

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2003.

- PRESENT:** An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir C. Burke in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí L. Burke, E. Nelson.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, J. O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. O' Brien.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, P. J. Hourican, F. Dennehy.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. U. Ramsell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An Leas Ard-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28th October, 2003 were considered and approved subject to the following amendments:-

Item 1 be amended to read "To the Family of Eileen Roche on the death of Maurice Roche".

Item 5.8 be amended to include the wording "that residents be consulted".

An Chomhairle approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Whole Council held on 3rd November, 2003.

2. **VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of Sympathy was passed unanimously by An Chomhairle with members standing in silence:-

- To Con Connolly and Family on the death of his wife Dolly.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **PLAYGROUND AND APPROPRIATE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT MURPHY'S FARM, BISHOPSTOWN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mary Shields, a written reply was circulated which stated that a suitable site within Murphy's Farm, Bishopstown has been identified as a location for a children's playground to serve the Bishopstown area and the South West of the city.

Draft proposals from the playground will be prepared early in 2004 for Consultation with the Local Ward Members, Residents Associations, Schools and other interested parties.

The cost of the playground including safer surfacing is estimated at approximately €135,000. A detailed report and agreed layout and costings will be reported to Council in Spring 2004 for consideration.

3.2 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR ARD BHAILE/GLENAMOY LAWN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the proposed location of the pedestrian crossing near Ard Bhaile/Glenamoy is on the No. 8 Bus Green Route.

The Part 8 process for the Green Route is almost complete and if approved, it is planned that work will commence in early 2004.

The provision of the pedestrian crossing is part of the proposed scheme and it will be completed as part of the contract for the project.

3.3 **NUMBER 5 MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that the derelict site at No. 5 Mount Pleasant Avenue was first declared a derelict site by Managers Order dated 18th August, 1999.

Complicated probate matters exist which have to date prevented any redevelopment of the property. Cork City Council's Property Department has been in contact with the solicitor acting for the Estate and has offered assistance to the owners with a view to perfecting title, using the compulsory acquisition procedures of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The matter is ongoing due the complicated title issues involved.

The elimination of rat infestation is a matter for the Southern Health Board. The matter will be referred to the Health Board for investigation and appropriate attention.

3.4 **DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF GRATTAN STREET FROM 1999 TO 2003**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tom O'Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that under the provisions of Section 26.2(g) (h)

of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 and Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a Local Authority may include a planning condition levying development contributions for the provision of public infrastructure/facilities.

At present General Development Contributions, in line with the current Development Contributions Schedule, are attached as a condition precedent to relevant planning permissions. Under this General Scheme all contributions levied are applied on a city-wide basis, with no requirement to identify a direct connection/benefit to the subject permission/development.

Also under this current General scheme, Inner City Amenity and Historic Centre development contributions are levied in respect of relevant planning permissions granted in these areas. Grattan Street comes within this area. The monies collected by Cork City Council in respect of these contributions during the period in question, is set out hereunder:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Historic Centre</u>	<u>Inner City Amenity.</u>
1999	€ 16,089	€ 49,468
2000	23,239	11,180
2001	24,047	39,900
2002	125,748	21,794
to 30/09/03	28,335	101,745
<u>Total</u>	<u>€ 217,458</u>	<u>€ 224,087</u>

In addition to the General Contributions, Special Contributions may also be levied on a case by case basis, where exceptional costs in respect of public infrastructure/facilities which benefiting directly the subject development, not covered by the General Scheme, are incurred by Cork City Council.

3.5 **DOWN-TURN IN CENTRE CITY TRADING CAUSED BY THE ONGOING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Gary O'Flynn, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Manager is in discussion with the Cork Business Association in relation to a contribution towards new Christmas lights for St. Patrick Street.

For this year, the Cork Business Association have decided to put up 4 large Christmas Trees along St. Patrick Street. They will not be doing the full overhead lights for this Christmas. It is envisaged that the New Lighting Scheme will be up for Christmas 2004.

3.6 **FOOTPATHS IN TEMPLEACRE AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Michael O'Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that Roads Maintenance Division has programmed the completion of the footpath works at Templeacre Avenue for the end of November 2003.

