

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2002

- PRESENT:-** An tArd-Mhéara, Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll in the Chair.
Subsequently An Leas-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir Sean Martin in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Seanoir M.Quill, Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Seanoir N. O'Flynn T.D., Comhairleoiri K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoiri T. Falvey, M..O'Connell, J.O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoiri J. Corr, J. O'Flynn, D. Counihan, J. Minihan.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoiri D. Cregan, D. Boyle.
- SOUTH WEST** Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoiri M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, P.J Hourican.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager
Mr. M. Riordan, Director of Services Corporate Affairs
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. Mary Loughheed, Director of Services Housing & Community
Mr. Kevin Terry, Director of Services/City Engineer
Mr. Denis O'Mahony, Director of Services Environment
Mr. Joe Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture
Mr. Stephen Scully, Administrative Officer Recreation Amenity Culture
Mr. Michael Tierney, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs
Ms. Mary O'Mahony, Staff Officer Corporate Affairs

An tArd Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to:

- The Bradley Family, 56 Barrack Street on the death of Mona Bradley
- The Cregan Family, 73, Nuns Walk on the death of Brendan Cregan
- The O'Neill Family, 8 Hollymount Est. Blarney Rd, on the death of Matthew O'Neill

1.1 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Comhairleoir Jonathon O'Brien proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to consider the following motion :-

'To ask Cork City Council to support motion calling on UCC to withdraw invitation to Henry Kissinger'

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. O'Brien)

A vote was called for where there appeared:

FOR: Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. O'Brien, J. O'Flynn, D. Boyle **-5**

AGAINST: An t-ArdMheara Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll, Seanoirí M. Quill, J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher T.D., B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, T. Falvey, M. O'Connell J. Corr, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, S. Martin, D. Cregan, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, P.J. Hourican **-18**

An tArd Mhéara declared the motion defeated.

1.2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Seanoir Con O'Connell proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to consider the following motion :-

'That this Council disassociates itself from decision to invite Dr. Henry Kissinger to Cork.

(Proposer: Seanoir Con O'Connell)

A vote was called for where there appeared:

FOR: Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, K. Lynch, M. O'Connell, J. O'Brien, J. O'Flynn, D. Boyle **-7**

AGAINST :An t-ArdMheara Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll, Seanoirí N. O'Flynn T.D. McCarthy, J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher T.D. B. Allen T.D. D. Wallace, T. Falvey, J. Corr, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, S. Martin, D. Cregan, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, P.J. Hourican. **-18**

An tArd Mhéara declared the motion defeated.

2.1 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11th January, 2002 were approved.

2.2 **IRELAND REJECTION OF THE NICE TREATY**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion deferred from its meeting of 11th February, 2002 :-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the European Commission to take note of Ireland’s rejection of the Nice Treaty and ensure that provision is made for all participating states to have permanent representation at Commissioner level’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan – Ref. 02/05)

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **SEVERE FLOODING IN THE CURRAGH ROAD TURNERS CROSS AREA**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin the following written reply was circulated which stated that this flooding occurred after torrential rain on the night of Dec.2nd and on Dec.3rd. Consequently, the road drainage system was overloaded. The new road drainage maintenance unit in Road Maintenance will prioritise the cleaning of gullies at this location to try and avoid a recurrence of such flooding.

3.2 **PARKING AT LIAM LYNCH PARK AND ROGER CASEMENT PARK, GLASHEEN ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mary Shields the following written reply was circulated which stated that a meeting was recently held with the residents of Liam Lynch Park to discuss the parking problems in the area. The residents were of the opinion that staff parking from the nearby Cork University Hospital was the main cause of the parking problems.

It was decided that a schedule of parking restrictions be drawn up for the area and if agreed with themselves and the Gardai, would be implemented as soon as possible.

In an effort to reduce the use of Liam Lynch Park and Roger Casement Park as a ‘through route or rat run’, prohibitions on right turns movements in and out of the junction of Liam Lynch Park/Wilton Road have also been agreed

3.3 **FLOODING ON COLLEGE ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Colm Burke the following written reply was circulated which stated that the above location was resurfaced in August 2000. In order to remedy drainage problems arising we propose to install 3 new gullies along this section of College Road within the next 2 weeks.

