

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2003.

PRESENT: Leas Ard-Mheara, Comhairleoir Jim Corr, subsequently An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir C. Burke in the chair.

NORTH EAST Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí, L. Burke, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, E. Nelson.

NORTH CENTRAL Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, 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, 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. J. Flynn, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. J. O' Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer.
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance, Finance.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. S. Crowley, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An Leas Ard-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to:-

- To the Barry Family on the death of Mary Barry.
- To the Casey Family on the death of David Casey.
- To the O' Sullivan Family on the death of Billy O' Sullivan.
- To the Hayes Family on the death of Timothy Hayes.
- To the O' Brien Family on the death of Joseph O' Brien.
- To the O' Sullivan Family on the death of Frank O' Sullivan.
- To the O' Neill Family on the death of Mildred A. O' Neill.
- To the Mc Carthy Family on the death of Tony Mc Carthy.
- To the Huff Family on the death of Kathleen Huff.
- To the Murphy Family on the death of Barry Murphy.
- To the O' Callaghan Family on the death of Philip O' Callaghan.

2. **SUNBEAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

An Chomhairle unanimously expressed their regret to those who lost their jobs as a consequence of the fire in Sunbeam Industrial Estate.

Members of An Chomhairle also extended tributes to the members of the Fire Brigade for their efforts and bravery.

3. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of Civic Receptions for:-

- a) The Cork Senior and Minor Camogie Teams.
- b) The Cork Senior and Intermediate Hurling Teams.

4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings were considered and approved:

- a) Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 23rd September, 2003.
- b) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23rd September, 2003.

5. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Seanoir C. O' Connell proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss letters sent to householders regarding domestic refuse charges.

A vote was called for where there appeared:-

For: Seanoir C. O' Connell, Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, M. O' Connell, J. O' Brien, Chris O' Leary. **(5)**

Against: Seanoirí M. Quill, D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke, E. Nelson, J. Kelleher, D. Wallace, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. O' Brien, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, P.J. Hourican, F. Dennehy. **(23)**

An Leas-tArd Mheara declared the motion defeated.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **APPLICATIONS FOR WAIVER OF REFUSE CHARGES 2002**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Con O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that 10, 781 Households had Waivers considered during 2002 and all of these have been fully processed.

The equivalent figure for 2003 is currently 11,875 of which 1200 approx. were received in the past 2 weeks. 10,672 have been assessed and approx. 900 of these are in the final phase of processing.

- 6,949 were granted full Waivers
 - 2,828 were granted partial Waivers
 - 895 were refused
- 10,672

Total accounts for 2002 were 41,680

Total accounts for 2003 are 41,768

30,558 accounts are either clear or owe less than one year's charge. A further 6,432 households owe less than 2 years charge. The remainder have varying levels of arrears with approx. 2,000 households not having paid to date. However, a number of these have submitted Waiver Applications in recent weeks.

The total book value of outstanding charges in respect of Refuse is just less than €10m. However, this would include monies to be written off or waived depending on new applications being received at the moment.

We do not differentiate between the different categories of people who owe money.

Waiver Applications are processed in accordance with the Waiver Scheme Guidelines (copy attached).

There was a delay in processing the Waiver Applications this year arising from the re-organisation of functions within the Housing Dept. but the 900 outstanding Waivers will be fully processed in the coming weeks while the new 1200 applications will be fully processed by early November.

6.2 **GREEN ROUTE FOR THE NO. 8 BUS FROM CITY CENTRE TO MAYFIELD AND BACK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the public consultation phase of the Part 8 Planning Procedure is now in progress for the Green Route for the No. 8 City Bus Service for City Centre/ Mayfield. The notices were posted along the route to inform the general public of the process in case the press notices were not seen.

An exhibition was held in the Mayfield Library on Wednesday last the 8th October where maps were displayed showing the various proposed measures. Maps are also available in City Hall for residents and general public to view. It is the intention that the least amount of disruption will occur to residents along the route subject to the general principles of bus priority measures not being compromised. Access to property will not be effected by the proposals.

