

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2002

PRESENT: An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kelleher in the chair, subsequently An Leas - Ardmhéara Seanoir M. Quill in the Chair.

NORTH EAST Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher, T.D.

NORTH CENTRAL Seanoir N. O'Flynn, T.D., Comhairleoiri K. Lynch T.D., B. Allen T.D.

NORTH WEST Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoiri M. O'Connell, J. O'Brien, C. Burke.

SOUTH EAST Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoiri D. Clune, J. Corr, J. O'Flynn, D. Counihan, J. Minihan.

SOUTH CENTRAL Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoiri T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan Chris O'Leary.

SOUTH WEST Seanoir J. Dennehy, T.D., Comhairleoiri M. Shields, B. Bermingham, P.J Hourican, M. Ahern.

ALSO PRESENT Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager
Mr. M. Riordan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer
Roads, & Transportation
Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community
Mr. T. Fleming, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. T. O'Sullivan Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. F. Long Senior Engineer, Housing & Community
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Planning & Development
Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

Apology: Comhairleoir T. Falvey

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to :-

- The Duill Family, on the death of Orla Ní Dhuill
- The Coffey Family, on the death of Josephine O'Neill
- The Barry Family, on the death of Paddy Barry
- The Coughlan Family on the death of Ina Coughlan

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations to :-

- Delaney Rovers (Intermediate Hurling Champions)
- St. Nicholas Minor Football Team

2. **MINUTES**

a) Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council held on Monday 23rd September 2002, were considered and approved.

b) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23rd September 2002, were considered and approved.

3. **ROLE OF FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle agreed to discuss the Role of Functional Committees at a Special meeting of the Committee of Whole Council.

4. **SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council to allow members to be briefed on expected financial situation for the Budget 2003.

5. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D., seconded by Seanoir M. Quill it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the resignation of the Director of European Capital of Culture. The Manager reported that he had read a copy of Mr. Beattie's statement issued to the media and that it did not reflect the factual position. The Manager stated that he was already in discussions with another candidate and he hoped to have a replacement Director in place within ten days.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **DEANROCK REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that draft proposals have been prepared by the City Architect for the regeneration of Deanrock Estate. These proposals have been submitted to the Department of the Environment & Local Government for consideration. The Department's approval is being sought to bring the project to detailed design stage which will involve an active public consultation process. The Department's decision in this regard is awaited.

6.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT RISE BISHOPSTOWN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields, a written reply was circulated which stated that work is commencing on the Traffic Calming schemes next

week, and The Rise will be completed as one of these scheme within the following six weeks.

6.3 **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT MAGLIN GROVE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, a written reply was circulated which stated that the need for infill housing was highlighted by residents during the course of consultation which took place on the formulation of proposals for the regeneration of the Deanrock Estate. It had been intended to incorporate infill units as part of regeneration proposals.

The City Architect has now been requested to survey the area in question to establish the feasibility of building new houses with a view to undertaking the formal Part VIII Planning Process for such a proposal early in 2003.

6.4 **HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE FLATS IN THE GLEN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir K. Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the District Heating system in the Glen and Togher flat complexes consists of centralised duty and standby boilers delivering heat to the individual apartments.

The practice over a number of years has been that the heating system is switched off during the summer months, generally when the ambient temperature remains above 10 degrees C, using the South Munster 5 day weather forecast provided by Met Eireann as an indication of temperature levels.

In relation to greater flexibility of implementation of the temperature guidelines, City Council staff do have regard to changeable weather conditions and to requests from tenants in relation to heating levels, particularly when actual temperatures vary from those forecasted.

It should be noted, however, that because of the type and size of system, it can take up to 12 to 18 hrs for the system to reach normal operating levels, in circumstances where the system has been switched off for a protracted period.

6.5 **GRAFFITI AT THE WILTON ROUNDABOUT**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that this piece is by John Burke and was sited in 1985. It is the largest and most ambitious ever undertaken by John Burke, a renowned and highly respected artist who played an influential part in the development of Irish Sculpture in the 60's and 70's. The National Sculpture Factory compiled a maintenance report for the sculptures of the City in 1993 and it includes a recommended maintenance procedure for this work.

The sculpture itself is in excellent condition, however, the paint is very faded and there are some areas of rust staining and graffiti. The National Sculpture Factory has

now been contacted and asked for an estimate for cleaning and re-painting, with a view to proceeding in the near future.

