

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAI

CORK CITY COUNCIL

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

- PRESENT:-** An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll in the chair and subsequently An Leas-Cathaoirleach Comhairleoir S. Martin.
- NORTH EAST** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, L. Burke, T.D.,
B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoiri K. Lynch, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoiri, T. Falvey, C. Burke,
M. O'Connell, J. O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoiri D. Clune T.D., 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. M. O'Mahony, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTE OF SUPPORT**

On the recommendation of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of support to two Peace Campaigners, namely Mary Kelly and Caoimhe Butterly who are Cork residents currently working in the West Bank amidst the troubles in the Middle East

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to suspend Standing orders on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher to approve the following motion:

‘That Council views with extreme concern the Israel invasion of the Palestinian towns and territories, calls for the immediate withdrawal of the invading forces and urges all sides to begin negotiations to resolve the problem in the region’.

An tArd Mheara declared the motion approved.

3. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to:

- The O'Regan Family on the death of John O'Regan, 24, Presentation Place, Greemount
- The Shields Family, on the death of Kevin Shields, 17 Castleknock, Ballincollig
- Eileen Downey, 38 Maddens Buildings, Blackpool on the death of her daughter Rose McCarthy
- The Heaphes Family on the death of Elizabeth Heaphes, The Lough, Cork

4. **MINUTES**

Minutes of

- (a) Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 2nd March 2002.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 25th March 2002.

were considered and approved.

5. **QUESTION TIME**

5.1 **SITE AT WHERLANDS LANE BLACKPOOL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoiri D. Wallace, K. Lynch and B. Allen T.D. on the above matter, the following written reply was circulated which stated that:-

1. The original Contract for Sale provided for the sale of the above lands in two phases by reason of the fact that the Phase 2 lands were not immediately available for development, owing to the fact that they were required as a construction site/compound for the Blackpool By-Pass.
2. The sale of the Phase 1 lands has been completed. Cork City Council is now in a position to give vacant possession of the Phase 2 lands to Eymet Developments Limited and has called upon them to complete the sale. The transfer of the Phase 2 lands will include a covenant by Eymet Developments Limited to develop the property in accordance with the provisions of the planning permission in respect thereof.
3. A number of meetings have taken place with the Developer in relation to compliance with the terms of their planning permission. A number of items remain to be done primarily Drainage and Parks. A bond remains in place with regard to these elements and should the works not be carried out to the satisfaction of the City Council the bond may be redeemed.

5.2 **STUDY OF TWO MAJOR BUS ROUTES IN CITY NETWORK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin the following written reply was circulated which stated that Arup Consulting Engineers were appointed to examine and make recommendations for the No. 6 and No. 8 bus routes of the city network. A final report has been submitted for the No. 8 route and is being presented to the next Roads and Transportation S.P.C. Meeting on the 15th April, 2002. A draft report for the No. 6 route has been submitted for consideration to the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, and it is intended to submit the final report to the June 2002 Meeting of the Roads and Transportation S.P.C.

5.3 **MORTGAGE INTEREST TAX RELIEF AT SOURCE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Ahern the following written reply was circulated which stated that tax relief at Source is in place for all loans under the Housing Loan System, with effect from 1/1/2002.

Relief is based on estimated interest charge for year which will be apportioned across twelve months.

However with regard to H.F.A. Loans, TRS will be applied on an annual basis in June of each year. It has been recommended that the credit will be deducted from their capital balances. This has been agreed by Revenue and L.G.C.S.B.

Cork City Council claim back from Revenue, the T.R.S. on a monthly basis.

5.4 **NO. 138 LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher the following written reply was circulated which stated that the property at 138, Lower Glanmire Road, has been acquired by Cork City Council under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, and the property vested in Cork City Council on the 25th of January, 2002.

The compensation to be paid under section 19 of the Act has not been finalised.

A decision has not yet been made regarding the subsequent use of this property.

5.5 **MAGAZINE RD/GLASHEEN RD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham the following written reply was circulated which stated that the consultation process for the installation of the parking controls in the Magazine Road/Glasheen Road has not yet been completed. There is one more meeting to be held with a local residents group. It is hoped to have this meeting held and the necessary parking schedules ready, for submitting to the next Roads, Transportation & Safety Committee meeting to be held in May.

If approved by Council, the work will be programmed to be done over the summer months.