This should considerably improve road drainage here and if there are any further problems we will deal with them whilst resurfacing the remainder of the road during the summer of this year.

3.4 **TREE TRIMMING ON THE BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Billy Kelleher the following written reply was circulated which stated that remedial pruning work on the above trees is scheduled for March 2002.

3.5 **DERELICT SITE AT ENTRANCE TO THE ENGLISH MARKET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Damien Wallace the following written reply was circulated which stated that the procedures for acquisition of this site have been completed under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

Objections were received and An Bord Pleanála's consent to the compulsory acquisition of the property was sought on 22nd January 2001.

On 12th December 2001, the City Manager wrote to An Bord Pleanála asking for an early decision to be made in the case.

3.6 OVERCROWDING AT NO. 6 BRANDON CRESCENT, DILLONS CROSS

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir John Kelleher the following written reply was circulated which stated that an application for an extension to relieve overcrowding was received from the tenants of this dwelling and plans were prepared by the City Architect's Department. The extension proposed was deemed unsuitable due to the inadequate ground space at the rear of the property. In addition, the tenants indicated that they were no longer interested in an extension and would be seeking a transfer to a larger local authority property.

To date, no application to transfer has been received in the Housing Allocations Department. However, should an application be submitted, Cork City Council will consider the application for re-housing to larger accommodation.

3.7 RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT MAPLE PLACE TOGHER

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir John Dennehy the following written reply was circulated which stated that the City Architect's Section have inspected the above site and reported that it is not possible to provide infill housing to the rear of the flats.

However, as a short term measure, consideration could be given to the carrying out of works that would help alleviate parking difficulties at the above location.

3.8 BISHOPSTOWN RELIEF ROAD

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham the following written reply was circulated which stated that work has been underway on the report for the Bishopstown Relief Road since before Christmas 2001. At the present time traffic analysis is underway for the Report and this work should be completed in the next few weeks. The report being done is a comprehensive analysis of various options for this route and as such has taken a considerable amount of time to complete.

The final Report will be submitted to the City Manager by mid-April. In relation to the options being considered, a number of options are being investigated within the report.

3.9 WATERVILLE, LOUGH ROAD

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Con O'Connell the following written reply was circulated which stated that the development does not materially contravene the Development Plan. There are no enforcement issues in relation to the development.

3.10 DUMPING AT KINSALE ROAD LANDFILL SITE

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

1. Kinsale Road Landfill Site is an EPA licensed facility for the disposal of non-hazardous municipal solid waste and approved non-hazardous industrial sludges. Since the date of its grant of licence on 2nd February 2000, there is no evidence or record of the illegal dumping of toxic waste or other dangerous material.
2. The measures in place to check vehicles entering the site to determine the materials for disposal are a closed circuit television camera monitored by the weighbridge operator and visual inspections of loads at the working face by landfill staff.
3. Absenteeism at the landfill site is well below the average for outdoor departments in the City Council.
4. The normal working hours for disposal of waste are obviously longer than the EPA licensed opening hours for the acceptance of waste. The only incident of disposal of waste outside of licensed opening hours, but inside of working hours for disposal occurred on 15th June 2001 when a waste contractor and a City Council truck were admitted prior to the licenced opening time.

3.11 CLOSURE OF LANEWAYS

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan the following written reply was circulated which stated that at it's meeting on the 12th November 2001 Council adopted a resolution that the laneway between 70/71 Silversprings Court be extinguished ; a resolution to extinguish the laneway between 4/5 Silversprings Court has yet to be brought before Council.

There are public sewers on both of these laneways and the Drainage section have indicated that they would prefer if these laneways were maintained . However in light of the difficulties that the adjoining residents have experienced the Drainage section are prepared to accept that they be closed off and incorporated into the adjacent gardens provided that :-

- 1) 10 m wayleave is maintained over the sewers or if this is not possible, to the adjacent building line.
- 2) The manholes must be on public areas.