3.7 **DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Michael Ahern, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

1. Income for the pool for the period 1st Jan 03 to 30th Sept is € 130k
2. Total expenditure for the period is € 625k, broken down as follows

<u>Wages</u>	<u>€ 469k</u>
Heating	€ 24k
Electricity	€ 21k
Water treatment	€ 13k
Maintenance	€ 11k
Electrical Maintenance	€ 35k
Security	€ 13k
Miscellaneous	€ 38k

Includes equipment, hygiene products
advertising, gym instructor fees etc.

4. **OVERVIEW OF CITY DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of City Manager dated 6th November, 2003 on Centre City Developments.

5. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

5.1 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services outlining the consequences arising from the implementation of a quota on commercial users of the Landfill, waste reduction measures implemented by producers, new and enhanced Civic Amenity Site provided at Kinsale Road, the increased usage of Bring Sites and ongoing improvements in waste compaction techniques at the Landfill.

5.2 **ENERGY STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Director of Services adopting the implementation strategy on energy that had been considered at the July meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee.

5.3 **CLEAN AIR**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this Council gives wholehearted support to the introduction of clean air in the workplace from January 2004.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 03/216)

5.4 **AIR POLLUTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council agrees to measure and report on the pollution caused by all types of public service vehicles and transport / commercial companies in the City of Cork and if deemed necessary to request that conversion to environmentally acceptable solutions / standards be agreed within an acceptable timeframe, giving leadership and advice to all motorists of all fuel propelled vehicles.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 03/217)

The report of the Director of Services which indicated that the Environment Section monitors ambient air quality for a variety of air pollutants and produces an annual report on Air Quality which will be included for discussion at the November meeting of the Environmental Functional Committee.

The ambient air quality in the city has improved over the years arising from the implementation of the ban on the sale of bituminous coal and the introduction of lead free petrol. General indicators are that Cork City is compliant with the various limits set by the EU. On the issue of leadership, the City Council is currently running some vehicles on vegetable plant oil and the results of this initiative are being monitored on an ongoing basis.

5.5 **COMMERCIAL CHARGES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Manager would allow schools in disadvantaged areas not to be charged at the commercial rate of refuse. The cost of refuse had increased considerably due to the fact that milk is now only available in non-recyclable cartons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 03/305)

The report of the Director of Services indicated that as outlined in previous reports to Council Section 5(1) of the Waste Management Act defines Commercial Waste. Commercial waste is waste from premises used wholly or mainly for the purposes of a trade or business or for the purposes of sport, recreation, education or entertainment but does not include household, agriculture or industrial waste.

In line with the polluter pays principle the Commercial rate has to be charged and it is not possible to reduce the charges to schools. However the report also indicated that cognisance is taken of the fact that schools are not open for 52 weeks of the year and the Commercial charge levied reflects this situation.

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

6.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services for the month of October, 2003.

6.2 **DEVELOPMENT AT SHANDON – 17 NO. DWELLINGS & COMMUNAL FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th October, 2003 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 in relation to proposed development of 17 no. dwellings and associated communal facilities at site bounded by No.'s 5-6 Shandon Street, John Philpott Curran Street and Cathedral Avenue, Shandon, Cork.

6.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT SHANDON – 17 NO. DWELLINGS & ARTIST'S STUDIO/RESIDENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th October, 2003 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 in relation to proposed development of 17 no. dwellings and artist's studio/residence at site bounded by John Philpott Curran Street, Cathedral Avenue and Eason's Avenue, Shandon, Cork.

6.4 **EXAMINATION OF SHARED OWNERSHIP SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Shared Ownership Scheme be examined as a matter of urgency as it no longer provides sufficient funding currently at a maximum of €138,000 to enable people to purchase houses with the average house prices now exceeding over €180,000 in most cases.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O' Connell 03/278)

Members were informed that the eligibility criteria and the setting of maximum amounts under the various Local Authority Loans Schemes, including the Shared Ownership Scheme, are a matter for the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The income limits and upper lending limits applying to all loans are currently being examined by the Department and it is expected that they will be increased in the near future. All loan schemes have a statutory basis and as such the City Council is not empowered to vary the terms and conditions.