5.6 **RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER TRAMORE RIVER/ WATER QUALITY IN TRAMORE RIVER**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, the following written reply was circulated which stated that Cork County Council have applied to the Department of Environment and Local Government for funds to undertake the replacement of this bridge on the Kinsale Road. So far they have not been successful in obtaining funds for this work. Cork County Council will again be applying for funds in relation to work to this bridge under the 2003 Programme.

Cork County Council by agreement is responsible for water quality within the Tramore River. Any complaints concerning pollution are investigated and if the polluter can be identified and is in Cork City Council's administrative area proceedings will be issued under the Water Pollution Acts.

5.7 **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, the following written reply was circulated which stated that Cork City Council's Housing Allocations Policy is governed by, and contained in its Scheme of Letting Priorities. This Scheme, which has been adopted by the Members and approved by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government under Section 11 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1988 does not discriminate against any minority group in society.

6. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

6.1 **BYE LAWS FOR HEDGE AND TREE GROWTH**

An Chomhairle approved that the Minister for the Environment & Local Government be asked to give powers to local authorities to control the height of trees and hedges in private gardens.

7. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

7.1 **ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the Annual Environment Report which was referred to An Chomhairle on 25th January 2002.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

9. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

9.1 **TOURISM CONFERENCE "EVENT BASED TOURISM"**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy and Comhairleoir M. Ahern and at the Tourism Conference 'Event Based Tourism' to be held on 12th / 13th April 2002 at the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh.

9.2 **WILLIAM DARGAN LEGACY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon, Seanadair D. Cregan Comhairleoiri L. Burke and S. Martin at the William Dargan Legacy Conference to be held on 12th April 2002 at Esplanade Hotel, Co. Wicklow.

9.3 **LAMA CONFERENCE (LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION)**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the LAMA Conference held on 4th / 5th April 2002 at Tralee, Co. Kerry.

10. **MOTIONS**

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

10.1 **RESURFACING AT CROAGHTAMORE GARDENS AND WEED ERADICATION**

“That the road and footpath be resurfaced and repaired in Croaghtamore Gardens and the park be included in the Weed Eradication Programme.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 00/274)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

10.2 **INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON SUNNYSIDE, BALLINLOUGH**

“That Cork Corporation install traffic calming measures on Sunnyside, Ballinlough 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 – 01/237)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

10.3 **CONTROL SPEED OF TRAFFIC IN BROWNINGSTOWN PARK**

That Cork City Council would introduce some measures to control the speed of traffic in Browningstown Park’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Clune Ref. 02/80)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

10.4 **PARKING IN LOCAL AUTHORITY ESTATES**

‘That £100,000 be provided in the estimates for 2003 for residents Parking in Local Authority Estates’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. Ahern Ref. 02/88)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

10.5 **SEWAGE SPILLING IN HOUSES IN UAM VAR DRIVE**

‘That Cork Corporation would investigate why houses in Uam Var Drive from Nos 94 down have an ongoing problem with sewage spilling onto their front and back gardens because of the absence of a storm drain in the area and that Cork Corporation would rectify the problem as quickly as possible for the residents’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Allen Ref. 02/100)

- **Environment Functional Committee**

10.6 **REDUCE SPEED ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council places speed ramps on the higher section of Cahergal Lawn, Ballyhooley Rd to reduce the speed on the cul de sac’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Kelleher Ref. 02/101)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

10.7 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

‘That a feasibility study be carried out to assess the needs of Blarney Street and Surrounding Areas, that can be used to update The Local Development Plan which is currently outdated.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’Connell Ref. 02/106)

- **Planning & Development Functional Committee**

10.8 **CONVENT AVENUE FOOTPATHS BE REINSTATED**

‘That the footpaths on both sides of Convent Avenue, Sundays Well, be reinstated as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’Connell Ref. 02/107)

- **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

10.9 **LARGE BUILDING NEAR ST. PATRICKS PLACE**

‘That Council request its representatives on the V.E.C. to press for the immediate sale or re – development of the large building near St. Patrick’s

Place at the lower end of Wellington Road, which was formerly part of the School of Music’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. Kelleher Ref. 02/108)

- **Planning & Development Functional Committee**

10.10 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

‘That in the light of recent studies confirming increased risk of children being born with birth defects in mothers who live close to landfill sites, this Council’s application to the Environmental Protection Agency to extend the lifespan of Kinsale Road landfill site be withdrawn’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Boyle Ref. 02/109)

- **Environment Functional Committee**

This concluded the business of the meeting

18 Aibreán, 2002

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