If this can be achieved then a scheme for extinguishing the Right of Way between 70/71 Silversprings Court can be initiated and the proposal will then be discussed with the residents whose property abuts onto the laneway between 70/71 Silversprings Court.

In relation to the laneway between 4/5 Silversprings Court , Bord Gais have made representations regarding a main serving both these houses . Bord Gais have advised that there would be a cost implication of €1,900 to cut, cap and abandon this main and run new services from the gas main on the opposite side of the road.

If an accommodation can be reached with Bord Gais regarding this main a scheme for the closure of this laneway can be initiated . A resolution will be submitted to

Council and if adopted the proposal will then be discussed with the residents whose property abuts onto the laneway between 4/5 Silversprings Court.

3.12 **SURVEY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING ESTATES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESSIBILITY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Jonathan O'Brien the following written reply was circulated which stated that in response to a motion which called for a survey of all Local Authority estates, the Assistant City Manager reported to Members on 4th January, 2001 as follows:

"Housing estates provided by Cork Corporation would have been designed and constructed to the relevant standards then pertaining in terms of both access and fire hydrant provision. In this regard the Chief Fire Officer has indicated that he is not aware of problems in any Local Authority estate which would require remedial action".

It should be noted that it was not proposed at that time to undertake the survey requested.

This report was unanimously approved by Council at its meeting held on 15th January, 2001.

3.13 **PAYMENT TO JEANNIE JOHNSON COMPANY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Dan Boyle the following written reply was circulated which stated that The City Council at its meeting of 30th April 2001 approved the payment of a grant of £10,000 to the Jeannie Johnson project for the purpose set out in the City Managers report.

The approval of the grant was on the basis that the promoters of the project would sail the ship to Cork Harbour within a number of weeks where it would be on display prior to its departure to America. Payment of the grant will not be made having regard to the basis on which the grant was approved. The grant was specific to this project only.

4. **ST. PATRICK'S STREET RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager on St. Patrick's Street Renewal dated 20th February, 2002. The report stated as follows :-

I set out hereunder a report dealing with:

1. Design Issues
2. Funding Difficulties
3. Proposals for Moving Forward

1. Design Issues

There have been serious difficulties encountered in paving schemes undertaken in a number of European Cities in recent years. Paving slabs have become loose and unstable when subjected to vehicular traffic. In a number of instances works have had to be completely re-laid. As a result of these experiences we have arranged for the paving stone specification to be strengthened. We will now be using much deeper stone, smaller flag sizes and a better binding arrangement.

In addition to the problems experienced with the loosening of the stone paving there have also been difficulties of discoloration, staining and maintenance of stone surfaces subjected to vehicular traffic. When seeking tenders we sought prices for an alternative use of asphalt on the carriageway and lay-bys. In the light of research we are proposing to use the asphalt option in areas where there will be vehicular traffic. The Architect, Beth Gali is satisfied that this is an acceptable approach which does not compromise the overall design concept. She has designed the asphalt element to contain sandstone aggregate so that the eventual surface will have a strong exposure of this stone and will have an attractive appearance when weathered.

2. Funding Difficulties

As members are aware the cost of the renewal is far greater than originally estimated. It had been proposed initially to fund the scheme by utilising €6.34 (£5m) from the proceeds of the proposed sale of the Mahon lands and an estimated grant of €2.53 (£2m) from the NRA. The updated final all-in-cost is estimated at €16.7 (£13.2m). Last year we sought assistance from the Department of Environment and Local Government. A proposal was put forward for consideration during the preparation of the Budget but was not successful. The NRA have advised that they are unlikely to make an allocation this year. The Mahon land sale has not happened as planning appeals have been lodged with the Planning Appeals Board. If we are to proceed with the renewal scheme to ensure its completion before 2005, when Cork will be the Cultural Capital of Europe, we have to seek out other ways of funding the scheme.

3. A Way Forward

The proposed St. Patrick's Street renewal is regarded as of critical importance to the commercial development of the city and to its proper presentation in the lead up to 2005. In the current financial circumstances we will have to prioritise and phase developments.