6.5 **VACANT DWELLINGS & ALLOCATION OF HOUSES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Housing Department seek to reduce the amount of vacant dwellings currently at 324 by 50% by the end of this year, and also when allocating houses to try and ensure that applicants are offered a property in the area of preference so as to reduce the high rate of refusals by applicants over the last year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/279)

Members were informed that the City Council constantly reviews the level of vacant properties in its Housing Stock. With a total of 7,704 properties in stock, a level of approximately 1% vacant properties with the Maintenance Department is considered reasonable having regard to the age profile of the stock and the level of tenancy turnover.

Persons applying to be made eligible for local authority housing with Cork City Council are required to outline their preference areas for housing on their application form. Applicants can change their choice of preference areas as often as they wish.

When making an allocation in a particular area all persons interested in that particular preference area will be considered.

6.6 **DISPOSALS**

The following Disposals were approved:-

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

- (a) Exchange of lands comprising approximately 0.108 hectares (Site B) situated at Churchfield Industrial Estate, in the City of Cork together with €50,790 to Electricity Supply Board in exchange for a plot of land comprising approximately 0.18 hectares (Site A) situated at Upper Fairhill, Cork, to be transferred by Electricity Supply Board to Cork City Council.
- (b) Land approximately 514 sq. metres in area situated at Upper Fairhill, Cork, to J.M.T. & Associates Ltd., c/o Fiona Foley & Co., Solicitors, 2/3 Station Road, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, for the sum of €2,500.00 plus costs, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 1, St. Enda’s Road, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 12th October, 2001, to Catherine Linda Collins for the sum of €82,617.02.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 32, Joe Murphy Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated, 4th October, 2001 to Diarmuid Mullins and Georgina O’Mahony, for the sum of €89,519.20.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 129, Thorndale Estate, Dublin Hill, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 10th April, 2001, to Mark

- Mannix and Sinead Mannix (nee Guiney), for the sum of €88,052.10.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 4, Prosperity Square, Barrack Street, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 16th October, 1998, to James Linehan and Bernadette Linehan (nee Bailey) for the sum of €48,996.96.
 - (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 98, Templeacre Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 2nd December, 2002, to Colin O'Toole and Geraldine O'Toole, for the sum of €90,022.86.
 - (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 10, Ashmount, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 2nd January, 2003 to Ken Flynn and Catherine Gubbins, for the sum of €92,979.91.
 - (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 50, Ashford Heights, Banduff, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 30th July, 2002 to Gwen Browne, for the sum of €81,389.56.
 - (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 149, Farranferris Avenue, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 1st May, 2003 to Kenneth Collins for the sum of €84,688.80.
 - (i) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 108, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 9th October, 2000, to James Healy and Noreen O'Keeffe for the sum of €95,682.22
 - (j) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as "Hillview", 15, Glengarriff Road, Fairhill, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 14th November, 2001 to Fiona McCarthy for the sum of €89,775.69.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Freehold interest in 'Arday', 2, Redemption Road, Cork, to Kieran and Camilla Fox, c/o Irwin, Kilcullen & Co., Solicitors, 56, Grand Parade, Cork, for the sum of €50.79, plus costs of €450.00

7. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

7.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September, 2003.

7.2 DRAFT ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2004

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003, Draft Roadworks Programme 2004.

The Report stated that, application was being made to the National Roads Authority, the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and

the Department of Transport, for funding to enable the Council undertake its planned programme of works on the National and Non-National Roads Network. The Draft Programme detailed the various schemes that were in progress and identified a number of projects which were scheduled to commence in 2004. It was noted that the Draft Programme proposed expenditure on:

National Roads: Capital - €24.75m Maintenance - €3.695m

Non-National Roads: Capital - €25.155m Maintenance - €4.035m

7.3 **AMENDMENT OF CORK COUNTY BOROUGH DISC PARKING AREA BYE LAWS 1998 – FEE FOR RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003, regarding Amendment of Cork County Borough Disc Parking Area Bye Laws 1998 – Fee for Residents Parking Permits.