6.6 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN HILLCREST AVENUE

In response to question submitted by Seanoir D. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that work is commencing on the Traffic Calming schemes next week, and Hillcrest Avenue will be completed as one of these schemes within the following six weeks.

6.7 MAXOL SITE AT AVONMORE MAYFIELD

In response to question submitted by Seanoir M. Quill, a written reply was circulated which stated that the solicitor for the owner has confirmed that they hope to sell the property in the near future, they have exchanged contracts with a potential buyer - however, when Maxol sold the site they retained certain rights over the property and the owner is currently trying to resolve this with Maxol. The matter will be kept under review.

6.8 NAMEPLATES AT GLENVIEW PARK

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the need for name-plate signage for Glenview Park has been made known to the Building Contractor who has undertaken to provide such signage. The appropriate name-plates should be in place before the end of October.

6.9 IRISH NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Minihan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the TP application no 02 /26739 submitted by the Irish Nationwide Building Society is under consideration at present.

The proposal does materially contravene the current city Development Plan
The current offices of Irish Nationwide are very inadequate and not suitable for staff or public .As part of the application the Building society has referred to no 35/37 St Patrick's Street which was in its ownership. The premises had previously been used for a hot food takeaway.

The sale of the property was made conditional on the premises reverting to retail use. This has been secured and a covenant was included in the agreement for sale that the premises would not be let or sold for use as a restaurant for the sale of fast food for a period of six years. The ground floor of the former Burgerland premise is 355 Square meters, the ground floor of the former Benetton Premise is 76 square meters this gives a nett gain of 279 square meters or 3000 square feet of important Retail space. In any event a change of use would require Planning Permission at that stage.

It is intended therefore to initiate the procedure for a material contravention of the Development Plan to allow permission to be granted to the building society for the change of use of no34 St Patrick's street from retail to offices.

TP /25652/01 Development at the former Ardfallen Motors site on the Douglas Road, Cork.

Permission was granted, subject to 2no. conditions, on the 5th April 2002 for the development comprising 3 no. ground floor retail units, 3 no 1st floor offices/medical surgeries & a two storey child/day care centre, including ancillary car parking & site works.

The Council became aware on the 30th May 2002 of the commencement of development prior to conditions precedent being complied with. An inspection was carried out and a Warning Letter was issued on 30th June, 2002

Following meetings with the Developers/their agents, the residents & Ward Members all the conditions have been complied with save for the following:

- Condition 3 –Use of the medical/surgery units (to be agreed prior to occupation).
- Condition 4 –Advertising signs/structures (to be agreed prior to occupation)
- Condition 5 –Details of signs & their positioning (to be agreed prior to occupation).
- Condition 10 – Bonds (Council to advise developer on Bond value).
- Condition 11 – Legally Incorporated Management company submission received. Developer to furnish copy of memorandum of Management company.

When the Council became aware of the unauthorised development of 2 no. basements within the development, a further Warning Letter issued on 14th August, 2002. The Director of Planning & Development, having met the Developers and their Agents, took a considered view not to institute legal proceedings on the grounds that the basements were for ancillary storage only & would not alter the overall height or appearance of the development.

The Developers were advised to lodge an application for Retention which was received on the 23/08/02 (TP 26367/0) and is at present being considered by the Planning Authority.

Cork City Council does not in any way condone unauthorised development & will take enforcement action when necessary. The Developers in this case have been warned of the serious consequences, which will arise if there are further breaches of the planning permission granted to them.

7. **BANDON RD/SARSFIED RD ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle noted the proposal for the Bandon Rd / Sarsfield Road roundabout grade separation.

8. **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO.3) OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW 1998**

An Chomhairle considered the Proposed Variation (No. 3) of the Cork City Development Plan Review and the adoption of the following resolution :-

‘Having considered the Variation in the context of the proper planning and sustainable development of the City of Cork and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government and the report of Mr Jim

O'Donovan, Director of Services, Planning and Development dated 9 October 2002, exhibiting the Report of Ann Bogan, Senior Planner (Planning Policy) dated 9 October 2002, it is hereby resolved pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 that the Cork City Development Plan Review 1998 be varied as set out below:

1. Revise Figure 5.3 (see attached) by:
 - Including site bounded by Cornmarket Street, Saint Paul's Avenue, and Little Market Street (known as Guy's site) in the "Commercial Core Area" zoning;
 - Deleting "General Employment and Residential Uses excluding Shopping and Offices" zoning relating to the Guy's site;
 - Designating the site as an Area of Renewal to Facilitate High Order Retail Development.
1. Amend paragraph 5.19 by deleting the third and fourth "bullet points" and replacing them with:
 - *The development of a major multiple store at the western end of Saint Patrick's Street would provide a necessary "anchor" to the smaller shops located on Saint Patrick's Street and other smaller streets, and facilitate the necessary expansion of the prime shopping area. The site bounded by Cornmarket Street, Saint Paul's Avenue, and Little Market Street is currently vacant and should be brought forward for development to fulfil this function. The site will be designated a retail opportunity site, the purpose of which is to facilitate development for higher order retail uses (for example, department store, fashion goods) at ground and first floor levels. This will assist the city centre to maintain its role as the primary location for comparison shopping in the region. (This would not preclude development for other uses on other floors). The former St. Paul's Church fronting onto Paul Street forms part of the site, and should be re-used and conserved in an appropriate way as an integral part of any redevelopment. . Provision should be made for a pedestrian access to the development site from Paul Street via the Saint Paul's churchyard. The churchyard itself must be retained as an open space and should be converted to a public open space. Any application for development on this site will be considered in the light of these objectives.*
 - *The Council will prepare an urban design strategy for Cornmarket Street and its context. This will outline a vision for the area that demonstrates its full potential as an extension to the Prime Shopping Area, the built form and the character of the public realm. The urban design strategy will ensure that the management of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, Casual Trading Area and proposed Tourist Route are compatible with the existing and proposed uses. The strategy will also include development principles for the key development sites in the area'.*

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan proposed and Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded that the resolution be adopted

A vote was called for where there appeared :-

For: An tArdmheara Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, Seanoiri M. Quill,
N. O'Flynn T.D., D. McCarthy, J. Dennehy, T.D., Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, B.
Kelleher T.D., K. Lynch T.D., C. Burke, J. O'Brien, D. Clune, J. Corr, J.

Against: Seanoir C. Connell – **1**

An tArdmheara Comhairleoir J. Kelleher declared the resolution adopted.

It was agreed that full consultation would take place with residents on the development of the urban design strategy.

9. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2001**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Chomhairle J. Corr, An Chomhairle adopted the Draft Annual Report 2001.

10. **SPONSORSHIP OF €5,000 TO THE 8TH ANNUAL EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES 2002**

On the proposal of Chomhairle J. Corr, seconded by Chomhairle J. O'Brien, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager, dated 10th October 2002 in relation to a request for financial assistance for the 8th Annual European Summer School in Local Government and adopted the following resolution :-

‘RESOLVED pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 that Cork City Council pays to the 8th Annual European Summer School in Local Government studies 2002 a sum of €5,000, for the purpose as described in the Report of the City Manager dated the 10th September 2002’.

11. **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WHICH WAS DEFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 14th OCTOBER 2002**

An Chomhairle deferred the nomination of a representative to fill the casual vacancy on the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee arising from Comhairleoir Kathleen Lynch T.D's resignation from the Committee.

12. **MOTIONS**

12.1 **TREATY OF NICE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion deferred from Council meeting held on 14th October 2002 :-

‘This Council urges a **YES VOTE** on **the NICE Treaty** aware of its role in a developing European Union and facilitating

1. The process of enlargement enabling Eastern European Nations the opportunity for economic & social development that Ireland enjoys today
2. A united, fair, just, prosperous and peaceful Europe.
3. A Neutral Independent Europe, developing policies and practices, acquiring allies and friends, contributing and enriching to peoples in need and enriching

humanity and civilisation into the 21st Century’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 02/190)

A vote was called for there appeared :-

For: An Leas – Ardmheara Seanoir M. Quill, Seanoir J. Dennehy, Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher T.D., K. Lynch T.D., J. Corr, J. Minihan, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, P.J. Hourican **-12**

Against: Seanoir C. Connell, Comhairleoir Chris O’Leary **-2**

An Leas -Ardmheara Seanoir M. Quill declared the motion approved.