I am recommending that we give priority to the implementation of the renewal scheme for the full length of St. Patrick's Street, i.e. from Patrick's Bridge to Daunt Square and that we defer the Grand Parade element.

We have completed negotiations with the selected contractor and the all-in-cost of completing the entirety of Patrick's Street will be €11.3 (£8.9m).

I am proposing that this cost be funded in the following way:

Under the Urban/Village Renewal Scheme to be implemented over the next four years we were to secure grant funding of €7.8 (£6.18m) to be expended as follows:

Banks of Lee Project	€3.33 (£2.63m)
Oliver Plunkett Street	€2.70 (£2.13m)
Shandon Area	€0.67 (£0.53m)
South Parish	€1.13 (£0.89m)
	<hr/> €7.85 (£6.18m)

Oliver Plunkett Street will not be ready for renewal until the drainage scheme is in place which will be towards the end of 2003. We now propose to seek funding for this renewal through separate E.U. co-finance funding. Deferring part of the works on Banks of the Lee Project (primarily bridges element) would secure €2.25 (£1.77m). By including Patrick's Street in the Urban/Village Renewal Scheme in lieu of Oliver Plunkett Street and part of the Banks of the Lee Project, we can secure the sum of €4.9 (£3.9m). This leaves a gap of €6.3 (£5m). In the circumstances, I recommend that we borrow this amount in the short term.

We will continue to seek grant aid from central sources to enable deferred works to proceed in the future.

In summary, therefore, the cost of implementing the renewal scheme for St. Patrick's Street in its entirety will be €11.3 (£8.9m) to be funded as follows:

Urban/Village Renewal Scheme	€4.95 (£3.9m)
Borrowing	€6.35 (£5.0m)
	<hr/> €11.3 (£8.9m)

Works can commence in April and will take 18 months to complete.

4.1 **BORROWING OF LOAN FOR ST PATRICKS STREET RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle approved the borrowing of a loan of €6,348,690.39 (IR5,000,000) to part fund the renewal scheme for Patrick Street in accordance with the report of the City Manager on St. Patrick's Street renewal dated 20th February 2002.

On the proposal of Seanoir J. Dennehy, T.D. and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle adopted the following Resolution :-

‘RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Local Government (No.2) Act, 1960 Cork City Council borrow €6.4m (IR£5m) in order to fund Street Refurbishment Works at St. Patrick's Street, Cork’.

Borrowing to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Environment and Local Government.

5. **DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

An Chomhairle noted and approved the report of Director of Services Recreation, Amenity & Culture on Douglas Swimming Pool, dated 20th February 2002.

6. **ST. LUKES CHURCH SUMMERHILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 20th February 2002 regarding the taking into public ownership of St. Lukes Church, Summerhill which is no longer required as a parish church.

The report stated as follows :-

St. Lukes Church at Summerhill is no longer required as a parish church. This is a very fine historical building and is listed as a preserved structure.

I have had a number of discussions with the Rector, Rev. Brian O'Rourke, and we discussed the possibility of Cork City Council taking St. Lukes into public ownership. If this is to happen it will require the approval of the City Council and the Representative Church Body in Dublin.

Because of the historical and architectural importance of this magnificent heritage building, which is a landmark building in Cork, I recommend that the City Council formally confirms its willingness to take St. Lukes into public ownership.

If St. Lukes comes into our ownership I would recommend that it be used for an appropriate community or cultural purpose.

7. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMUNITY**

7.1 **DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCHEME**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this Item back to the Housing & Community Services Strategic Policy Committee.

7.2 **PROVISION OF CENTRAL HEATING IN CORPORATION HOUSES**

In accordance with the recommendation of the Housing & Community Services Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 12 February 2002. An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Housing, on the following motion:-

“That all Local Authority houses under the control of the Corporation be fitted with central heating.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Ahern - Ref. 01/332)

The report stated that it is estimated that the cost of installing central heating in Local Authority dwellings would be in the order of €20million. While the City Council Officers have had discussions with Bord Gais on this matter, the question of funding is critical.