On the Proposal of Seanoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“Resolved that

(22) Issue of and fee for Resident’s Parking Permit

- (1) A resident’s parking permit shall be issued by Cork City Council upon payment of the prescribed fee in respect of the parking of a vehicle in a disc parking area in a zone within the functional area of Cork City Council.*
- (2) The fee for a resident’s parking permit shall be such fee as may be prescribed by Cork City Council from time to time.*
- (3) A resident’s parking permit shall be issued by Cork City Council in respect of one vehicle only, of which the resident is now the owner and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue in respect of that vehicle and for the zone to which the permit relates.”*

7.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT NUTLEY ROAD, MAHON.**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Nutley Road, Mahon.

On the Proposal of Seanoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“Now Council here RESOLVES THAT

The existing pedestrian laneway, running between 18 and 19, Nutley Avenue, connecting Nutley Road with Beechwood Park and Nutley Avenue, extending

from the South Western corner of the Boundary at 18, Nutley Avenue in a general North Westerly direction for a distance approximately 21 Metres, shall be extinguished.

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City

Council the required Form Of Order “

7.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT LOUGHMAHON, MAHON.**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Loughmahon, Mahon.

On the Proposal of Seanoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D Clune, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“Now Council here RESOLVES THAT

The existing pedestrian laneway , running between 4 and 5 Loughmahon Drive , connecting Loughmahon Drive with the Paddock , Mahon , extending from the rear of the northern footpath on Loughmahon Drive in a Northerly direction for a distance of approximately 37 metres , to a location between 5 and 6 The Paddock, Mahon , Shall be extinguished

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City
Council the required Form Of Order “

7.6 **FRIARS WALK – FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Friars Walk from Tower Street to St. Patrick’s Road be included in the footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/104)

The Report stated that, Friars Walk from Tower Street to St. Patrick’s Road will be assessed for inclusion in the 2004 footpaths renewal programme.

7.7 **PROVISION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT VICTORIA ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That double yellow lines be put in place on the left hand side of Victoria Road as you drive towards Blackrock and also that an area be set aside for Customer Parking only outside Trevor Tool Hire.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/114)

The Report stated that, Disc parking controls have just recently been installed on Victoria Road. There were several discussions with local residents and local businesses on the extent and location of the controls before they were marked on the ground.

On the left hand side of Victoria Road heading towards Blackrock, there are actually three different parking controls, i.e. disc parking, single yellow and double yellow lines. The single and double yellow lines are to facilitate loading/unloading, deliveries and collections for the local businesses. Customers can also use the disc parking area if required. Trevor Tool Hire and the other businesses were fully consulted and agreed with the controls.

7.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a feasibility study on traffic calming measures on Cathedral Road to include the off-shoot roads and avenues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/266)

The Report stated that, Cathedral Road is on a Green Route (No.2 City Bus Service). Preliminary design has started for the route. While Green Routes are public transport corridors, they also include improvement in cyclist and pedestrian facilities.

Traffic calming will benefit both cyclists and pedestrians and the design consultants will be requested to include whatever traffic calming measures are appropriate for Cathedral Road and adjoining roadways/avenues in the scheme.

7.9 **TAR GREEN AREA IN CHURCHFIELD GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That part of the green area be tarred in Churchfield Gardens Cars are finding it hard to pass.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 03/269)

The Report stated that, removal of part or all of green areas needs to be carefully considered as retention of open space throughout the city is a desirable objective. There is no funding in this year's budget for conversion of green areas into road or parking space. We can examine the provision of double yellow lines to ensure that parking does not impede traffic movement.

7.10 **REPORT ON CURRENT POSITION OF ROADWORKS IN CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the City Manager issue a written report to the City Council on the current position in relation to the road works in the City Centre and other associated road works.

I would ask that members be given the timeframes involved and that they be advised as to whether the November deadline being aired in public can be met.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O' Flynn 03/272)

The Report stated that, there are a number of street refurbishment schemes underway in the city centre at present.

