency’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch Ref. 02/125)

The report stated that the road surface is concrete and generally is in a satisfactory condition for its age. However, there are a number of areas which are now deteriorating due to work carried out by Utility Services in recent years. It is these areas that are cause for concern.

We will carry out a programme of patching and repair, at the earliest possible time to rectify defective areas. Otherwise, we will consider this work for inclusion in the 2003 Roadworks Programme.

7.20 **TRAFFIC MARKINGS BE PLACED ON DEERPARK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That traffic markings be placed on, and near the vicinity of Deerpark Road, to discourage indiscriminate parking especially at the entrances of Deerpark and Ros Barra housing estates’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle Ref. 02/128)

The report stated that Deerpark Road at the locations referred to in the above motion will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and any necessary parking controls to improve road safety in the area will be installed.

7.21 **YELLOW BOX BE PLACED ON THE MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle agreed to hold the motion in Committee for further discussion.

‘That Cork City Council would arrange for a yellow box to be put in place on the Model Farm Road at the junction with Melbourne Court and that this work would be carried out at the earliest possible date’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke Ref. 02/133)

7.22 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT GERALD GRIFFIN AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council introduce Traffic Calming Measures at Gerald Griffin Avenue to help reduce speed’.

(Proposer: Seanoir N. O’Flynn T.D. Ref. 02/136)

The report stated that I have arranged for both traffic count by type and traffic speed surveys to be carried out to determine fully the precise extent of speeding in the area. When the results of such surveys are available, our Road Design Division will make recommendations on the appropriateness or otherwise of traffic calming measures in the area. At that stage the proposals can be put forward for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

7.23 **RESURFACING AT GREENMOUNT BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

“That Greenmount Buildings be included in next year’s Resurfacing Programme and also that a study would be carried out on the state of the footpath in Greenmount Buildings.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/296)

The report stated that the road in Greenmount Buildings was resurfaced earlier this month. The footpath renewals will be considered for inclusion in the 2003 Roadworks Programme.

7.24 **PELICAN CROSSING AT WALLACE AVENUE / VICTORIA AVENUE / BOREENMANNA ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

That Cork Corporation install a bleeper system on the Pelican Crossing at the junction of Wallace Avenue/Victoria Avenue and the Boreenmanna Road.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/240)

The report stated that I wish to advise that I have now made the necessary arrangements to install as requested, an audio tactile push button on the pelican crossings in this area and would hope to have the work completed during the Summer period.

7.25 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing with light control put in to facilitate pedestrian crossing of Dublin hill at Marian Park to service Hawthorn, Glenthorn and Delaney Park areas’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch Ref. 02/134)

Traffic and pedestrian surveys will also be carried out on Dublin Hill to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility.

If the warrants exist, the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be put forward for consideration in next year’s road programme.

7.26 **TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR SILVERSPRINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council prepare a traffic calming plan for the Silversprings / Boherboy area to include Boherboy Road, Silverheights Road, Silverheights Avenue and Silverheights Drive and that the plan would include reasonable estimates of the costs involved in the options presented in the plan so that Council in turn can make financial provisions in the 2003 Estimates of Expenses for such traffic calming measures to be put in place’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan Ref. 02/146)

The report stated that The provision of traffic calming on Silverheights Road as is included in the 2002 Roads & Transportation Programme is considered to be the first element of an overall Traffic Calming Plan for Silverheights / Boherboy Area. The

provision of traffic calming on one section of route, while it will achieve its desired aim to calm the traffic in that area, may give rise to the migration of some traffic onto adjoining routes.

The fact that Silverheights Road is part of the city bus route, means that the area is unsuitable for the provision of ramps, and consequently other conventional forms of traffic calming will have to be employed such as road narrowing, lateral deflection, etc. This type of traffic calming will consequently result in considerable costs per installation and therefore only a limited area can be treated during the current year, due to funding constraints.

The area identified above will be examined and an appropriate scheme will be designed for installation in this area, as appropriate funding becomes available. A further section of the scheme will be put forward for consideration under the 2003 Traffic Calming Programme.

Public consultation will be undertaken, which includes notification in the public press, prior to implementation of any works in the area.

7.27 **RESURFACING GREENMOUNT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

"That Greenmount Place be resurfaced and the open space on Greenmount Avenue be cleaned up and resurfaced."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/297)

The report stated that we will consider the resurfacing of Greenmount Place for inclusion in the 2003 Roadworks Programme.

Reduction of green areas in the residential parts of the city has environmental and planning implications and needs to be carefully considered. In many cases, views vary among the residents themselves as to the desirability of carrying out these alterations to green areas/road surfacing. Also, there is no financial provision in the 2002 Roadworks Programme for carrying out this type of work.