12.2 **TELEVISION SERVICES IN IRISH COURTS**

An Chomhairle deferred consideration of the following motion which had been deferred from Council Meeting of 23rd September 2002 :-

‘That this Council calls on The Minister for Justice and Law reform to introduce, at the discretion of the presiding Judge, sensitive to the right to privacy and, and with awareness of the presumption of innocence, a comprehensive Television Service in Irish Courts at all levels giving the population a greater understanding and appreciation of the Irish legal system.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 02/203)

13. **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

13.1 **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D., seconded by Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., An Chomhairle approved Comhairleoir Chris O’Leary to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Boyle T.D. on the Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

13.2 **RECREATION, AMENITY AND CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved Cork City Community Forum’s nominee Maurice MacCarthy, to fill the casual vacancy on the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Sister Enda Dineen.

14. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions to be held :-

- (1) The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, to mark the Society’s first ever A.G.M. to be held in Cork.

- (2) Nemo Rangers Senior Football Team
- (3) Delaney Rovers (Intermediate Hurling Champions)

15. **RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

15.1 **CEMETERY PROVISION**

An Chomhairle approved the report subject to also examining other areas for crematoria.

The report of the Director of Services on cemetery provision was considered by the Committee. The report stated that there are currently 1,800 plots remaining in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Kilcully with another 3,000 plots remaining in St. Michael's Cemetery. The report also considered demand for a crematorium. It was noted that whilst cremation was available as an option in Ireland since 1982 cremation still only accounted for 5% of deaths per annum with demand only growing at 5% annually. Crematorium require:- (a) Chapel and seating capacity, 80 people approx. (b) Separate building nearby to house cremator units approx. 400 sq. metres (c) Two cremator units costing in the region of €250,000 with a minimum of 800 cremations per annum deemed necessary to break even.

The report recommended that Cork City Council examine the possibility of purchasing additional land adjoining St. Catherine's Cemetery to facilitate future provision of burial space and explore feasibility of using St. Finbarr's Cemetery as a crematorium at some future date.

16. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

16.1 **ROADS CONTROL UNIT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd October, 2002, regarding the Roads Control Unit.

16.2 **GREEN ROUTE STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd October, 2002, regarding Green Route Strategy.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

18. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

18.1 **CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE : A BASIS FOR JOB CREATION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Falvey at Cultural Infrastructure : A Basis for Job Creation being held in Hotel Minelia, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on 18th – 19th October 2002.

18.2 **LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE MEDIA**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy and Comhairleoir S. Martin at : Local Authorities and the Media being held in La Touche Hotel Greystones, Co. Wicklow on 4th – 6th October 2002.

18.3 **SPORT HEALTH & RECREATION – THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy at Sport, Health & Recreation being held in Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare on 19 – 21st September 2002.

18.4 **‘BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT – IS IT WORKING ?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at ‘Better Local Government – Is It Working?’ being held in The White House Hotel, Ballinlough, Co Roscommon on 31st October 2002.

18.5 **FINANCE POLICY & PRACTICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri B. Bermingham & D. Counihan at the Finance Policy & Practice Conference being held in The Rochestown Park Hotel Cork on 2nd November 2002.

18.6 **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION LAMA**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoiri M. Shields & D. Counihan at the Local Authority Members Association LAMA being held in Dolmen hotel, Carlow on 8th – 9th November 2002.

19. **MOTIONS**

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

19.1 **FLOODING AT MOUNT SION ROAD/BONAVENTURE PLACE**

“That remedial work be carried out to eliminate the flooding and the water lodging that has become a permanent feature of the Mount Sion Road/Bonaventure Place junction.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 01/021)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.2 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON MAGAZINE ROAD**

“That Cork Corporation put double yellow lines on Magazine Road where it intersects with Coolgarten Park and Wellington Square. There are “No Parking” signs already in place but there are no double yellow lines and as a result there is great danger in exiting both these areas.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 01/022)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.3 **LANDLORDS / PROPERTY**

‘That this Council agree that immediate action be taken against landlords / property owners who have left their properties lapse into dereliction and disrepair, particularly in the Lough View, College Road, Connaught Avenue and Gilabbey Street areas.’

(Proposer: Seanoir C. O’Connell 02/208)

- **Planning & Development Functional Committee**

19.4 **PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS**

Because of the alarming increase in traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities on Irish roads, that Cork City Council would pass a resolution requesting The Minister to include the following amendment to Section 47 of the Road Traffic Act 1961/199

‘That all provisional driving licence holders be restricted to a maximum speed limit of 50 miles per hour whilst driving on Irish roads.’