These are:

- (a) *St. Patrick Street Refurbishment* – work is continuing on this major street refurbishment project. Work will break for the Christmas period on the 1st December and will re-commence on January 15th, 2004, to allow access to the city centre for Christmas Shopping.
- (b) *French Church Street/Carey's Lane/Paul Street Refurbishment* – work is underway on this scheme, and it is planned to vacate these streets between 1st December and January 15th, 2004 in order to facilitate Christmas shoppers.

7.11 **RESURFACING OF ST. ANNE'S DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the 2004 Estimate of Expenses for the resurfacing of St. Anne's Drive, Montenotte Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/273)

The Report stated that, resurfacing of this road will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 Roadworks Programme.

7.12 **RESURFACE CAHERGAL AVENUE & CAHERGAL LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the forthcoming Estimate of Expenses for 2004 for the resurfacing of Cahergal Avenue and Cahergal Lawn as both are in need of renewal at this time and also in the context of such resurfacing that renewed road markings and signage be put in place to enhance the safety of both Pedestrians and Motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/290)

The Report stated that, resurfacing of these two roads will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 Roadworks Programme.

7.13 **DISC PARKING IN WOLFE TONE STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council introduce disk parking in Wolfe Tone Street in the area covered by the attached petition. The residents are unable to park in their own vicinity due to cars from outside the area being left there. As a further deterrent that measures be taken to ensure that vehicles cannot park on the currently gravelled area. Also, I would ask that the particular area be tarmaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 03/283)

The Report stated that, Wolfe Tone Street between Cathedral Road and Glen Ryan Road has had disc parking controls for several years except for the area around the ‘square. Parking controls are now being introduced around the square as a result of requests from the local residents.

There have been some problems in the past with cars parking on the square itself. However, this problem will probably disappear when the new parking controls are implemented along the roadway. The situation will be reviewed after a reasonable period and no parking signs will be installed on the square if deemed necessary.

Surfacing of the open space area and provision of a suitable barrier will be considered for inclusion in the 2004 Roadworks Programme.

7.14 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That a pedestrian crossing be placed in the vicinity of the shopping centre on Togher Road to facilitate the many pedestrian shoppers and residents of the locality.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 03/292)

The Report stated that, traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Togher Road in the vicinity of the shopping centre to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian facility.

If the warrants exist, the installation of the pedestrian crossing will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme.

7.15 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE END OF MEADOW PARK LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle was considered:

‘That Cork City Council install public lighting at the end of Meadow Park Lawn adjacent to the laneway and also to install public lighting adjacent to the green area’.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/293)

The Report stated that, a survey has recently been carried out at Meadow Park Lawn to determine the extent of the upgrading required to bring the public lighting there to a satisfactory standard.

The identified improvements are being assessed and costed and will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme. Alternatively the Ward Members may consider funding the cost of improvements out of Ward Funds.

7.16 **EXTENDING DISC PARKING – RATHMORE ROAD & PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That disc parking would be extended to Rathmore Road and Rathmore Park as soon as possible and that adequate traffic calming measures including ramps would be considered in this area in context of next year’s Roads Programme.

(Proposer: Cllrs. D. Wallace, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn 03/311)

The Report stated that, the current disc parking zone extension scheme is still in progress and we have recently installed disc parking controls in Victoria Road and Summerhill North. There are other areas within the current zone still waiting for parking controls and it is hoped to complete the scheme this year. A new scheme will then be drawn up after consultation with the Gardaí, Resident Groups, and local representatives. A motion will then be put to Council to formally designate the “new” area as part of the disc parking zone.

It is not possible to install disc parking controls in areas outside the disc parking zone and Rathmore Road and Rathmore Park may be too far away from the current zone to be included in 'newly extended zone' next year. Available resources for installation and enforcement only allow for a certain amount of zone extensions to be done each year. If Rathmore Road/Park are not included in the next zone extension scheme, they will be included for consideration in the following scheme.

7.17 **CAR PARKS IN CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council would ensure that car parks in the City Centre remain open on Sundays and after 6.00 p.m. to cater for the large number of people who want to access the City Centre at those times.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/313)

The Report stated that, there are eight multi-storey car parks in the city centre, which cater for shoppers or short stay parkers. Six of these are privately owned and operated, and the remaining two, i.e. Paul Street and North Main Street are owned and managed by the City Council. Obviously we can only control the opening hours of the City Council car parks.