7.28 **DISC PARKING IN DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

"That Cork City Council would introduce Disc Parking in Dublin Hill as a matter of urgency."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch Ref. 02/135)

The report stated that over the last ten years, the disc parking zone has been extended incrementally in order to remove the nuisance of commuter parking in residential areas within walking distance of the city centre. This “walking distance” is continuously increasing in length, and commuters are prepared to walk longer and longer distances in order to avail of free parking. The process of extending the disc parking zone will continue until distances are so far that commuters will transfer to other modes of transport to work.

The current zone finishes at the junction of Shandon Street/Roman Street and an extension to Dublin Hill is impractical. Isolated pockets of disc parking controls will also not work, as the ‘problem’ parkers will just move to the adjacent areas.

The current disc parking extension scheme is not yet fully complete. It is planned to have it completed by the end of this summer. A new disc parking zone extension scheme will then be drawn up for consideration and areas including Gerard Griffin Street, Great William O’Brien Street may be included. It is unlikely that the proposals will include the installation of controls in Dublin Hill. This area will have to await another scheme.

7.29 **'STOP' SIGN AT SEMINARY PLACE AND SEMINARY WALK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

"That Cork City Council would erect a 'Stop' sign at the junction of Seminary Place and Seminary Walk".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke Ref. 02/155)

The report stated that the junction of Seminary Place and Seminary Walk will be visited in conjunction with the Garda Siochána and if it is deemed appropriate the ‘Stop’ sign will be erected.

7.30 **ROAD SIGNS & ROAD MARKINGS AT ONSLOW GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

"That Road Signs and Road Markings be put in place as a matter of priority in Onslow Gardens. If the resources are not available in this years road works programme then provision be made in next years programme to allow the works be carried out".

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. O'Brien Ref. 02/157)

The report stated that having reviewed the lining and signage in Onslow Gardens, I am pleased to advise that a sum has been included in this year's Roads Programme to undertake the necessary road lining and signage. The work envisaged will be carried out during the Summer period.

7.31 **REINSTATEMENT BE CARRIED OUT ON CARRIGMORE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

"That Cork City Council would arrange for emergency reinstatement to be carried out on Carrigmore Avenue, Middle Glanmire Road and for the Avenue to be resurfaced as soon as possible."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan Ref 02/159)

The report stated that this particular avenue is private and has not been taken in charge, therefore we are not in a position to carry out this work.

7.32 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY AT ASHWOOD CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 27th June, 2002 on the following motion:-

"That Cork City Council implements as a matter of urgency the procedure for the extinguishment of the right of way entering Ashwood Close, Commons Road. Given the dramatic increase in antisocial behaviour at this location in recent months and the very real danger posed to the personal safety of residents by these individuals, that the City Council engages in a pro-active approach and immediately sets about tackling this problem. That the Council would ensure that funding for said extinguishments would be made available."

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Kelleher T.D. Ref. 02/161)

The report stated that Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 provides for the extinguishment of public rights of way. Over the years many requests have been received to extinguish rights of way but because of lack of funding we were unable to undertake any of these extinguishments. However in 2001 and 2002 Cork City Council provided a budget of €126,974 in the Estimates to allow work to be undertaken on these extinguishments.

In order to prioritise work, all requests for lane closures are submitted to the Ward Meeting for their consideration. The Ward Members recommend a Work Programme based on these requests.

The above request should be submitted to the Ward Meeting for their consideration.

7.33 **SAFETY CRASH BARRIER OUR LADY OF LOURDES NATIONAL SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle agreed to hold the motion in Committee for further discussion.

"That Cork Corporation would as a matter of urgency erect a Safety Crash barrier outside Our Lady of Lourdes National School, Ballinlough, as promised two years ago".

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/235)

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the monthly report of Director of Services for the month of June, 2002.

8.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the quarterly report of Director of Services for the quarter ended 27th June, 2002.

8.3 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING PROGRAMME - PURCHASE OF SECOND HAND HOUSES**

An Chomhairle noted the report of Director of Services on Circular Letter N4/02 Local Authority Housing Programme - Purchases of Second Hand Houses in 2002.

8.4 **RENTED SUBSIDY SCHEME AT MAHON, CORK - CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on making of an additional loan to Cluid Housing Association Ltd. (formerly St. Pancras Housing Association Ltd.) in relation to Rental Subsidy Scheme at The Maples, Ballinure, Mahon, Cork.

The report stated the Circular outlines that while the purchase of second hand houses continues to provide an important element in meeting Local Authority housing needs, the Minister is concerned that excessive use of second hand purchases can place Local Authorities in direct competition with first time purchasers especially lower income first time purchasers.