6.3 **CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE IN CHARGE MULBERRY ESTATE, FAIRFIELD RD**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir D. Mc Carthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the City Engineer has recommended that this estate has reached the standard required to enable it to be "Taken in charge". The estate will now be inspected by the Planning Authority and the notice of intention to take it in charge will be advertised shortly. Thereafter it will be submitted to City Council to adopt the necessary resolution to take in charge.

6.4 **CLEAN AND PAINT THE RAILINGS AT DEANROCK/GLASHEEN RIVER**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, a written reply was circulated which stated that it is estimated that the cost of sandblasting and repainting of the above railings will be in the region of € 45000. A sum of €15,000 will be provided in this years draft estimates with a view to completing the work on a phased basis over the next few years.

6.5 **SEWER AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARDMANNING AVENUE AND TOGHER ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that this question arises from difficulties earlier this year when the capacity limitations on the sewer on Togher Road gave rise to the backing up of a drain at the corner of Ardmanning Avenue and Togher Road.

It was thought, on initial investigation, that in order to avoid further problems it would be necessary to divert some of the flow southwards into another sewer.

However, having carried more extensive investigations, including a CCTV survey, it was found that a restriction in the pipe downstream was the main cause of the reduced capacity. Remedial work was carried out and the problem was removed.

It is therefore, no longer necessary to consider the overflow option, as the unrestricted capacity of the pipe should be adequate to meet the demand.

6.6 **CARRIGRENNAN WASTE WATER PLANT AT LITTLE ISLAND**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn, a written reply was circulated which stated that I am aware that some odour problems have occurred at the Carrigrenan Wastewater Treatment Plant, which have been a cause of concern to local residents. The plant is now well advanced in its construction stage and some elements of the plant are being tested and commissioned. The Project Engineer convened a number of urgent meetings at the plant to address the problems and every effort is being made to resolve these initial difficulties.

The purpose of this commissioning and testing phase is to identify faults and to rectify them as they arise. This phase will continue over the next few months and we are asking local residents to bear with us until the plant is fully commissioned. The plant is being manned on a 24 hour basis, seven days a week and any problems arising will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

It is not possible to cease the commissioning and testing process, which is an integral part of the construction of the plant.

In regard to the request to install an odour monitor at the specific point, I am informed that odour monitoring is a complex process. Gas measurements are detected at source and these measurements are fed into a mathematical model, which predicts odour levels at various locations. It is not simply a matter of placing a detector at a specific location and taking a reading. Gas detectors are in place at strategic points, which immediately notifies the operator of any problems to allow appropriate action to be taken.

Despite the fact that there had not been any odour incidents at the plant over the past two weeks, I have today been made aware that a further serious odour problem arose on Friday afternoon and was not resolved until Saturday. Assurances are being sought from the commissioning team that procedures are put in place to prevent a further occurrence of this nature.

6.7 **RESURFACING OF KILLALA GARDENS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that the resurfacing of the road in Killala Gardens is included in this year's road resurfacing contract. Work will be carried by the end of November next.

The green areas in question have now been cut and cleaned.

There is one vacant dwelling currently with the Works Department for pre-tenancy repairs which should be available for re-letting by mid-November next.

6.8 **TEMPLE HILL LAWN**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- (a) The City Council does not own this plot of ground. We do not hold any details of who does have title to the plot.
- (b) The site does not have a specific zoning in the current 1998 City Development Plan Review.
- (c) The Planning & Development Department have no future plans for this plot of ground.
- (d) This wall is not listed as a Protected Structure.
- (e) Cork City Council have no plans to widen this roadway.

6.9 **INFORMATION OF SUBSTANCES AND CHEMICALS DEEMED TOXIC AND DANGEROUS**

This question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 28th October, 2003.

6.10 **DERELICT SITE ON THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF WALLACE'S AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Clune, a written reply was circulated which stated that the old garage site at the junction of Boreenmanna Road and Wallaces Avenue was declared derelict by Manager's Order dated 22nd May 2001. Following subsequent ownership investigation and valuation, the property was placed on the City Council's Derelict Sites Register on 25th April 2002 in accordance with Section 8(7) of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

This property is currently on the City Council's Derelict Sites Acquisition Programme.