Opening hours for both are:

Paul Street	7.30 am – 12.00 midnight Mon. – Sat.
North Main Street	8.30 am – 6.30 pm Mon. – Sat.
Also	6.30 pm – 9.30 pm Thurs & Friday.

The demand for parking after 6.30 pm in Paul Street, which is a prime city centre location is quite poor. Unless there is major attraction in the Opera House, by 9.00 am 85% of the car park (over 600 spaces) are generally empty. There is no demand for later opening hours in North Main Street Car Park.

Sunday trading is increasing gradually in the city centre. Roches Stores Car Park opens every Sunday and the two City Council car parks open for approximately seven Sundays around the Christmas period. It is intended to review the situation early in the New Year and a trial period of Sunday opening may be proposed. The proposal may include the introduction of disc parking controls on Sunday to ensure there is a turnover of spaces to increase the availability of parking for shoppers. Any proposals will be subject to a further report to Council before any measures are taken.

7.18 **UNDERTAKE REMEDIAL WORK ON BOUNDARY WALL AT THE END OF BALLINURE COTTAGES**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated

30th October, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle was considered:

‘That Cork City Council would undertake remedial work on the boundary wall at the end of Ballinure Cottages. This work should include reinforcing the wall itself and the erection of palisade fencing on top of the wall, to discourage anti social behaviour, which is on going at this location.’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/220)

The Report stated that, the wall in question is built around two sides of the turning circle at the end of Ballinure Cottages and is constructed with 225 mm. hollow blocks with piers. The total length is approx. 25 metres. It varies in height from 1.8 metres to 2.0 metres to 2.25 metres. There is a field at the other side of the wall and it appears that the wall is being scaled in both directions and anti-social behaviour is taking place as a result. It would not be possible to erect palisade fencing on top of the wall. However, it could be raised such that it is 2.25 metres high along its entire length. Some cappings which are missing should also be replaced.

7.19 **INSTALLATION OF A GULLY TRAP OR STORM DRAIN**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 30th October, 2003, on the following motion which was held in Committee:

‘That Cork City Council would install a gully trap or storm drain between no. 36 & 37. Pic du Jer Park, Ballinlough Road as a matter of urgency to help alleviate a major pooling problem that is on going at this location’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/81)

The Report stated that, following cleaning of the existing gullies and the subsequent monitoring of the area with regard to flooding, as proposed in the report to Council of May 2003, it was established that a gully was required outside No. 37. This additional gully has been installed.

8. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An Chomhairle approved the following motions previously deferred by An Chomhairle:-

8.1 **BRINGING DOWN COST OF CAR INSURANCE**

‘I am calling on the Minister to bring down the cost of car insurance for young people.’

(Proposer: Ald. Dave Mc Carthy 03/304)

8.2 **PANA**

‘That this Council seek to persuade the Gardai to establish a one-shop stop presence in Patrick Street, on a 52/7/24 basis ensuring direct Citizen access quick response within the Central Business District, night life control, all contributing to re-establishing the feeling of safety and enjoyment so long cherished by Corkonians and others in their beloved PANA’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 03/45)

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **SUICIDE & OLDER PEOPLE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’ Flynn at the Suicide & Older People Conference held on the 20th – 21st September, 2003 at the South Court Hotel, Limerick.

10.2 **LAMA ANNUAL WINTER SEMINAR 2003**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’ Flynn, T. O’ Driscoll & B. Bermingham at the LAMA Annual Winter Seminar 2003 held on the 7th – 8th November, 2003 at the Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

10.3 **ALCOHOL, SUBSTANCE MISUSE & SUICIDAL BEHAVIOUR CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Alcohol, Substance Misuse & Suicidal Behaviour held on the 20th & 21st November, 2003 at the Glen Eagle Hotel, Killarney.

11. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motions to the following Committees:-

11.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - CAPWELL ROAD**

‘That Traffic Calming measures be put in place in Capwell Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/127)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - CONNOLLY ROAD**

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place on Connolly Road outside house numbers 302 – 326.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/132)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **INSTALLATION OF WINDOWS AT BRANDON CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council make provision for the installation of replacement windows at Brandon Crescent in the 2004 Estimate of Expenses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/274)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.4 **RESURFACE ROADS – ONSLOW GARDENS**

‘That the roads in Onslow Gardens, Commons Rd., be resurfaced due to the large pot-holes on the road.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 03/288)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.5 **SPEED RAMPS AT MEELICK PARK**

‘That the Cork City Council install speed ramps at Meelick Park, Ballyvolane to slow the speed of vehicles entering the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 03/289)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **REFURBISHMENT WORK TO BUNGALOW BETWEEN COURTDOWN DRIVE & KILMORE HEIGHTS**

‘That the Housing Department carries out refurbishment work immediately to the bungalow between Courtdown Drive and Kilmore Heights. This Bungalow is being vandalised on an ongoing basis with parts of the roof already destroyed and the brickwork on the front of the house is being knocked down. This property is the source of unacceptable antisocial behaviour and is causing great distress to residents in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/299)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.7 **REFURBISHMENT OF VACANT BUNGALOWS IN FOYLE AVENUE BE REFURBISHED**

‘That the vacant bungalows in Foyle Avenue be refurbished immediately and that a general clean up of the area be undertaken as soon as possible with specific attention to be given to the rear gardens of both bungalows. Both bungalows have been idle for a considerable length of time and are the cause of major anti-social behaviour causing grave distress to people living in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/300)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.8 **ERECT GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO ST. PATRICK’S ARCH**

‘That Cork City Council erects a gate at the entrance to St. Patrick’s Arch near the Premier Bar on Gerald Griffin Street, Cork as outlined in our lanes and alleys closures list published some years ago and that nameplates be erected for St. Patricks Arch, St. Patricks Square, Blunkers Hill, Strawhall, Farran Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 03/308)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.9 **CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER BE BLOCKED OFF**

‘Church Field Way Upper be blocked off by Churchfield Green for the safety of people.’

(Proposer: Ald. Dave Mc Carthy 03/312)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.10 **EXTEND DISC PARKING – CHURCH STREET, SHANDON**

‘That Cork City Council would extend the disc parking time in Church Street, Shandon and surrounding areas until 8.p.m.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/322)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.11 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS AT NO.S 25-35 ST. RITA’S AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would urgently repair the footpaths at Nos. 25-35 St. Rita’s Avenue, Gurranbraher, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/323)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.12 **REPAIR HOUSES AT ROSSELEE CLOSE**

‘Rosselee Close was built in the 1980’s to house old people in the area. These units are now in a poor state of repair and require urgent attention. It would be a start if the outside was painted which would give a fresh look to the units. They have not been painted since they were built.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 03/326)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.13 **DEDICATION OF MUSIC LIBRARY TO RORY GALLAGHER**

‘That the Music Library at the City Library at the Grand Parade be dedicated to the memory of Rory Gallagher and be named the Rory Gallagher Music Library in his honour.’

(Proposer: Ald. M. Quill 03/332)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.14 **MUNICIPAL POSTER SITES BE PROVIDED AROUND THE CITY**

‘That a number of Municipal poster sites be provided around the city, so that all groups & organisations can use them, thus reducing the amount of illegal postering & “fly-posting” on poles, walls, etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 03/333)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

11.15 **RESURFACE TIVOLI ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the 2004 Estimate of Expenses for the resurfacing of Tivoli Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/336)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.16 **OPEN AREA AT GLENTHORN ESTATE BE MAINTAINED**

‘That the open area at the entrance to Glenthorn Estate be maintained to acceptable standards as the area is presently overgrown, shoddy and in bad condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/339)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.17 **WAIVER IN RATES FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES**

‘That a waiver in rates for childcare services be given to the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme 2000-2007 as proposed by the Cork City Childcare Company, Unit K, Ballyvolane Business Park, Spring Lane, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/340)

Corporate Policy Group

11.18 **RIVER LEE AS A RECREATIONAL AMENITY**

‘That a study be conducted to establish the potential of the River Lee as a Recreational Amenity in view of the imminent completion of the Cork Main Drainage Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Tom O’ Driscoll 03/341)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.19 **REPAIRS ON FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE NO 13-19, WOODVALE RD**