It has been indicated to the Housing Department that the Department of the Environment & Local Government will not provide funding for a citywide project to install central heating.

It has been further indicated that the City Council would need to provide such funding from its own resources. No provision has been made for 2002.

Notwithstanding these facts, the Housing Department will continue to press for financial assistance towards installing heating and will examine the possibility of providing funding from other sources. It should be noted that central heating is provided as an integral part of all refurbishment schemes undertaken by Cork City Council in recent years.

8. **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals of Land:

8.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

- (a) Grant of Wayleave of 23m approx. in length and 2m in width over Cork City Council lands at The Orchard, Mahon, Cork, to The Electricity Supply Board, Wilton, Cork.
- (b) Fee simple interest in land at Hollymount Industrial Estate to Tuscarora Ireland Limited, Hollymount Industrial Estate, Hollyhill, Cork for the sum of €2,500 and costs of €650.
- (c) Plot of ground approximately 125 sq. metres in area situated adjacent to 1, Riverview Estate, Cork, to Michael Cavanagh and Evelyn Cavanagh, 34 Riverview Estate, Ballyvolane, Cork, for the sum of €1,904.61 plus costs.
- (d) Site approximately .02 hectares in area and situated at Doughcloyne Industrial Estate, Wilton, Cork, to Patrick Murphy and Christine Murphy c/o Babington Clarke & Mooney, Solicitors, 48 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1904.61 plus costs.
- (e) Strip of ground approximately 21 sq. metres in area at Custom House Street, Cork, to Kiquane Limited c/o O'Flynn Exhams & Co., Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1.27 plus costs.

8.2 **SHARED OWNERSHIP**

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 78 Templeacre Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 1st day of November 1996 to Keith Griffin and Anne Marie Casey for the sum of €41,011.99.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 12 Upper Clarkes Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 2nd day of October 1997 to Stephen Morley and Valerie Sheehan for the sum of €34,103.70.

8.3 **FEE SIMPLE INTEREST**

GR 1993 - 13 Closes Park, Farranree, Cork.

Acquired by Agreement from Frederick J. Sheedy, 41 St. George's Court, Gloucester Road, London W7. &, England by Deed of Conveyance dated the 18th day of January 1939.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above-mentioned premises to Timothy and Catherine O'Sullivan, c/o Murphy & Condon, Solicitors, Bank Buildings, 2 Shandon Street, Cork, for the sum of €6.35 plus costs.

GR 3002 – 29 Glenryan Road, Cork.

Acquired under (1) Ballymachthomas housing Order No. 1 of 1958 from the Incorporated Society for promoting Protestant Schools in Ireland by Deed of Conveyance dated 5th November 1963 and (2) under Derelict Sites Act 1940, Vesting Order 22nd October 1954

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above-mentioned premises to Stephen and Goretti Davies, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, 54 North Main Street, Cork,. Disposal to be by way of Transfer Order for the sum of €6.35 plus costs.

GR 2987 - 90 Upper Doyle Road, Turner's Cross, Cork.

Acquired under Turner's Cross Housing Order No. 1 of 1929 from The Governors of St. Stephen's Hospital by Deed of Conveyance dated 6th March 1933.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest of the above mentioned premises to Marie Petrassi c/o Conway Kelleher Tobin, Solicitors, 28 South Mall, Cork. Disposal will be by way of Deed of Conveyance for the sum of €50.78 plus costs of approximately €454.41.

GR 3010 – 49 & 50 Old Market Place, Cork

Acquired under Ballymachthomas Area CPO No. 1 of 1958 from James Patrick Sarsfield de la Cour, 26 Ovington Court, Brompton Road, London, SW3 and others by way of Deed of Conveyance dated 11th May 1965.

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest in part of the above-mentioned premises to Cornelius O'Donovan, c/o Finbarr A Murphy & Co., Solicitors, Lee White House, 8 Washington Street, Cork, for the sum of €250 plus costs of approximately €650.00. Disposal will be by way of Deed of Conveyance.