7. **SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME 2003**

An Chomhairle approved the proposed allocation for 2003.

On the proposal of J. Corr, seconded by M. Quill, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs be written to requesting an increase in funding for the School Meals Scheme.

8. **AN POST SITE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF**

The Development Brief for the Eglinton Street/Albert Quay block including the An Post Site was noted.

9. **CORNMARKET STREET**

The proposals to commence consultation on Cornmarket Street Area Action Plan were noted.

10. **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the consideration of Director of Service's report dated 11th September, 2003 on submissions on proposed Variation No. 4 to Cork City Development Plan Review 1998 (deletion of open space zoning at Ringmahon to facilitate provision of Traveller Accommodation), which was deferred from Ordinary Meetings of An Chomhairle held on 23rd September, 2003 to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 28th October, 2003.

11. **PROPOSED TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION AT ESTUARY DRIVE, RINGMAHON**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the consideration of City Manager's report dated 18th September, 2003 under Section 179 (3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Planning & Development Regulations 2001, Part VIII on proposed Traveller Accommodation at Estuary Drive, Ringmahon, which was deferred from Ordinary Meetings of An Chomhairle held on 23rd September, 2003 to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 28th October, 2003.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

12.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services for the quarter ended 30th September, 2003.

12.3 **HOUSING WAITING LIST**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services dated 2nd October, 2003 in relation to the composition of Cork City Council's Housing Waiting List.

12.4 **DISPOSALS UNDER TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services dated 2nd October, 2003 in relation to the disposal of the following 3 no. properties under the Tenant Purchase Scheme:

1. No. 24, Allen Square
2. No. 40, Desmond Square
3. No. 37, Sunvalley Drive

12.5 **PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION BY CORK SIMON COMMUNITY**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services dated 2nd October, 2003 in relation to the provision of funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of accommodation by Cork Simon Community at Glendalough, Grenville Place, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Seanoir M. Quill, An Chomhairle unanimously adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €361,675 be granted to Cork Simon Community, subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme and the approval of the Department of the Environment & Local Government.”

12.6 **ACQUISITION OF HOUSES AT MOUNT RIVERS, CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd October, 2003 in relation to the acquisition of 100 no. houses at Mount Rivers, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution with Seanoir T. Shannon dissenting:

“RESOLVED in accordance with the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €9,700,000 to cover all costs associated with the acquisition of 53 Houses at Mount Rivers, Castle Road, Blackrock in the City of Cork.”

12.7 **DEVELOPMENT AT BERLINGFORD DRIVE, BLACKROCK, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd October, 2003 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 in relation to proposed development of 56 no. houses at Berlingford Drive, Blackrock, Cork.

Members raised some concerns which were noted by management.

12.8 **REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AT BALLINDERRY PARK AND LIFFEY PARK**

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

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the 2004 Estimate of Expenses for the installation of replacement windows at Ballinderry Park and Liffey Park in Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/263)

The Director’s Report noted that some of the properties in Ballinderry Park had windows replaced under the Planned Maintenance Programme in late 2002. Consideration will be given to including the remaining properties in Ballinderry Park and those in Liffey Park for window replacement within the overall 2004 Planned Maintenance budget allocation for the North East housing area.

12.9 **DISPOSAL OF BUCKLEY’S FIELD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd October, 2003 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council, notwithstanding the previous Section 8 vote, agrees not to dispose of the land known as Buckley’s Field, Blackrock to Shanbally Housing Association, and as previously agreed, retain this land for recreation and amenity purposes.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 03/252)

Seanoir T. Shannon proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir Chris O’ Leary that the motion be approved.

An tArd Mhéara called for a vote, for or against the report of the Director of Services:-

FOR: An tArd Mhéara C. Burke, Seanoir D. McCarthy, C. O’ Connell, Comhairleoirí E. Nelson, D. Wallace, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, T. O’ Brien, D. Cregan. **(12)**

AGAINST: Seanoirí, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. O’ Flynn, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, Chris O’ Leary. **(5)**

An tArd-Mhéara declared the Director of Service’s report approved.