‘That repairs to the footpaths outside No. 13-19, Woodvale Road, off Skehard Road, be carried out urgently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 03/344)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.20 **REPAIRS ON FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE NO 49-56, MARIAN PARK**

‘That repairs to the footpaths outside No. 49-56, Marian Park, Blackrock be carried out urgently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 03/345)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.21 **98 STREET BE RESTRICTED TO NORTH – SOUTH TRAFFIC**

‘That 98 Street be restricted to North – South Traffic from the junction with Noonan’s Road to the Junction with Gillabbey Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 03/351)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.22 **LANEWAY FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO PETERS CHURCH AVENUE**

‘That this Council agrees that the laneway from the North Main Street to Peters Church Avenue be permanently sealed off, this laneway is attracting serious anti social behaviour to the detriment of the residents.’

(Proposer: Seanoir Con O’ Connell 03/352)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.23 **ALLEYWAY CONNECTING CONNOLLY PLACE AND THE GREEN, TRAMORE RD**

‘That this Council agrees that the alleyway connecting Connolly Place and The Green, Tramore Road be blocked off, this alleyway has attracted serious and ongoing anti social behaviour drinking parties etc. for many years. I suggest that the Director of Housing and the architects look at the alleyway since I consider it suitable for badly needed infill housing.’

(Proposer: Seanoir Con O’ Connell 03/353)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.24 **MUNICIPAL POSTER SITES**

‘That, as a service to the community and as a means of eliminating “fly postering” this Council would establish municipal poster sites.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 03/354)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

11.25 **HOUSES AT ROSALEE CLOSE, MAYFIELD BE PAINTED**

‘That the external walls of the houses at Rosalee Close, Mayfield be painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 03/355)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.26 **CHILDREN’S PLAY EQUIPMENT AT SKEHARD RD.**

‘That Children’s play equipment i.e. swings/seesaw be provided, similar to Kennedy Park and the Douglas Pool site, on the public open space at Skehard Road, Blackrock, for use by the local community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/357)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.27 **CONCEALED ENTRANCE SIGN ON RINGMAHON RD.**

‘That Cork City Council would provide a “Concealed Entrance” sign on Ringmahon Road to alert motorists heading to Skehard Road of the exit from Ashwood as this is a very blind exit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/358)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.28 **FINANCIAL REPORTS BE CONSIDERED AT MEETINGS**

‘That the Financial Reports be considered at each meeting of the Planning Functional Committee and subsequently at a full meeting of Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 03/360)

Corporate Policy Group

11.29 **ROAD RESURFACING – IONA ROAD**

‘That the section of Iona Road between the corner of the camp field and its junction with the vertical section of the same road be resurfaced and provision made for same in the 2004 Estimates.’

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill 03/365)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.30 **CONCRETE BOLLARDS IN TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council, strategically install concrete bollards between Araglen Court, Maglin Grove, Blackwater Grove and Ilen Court, Deanrock Estate, Togher. This will, as a short-term measure, prohibit reckless drivers escape routes through these areas until the Deanrock regeneration plan commences.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/368)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.31 **FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council conducts a feasibility study of Curraheen Estate to identify:

- a) Means of improving the general area and the living standard of people in Curraheen Estate.
- b) Means of reducing anti-social behaviour at specific locations at Curraheen Estate with emphasis on closing / restricting alleyways.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/369)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.32 REFURBISHMENT OF FOTA HOUSE

‘We, the undersigned Members of Cork City Council, acknowledge the excellent work achieved by Fota Trust in the refurbishment of Fota House. In order to ensure that this very important part of the country’s heritage can continue to be available to the public, and be developed to its full potential, we call upon the Government to assume the primary role of responsibility for its operation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke, L. Burke, D. Cregan, B. Bermingham,
P. Gosch, D. Clune, J. Corr 03/371)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.33 SKATEBOARDING AREA ON MONAHAN ROAD

‘That Cork City Council investigates the possibility of the former basketball court on Monahan Road be used as a skateboarding area rather than the proposed area in Kennedy Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 03/372)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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