GR 1807 – 16, St. Philomena's Road, Gurranabraher, Cork

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

It is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest to Rita Murphy and Janet Murphy c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey, Solicitors, 54 North Main Street, Cork for the sum of €6.35 plus costs.

GR2156 – 3, St. Theresa's Road, Gurranabraher, Cork

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 Elizabeth Hennessy c/o M/S Henry P.F Donegan & Son, Solicitors. Disposal will be by way of Transfer Order for the sum of €6.35 plus costs.

9. **ENVIRONMENT, STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 An Chomhairle agreed to defer the recommendations of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 18th February, 2002 to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 11th March, 2002 as follows :-

9.2 **ENERGY POLICY**

9.3 **CIRCULAR LETTER WP & R 1 / 02**

9.4 **RECYCLING REPORT**

10. **RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

- 10.1 An Chomhairle agreed to defer the recommendations of the Recreation, Amenity & Cultural Functional Committee from its meeting held on 18th February, 2002 to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 11th March, 2002 as follows :-

10.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LEISURE – LIBRARY FACILITIES**

10.3 **LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

10.4 **WILTON SOCCER CLUB**

10.5 **FAIRFIELD**

10.6 **HERITAGE OFFICER**

10.7 **CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND**

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Consideration of correspondence circulated was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 11th March, 2002.

12. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer approval of the following Conferences to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 11th March, 2002 :-

12.1 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

To approve the attendance of Seanoir Con O’Connell and Comhairleoir Michael O’Connell at the Institution of Engineers of Ireland Roads Course: Module 4 Traffic Management to be held at Bloomfield House Hotel, Co. Westmeath on the 25th February 2002.

12.2 **ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND**

To approve the attendance of Seanadair Denis Cregan at the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Spring Seminar 2002 to be held at the Brandon Hotel, Tralee Co. Kerry on the 15th/16th February 2002.

12.3 **THE 13TH COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL “ROADS AND TRANSPORT IN IRELAND”**

To approve the attendance of Comhairleoir Michael Ahern at the 13th Colmcille Winter School “Roads and Public Transport in Ireland” to be held at the premises of the Colmcille Heritage Trust, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 22nd/24th February 2002.

12.4 **19TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA)**

To approve the attendance of Seanoir M. Quill, Seanadair Denis Cregan, Comhairleoiri Liam Burke and Tim Falvey at the 19th Annual Conference Local Authority Members Association Conference to be held at the Brandon Hotel, Tralee Co. Kerry on the 4th/5th April 2002.

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 ESTIMATES AVAILABLE FOR LANEWAY CLOSURES

“That monies be made available in this year’s estimates for laneway closures, and that we also ask Central Government for money in our future Road Programmes under the heading laneway closure.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/249)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.2 ARDMAHON/CHURCHYARD LANE TRAFFIC CALMING

“That Cork Corporation install traffic calming measures on Ardmahon Estates and Churchyard Lane, Well Rd. as a matter of urgency and that consultations take place with local residents beforehand, to obtain their views on the proposed measures to be introduced.”

(Proposer:- Seanoir T. Shannon – 01/232)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.3 ILLEGAL PARKING BY TRAVELLERS - HARBOUR VIEW / HOLLYVILLE / ARDCULLEN

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency carry out works to the green area between Harbour View Road Hollyville Estate and Ardculen to stop the illegal parking of caravans.

This area has over the last couple of years been used as an illegal parking area by Travellers to the distress of local residents and businesses.

I am also asking Council to carry out a feasibility study to determine what use can be found for the now disused basketball and tennis courts built by Cork City Council in the mid eighties, which are now in complete disrepair and are being used more for cider parties rather than sport activities’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’Connell – Ref. 02/24)

- **Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

13.4 HOUSING PROBLEMS – MEDIUM TO LONG TERM PLAN

‘That Cork City Council and Cork County Council set up a Joint Housing Authority to deal with the current housing problems and put in place a medium to long term plan which would set out in a constructive manner the mechanism by which both authorities could achieve full housing.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 02/29)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.5 PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ST. JOSEPHS PARK

‘That Cork Corporation would carry out an immediate evaluation of the public lighting in St Joseph’s Park, Mayfield, with a view to establishing what needs to be done to bring the standard of public lighting up to the norm, and that this work would be carried out without delay’.