Accordingly, Cork City Council is permitted to acquire 20 no. second hand houses as part of the Housing Programme for 2002.

The following Resolution was adopted by An Chomhairle:

'Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €4,296,499 be granted to Cluid Housing Association Limited subject to the conditions of the Rental Subsidy Scheme.'

8.5 **REFURBISHMENT OF BUILDINGS - ELDERLY/DISABLED TENANTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion :-

“That Cork City Council would ensure that any further refurbishment of the buildings throughout the City would include walk in showers rather than baths to accommodate those tenants of Cork City Council who normally are either elderly or disabled and in turn avoid unnecessary expenditure of taxpayers money”.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch Ref. 02/123)

The report stated that the space limitations inherent in the red brick buildings and in their refurbishment, already severely limit their suitability for wheelchair or ambulant impaired tenants. The current practice is that showers are included in 50% of the properties (with baths in the remaining 50%) when refurbishment is being carried out.

In the design of facilities for the relatively small number of buildings yet to be refurbished, and in view of the tenant profile of the buildings generally, account will be taken of the needs of existing or future tenants in relation to the provision of low step or level deck showers where practical, having regard to spatial constraints and safety considerations.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **INTERNATIONAL HUMBERT SCHOOL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the International Humbert School Conference, which took place from 2nd - 7th July 2002 in Co. Mayo.

10.2 **DR. DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri B. Bermingham and J. Corr at the Dr, Douglas Hyde Conference, which is taking place from 19th - 21st July 2002 in Co. Roscommon.

10.3 **PARNELL SUMMERSCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the Parnell Summer School 2002 which is taking place from 11th - 16th August in Co. Wicklow.

10.4 **'PLANNING FOR ALTERNATIVE RURAL ENTERPRISE'**

An Chomhairle approve the attendance of Comhairleoiri T. Shannon and S. Martin at the 'Planning for Alternative Rural Enterprise' Seminar which is taking place from 12th - 13th July, 2002 in Oughterard, Galway.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **RED ABBEY**

‘That plans be drawn up to secure the Red Abbey and surrounding area. This is one of the oldest historical sites in Cork City and there is now a real need to secure this landmark.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/299)
(**Planning & Development Functional Committee**)

11.2 **SOUTH LODGE**

‘That Cork Corporation erect a name plate on a suitable stone base at South Lodge Grove, Douglas, Cork.

(Proposer:- Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/243)
(**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**)

11.3 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of putting in place a pedestrian crossing at the point of Harbour View Road which accesses the Industrial Estate.

A Pedestrian Crossing would be ideally situated in and around the entrance to Hollywood Estate’.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir K. Lynch Ref. 02/139)
(**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**)

11.4 **RAILINGS BE ERECTED AT THE SIDE OF NO 82 ARDCULLEN**

‘That railings be erected at the side of No. 82 ArdculLEN to stop people using the alleyway for anti-social behaviour and also to protect the residents of No. 82 from people jumping over the wall every time the gardaí arrive’.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir M. O’Connell Ref. 02/153)
(Roads & Transportation Functional Committee)

11.5 **RESURFACE ROADWAY AT IONA GREEN**

‘That Cork City Council resurface the roadway at Iona Green, Mayfield as a matter of priority as it is in a poor condition’.

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan Ref. 02/169)
(Roads & Transportation Functional Committee)

11.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

‘In light of the demand for traffic Calming Measures throughout the City and in particular in housing estates this Council adopts as policy that the developer of all new housing estates will be required in conjunction with their Planning Permission to include appropriate traffic Calming Measures including signage an part of the development where deemed necessary by this Council’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Minihan Ref. 02/172)
(Roads & Transportation Functional Committee)
(Planning & Development Functional Committee)

11.7 **PROGRAMME FOR PROSPERITY AND FAIRNESS**

‘The Fine Gael Group calls on the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment to honour the commitment of the Government, in respect of Community Employment places as outlined in the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness and seeks an immediate cessation of any reduction in places, pending full consultation with existing schemes and further calls on the Government to recognise the enormous positive contribution made by the participants to the Community Employment Schemes and to community development generally’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoiri B. Allen TD., B. Bermingham, C. Burke, L. Burke, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Cregan, P.J. Hourican Ref. 02/173)
(Recreation, Amenity & Culture)

11.8 **TELEVISION SIGNAL AT THE NORTHSIDE OF CORK CITY**

'That Cork City Council calls on RTE to review the strength of their television signal across the northside of Cork City especially in estates out of line of sight from Spur Hill transmitter and that consideration be given to locating a transmitter in the Rathcooney area.

(Proposer : Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, Ref. 02/170)
(**Planning & Development Functional Committee**)

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18 Iúil 2002