And to seek the support of the other local authorities in the Country for the above motion.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Shields 02/210)

- **Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**

19.5 **REFURBISHMENT OF THE GENTS TOILET MERCHANTS QUAY**

‘That money is provided for the demolition or the refurbishment of the Gent’s toilet located on Merchant’s Quay, which in one of the biggest eyesores in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Shields 02/211)

- **Environment Functional Committee**

19.6 **BUILDINGS TO BE REFURBISHED**

‘For buildings that are to be refurbished that the person should have a choice of a shower or a bath.’

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 02/213)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

19.7 **WASHING OF THE CITIES MAIN STREETS AND FOOTPATHS**

‘That provision be made in the upcoming estimate for regular washing and power hosing of the cities main streets and footpaths, to eliminate the unsightly stains and blemishes that are disfiguring areas such as Emmet Place and our flag footpaths throughout the city.’

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill 02/214)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.8 **PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM**

‘That provision be made in the upcoming estimates to enable a new public lighting system to be put in place at the following estates

- 1) Avonmore Park
- 2) St. Josephs Park Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill 02/215)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.9 **DERELICT SITE AT ASSUMPTION ROAD, BLACKPOOL**

‘That plans be drawn up immediately for a new housing scheme at the derelict site of No. 15B Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork which is owned by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D. 02/216)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

19.10 **FOOTPATH IN HILLCREST ESTATE**

‘That the footpath in Hillcrest Estate Blarney Rd. be repaired.’

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 02/220)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.11 **UPGRADE THE LEE FIELDS**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately upgrade the Lee Fields to the standard applied to the playgrounds in the Douglas and Togher areas and to develop areas for walking, cycling, fishing and canoeing in that area adjacent to the river.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. 02/221)

- **Recreation, Amenity Culture Functional Committee**

19.12 **PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

‘That this Council agrees that residents as neighbours in the variety of housing units in the City of Cork are obliged to adhere to laws, bye-laws, leasehold, freehold and tenancy agreements and all, including those in semi detached, terraced, apartments etc, hold a duty of care to each other in the context of promoting peaceful and harmonious close proximity living.

Following which Cork City Council agrees to facilitate neighbours to discover and identify ownership of property for bona fide lawful reasons including to facilitate communication, problem solving in the first instant and should difficulties not be resolved, for legal action as a last resort.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 02/223)

- Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

19.13 **BISHOPSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

‘That this Council report on :-

1. Its current intention and time scale on the opening of the long awaited Public Library in the Bishopstown area.
2. Its current option in the light of developments at the Wilton Shopping Centre and The Orchard Site and decide on a Location forthwith to avoid any dangers of a withdrawal of declared public funding for this project.
3. The amount of local funding necessary and the amount to be included in estimates 2003.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 02/224)

- Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.14 **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council is opposed to the current cuts in the Community Employment Programme which impact both on the participants and the Community and Voluntary Sector, subsequently this will lead to the halting of the delivery of vital services across the city i.e. Community Centres, Meals on Wheels, sports facilities, childcare, youth services, services for the elderly etc. and records its opposition to the Government on the current cuts in the Community Employment Programmes, the effects and the inadequate supports put in place to maintain services in the Community and Voluntary Sector in Cork City’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Chris O’Leary 02/225)

- Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

19.15 **FLOOD TRIBUNAL**

"That Cork City Council commends and supports the outcome of the Flood Tribunal in targeting and uncovering those involved in corruption both at the political and official levels of society.'

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Chris O'Leary 02/226)

19.16 **HARTLANDS AVENUE BE INCLUDED IN ROADS PROGRAMME 2003**

'That, because of the deplorable condition of both the road and footpaths in Hartlands Avenue, they be included in the Roads Programme of 2003'.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Ahern 02/228)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.17 **SPEED RAMPS AT SILVERHEIGHTS**

'That speed ramps be placed on the upper section of Silverheights Drive Mayfield'.

(Proposer: An tArdmhèara Comhairleoir J. Kelleher 02/229)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.18 **ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES**

That Cork City Council make financial provision in its 2003 Estimate of Expenses for resurfacing roadways at Woodhill Park and Tivoli Estate.'

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 02/230)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.19 **HOUSE PURCHASERS**

'That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for the Environment and the Government to reintroduce Certificates of Reasonable Value as a mechanism to protect the interests of house purchasers.'

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 02/231)

- **Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee**

20. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 12. Tender for litter bins
- 4. Tender for trees

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ARDMHEARA
CATHAOIRLEACH

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

24 Deireadh Fómhair 2002