Proposer: Seanoir: M. Quill Ref. 02/40)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.6 **AVAILABLE OPEN SPACE IN THE CITY**

‘That this Council have a study conducted of available open space in the city, ascertaining how such space should be maintained, or where possible developed

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle Ref. 02/46)

- **Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

13.7 **PUBLIC LIGHTING / BLACK SPOTS**

‘That the list of areas designated as Public Lighting ‘Black spots’ throughout the City, which were to be identified following the major renewal programme, be now supplied to the Members so as to avoid unnecessary Motions regarding same.’

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy Ref. 02/47)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN BALLINSHEEN COURT, MAHON**

‘That traffic calming measures e.g. ramps, be provided at Ballinsheen Court, Mahon’

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy, Comhairleoir D. Counihan Ref. 02/48)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.9 **SPEED RAMPS AT MURMONT ROAD**

‘That ramps be placed on Murmont Road and Murmont Avenue to reduce the speed of traffic in the area in the interest of public safety’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Allen Ref. 02/53)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.10 **SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

‘That the sewage disposal problem affecting No. 4 Nelson’s Terrace, Lower Glanmire Road, be rectified as a matter of urgency.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher Ref. 02/54)

- **Environment Functional Committee**

13.11 **RENT SCHEME REVIEW**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately seek to revise it’s current rent scheme particularly in light of the difficult financial situation many tenants now find themselves in as a result of the increase to their rent.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Kathleen Lynch Ref. 02/55)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.12 **PROJECT OFFICE FOR KNOCKNAHENY**

‘That a Project Office be put in Knocknahuney for the purpose of integrating all elements of the Master Plan.

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy Ref. 02/56)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.13 **EXTENSION OF DISC PARKING ZONE TO DILLONS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council extend the Disc parking Zone as far as Dillons Cross to include Ballyhooley Road and as far as Ashburton to include Gardeners Hill and that households in the area be issued with special parking permits.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan Ref. 02/60)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.14 **AMEND THE NICE TREATY**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the European Parliament to bring forward proposals to amend the Nice Treaty so that in an expanded European Union ‘Small Nations’ such as Ireland would have permanent representation at Commissioner level.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan Ref. 02/61)

13.15 **BARRIER AT BRIDE VALLEY VIEW**

‘That this City Council put in place a barrier of some sort at Bride Valley View, preventing stolen cars from being driven down the grass bank into the field below at St. John’s Well.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. O’Brien Ref. 02/64)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.16 **INSTALL FIRE ALARMS IN CORPORATION HOUSES**

‘That this City Council as a matter of policy, install fire alarms in all its housing stock.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. O’Brien Ref. 02/65)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN ROSEBANK, DOUGLAS**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately implement traffic calming measures in Rosebank, Douglas. The measures introduced in Tramore Lawn and Belvedere Lawn have resulted in increased traffic levels through Rosebank

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Clune Ref. 02/66)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.18 **CLOSE POST OFFICE LANE / KEFTS LANE ON THE GRAND PARADE**

‘That Cork Corporation would take immediate steps to close the pedestrian access on Old Post Office Lane and Kefts Lane which currently link the Grand Parade and South Main Street.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch Ref. 02/68)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.19 **PLANNING ACT 2001**

‘That this Council use the Social Housing target of the Planning Act (2001) as a rule of thumb guide in purchasing houses in existing residential areas.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle Ref. 02/70)

- **Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.20 **RESTORE THE BRICK PAVING IN CHURCH AVENUE/CHAPEL HILL**

‘That Cork Corporation would immediately reinstate Church Avenue and Chapel Hill adjacent to North Cathedral, and restore the brick paving that was there prior to the ducting work which was carried out by Eircom.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Wallace Ref. 02/71)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14. **TENDERS**

The following tender was opened and referred to Mr. Kevin Terry, Director of Services/City Engineer.

: - Reinstatement Contract 2002

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

7 Márta, 2002.