The Director’s Report stated that further to the Council’s approval of a housing scheme at Buckley’s Field, a licence has been granted to the Shanbally Housing Association to enable work to proceed. The affordable houses in this scheme will, on completion, be transferred to individual purchasers and each such disposal will be subject to An Chomhairle approval. Similarly, the disposal of the land for the sheltered housing to the Shanbally Housing Association will be subject to formal resolution of Council on completion of these houses. The question of a formal disposal at this time is not appropriate.

12.10 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Property Disposals:

- (a) Site approximately 252 sq. metres in area situated adjacent to No. 13, Argideen Lawn, Togher, Cork, to Mary Creamer, 13, Argideen Lawn, Deanrock Estate, Togher, Cork, for the sum of €100.00 plus costs, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 74, Hollywood Estate, Hollyhill, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 1st December, 1997 to Kenneth Healy and Susan Hegarty for the sum of €43,141.02.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 89, Briar's Court, Shanakiel, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated, 15th February, 1994 to Paul O'Neill, for the sum of €30,336.69.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 1, Owenabue Close, Togher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 14th July, 1999 to John O'Sullivan and Caroline O'Sullivan , for the sum of €76,840.98.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 135, Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 20th March, 2001, to Joseph Horgan and Michelle O'Leary, for the sum of €87,338.26.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 62, Liam Healy Road, Fairhill, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 1st March, 2001, to Marion Girasole and Marguerite Girasole, for the sum of €83,139.30.
- (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 9, Inchera Close, Mahon, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 1st December, 2000, to John Ahern and Karen Ahern, for the sum of €76,535.30.
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 10, Pearse Place, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 24th November, 1998, to Jim O'Connor and Monica O'Connor, for the sum of €63,183.32.
- (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 29, St. Mary's Avenue, Cathedral Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 3rd December, 2001, to Adrian Fitch and Tracy Richards, for the sum of €85,065.13.
- (i) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 106, Comeragh Park, The Glen, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership lease dated 29th August, 2001, to Robert Kelly and Elaine Kelly, for the sum of €66,097.88.

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

13.1 **PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS, ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report on Part 8 Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 for St. Joseph's Community Centre, Old Youghal Road. The report stated that St. Joseph's Community Association have a lease on City Council owned property adjoining the Mayfield Library at Old Youghal Road, Mayfield. The Council's Architects Bertie Pope & Associates have prepared plans for the Community Association to refurbish the present building to cater for increased demand for the facilities.

The proposed works include internal alteration and conversion together with first floor and stairs block extension.

A Notice under Part 8 Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001 was advertised in the Examiner on 1st April 2003, with no submissions or observations being received by closing date 13th May 2003. Having regard to the objective of the current Development Plan and the existing pattern of development in the area, it is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The proposed works are costed at €700,000 approx. with Cork City Council contributing €100K towards the project in addition to Consultants Fees Application has also being made to the Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the Young Peoples Facilities and Service Fund for €140,000 towards the project.

The report recommended that the Part 8 report be approved to assist with efforts to find additional funding from other agencies towards the project.

13.2 **PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 – NEW PARKS AT GLENAMOY LAWN, MAYFIELD AND LOUGHMAHON ROAD, MAHON**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report in relation to Planning Consultation Process for the above parks. The report stated that Plans have been prepared for development of new parks comprising of playgrounds, walkways, hard and soft landscape elements etc., at Glenamoy Lawn, Mayfield and Loughmahon Road, Mahon. Provision has been made in the Estimates for Glenamoy Lawn Park, costed at €250,000 whilst the Mahon Park €350,000 will be funded from Mahon Land sale proceeds.

Following consultation with local residents, Part 8 Notice under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001 was placed in the Irish Examiner on the 18th June 2003. No submissions or observations were received by closing date 31st July 2003. Having regard to the objectives of the current Development Plan and the existing pattern of development in both areas, it is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development of the areas. The report recommended that the Part 8 report be approved so that work can commence on both projects.

13.3 **SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS**

An Chomhairle noted the Director of Service's report on grants for sports related projects under the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, Sports Capital Programme 2003. The report stated that Cork City Council had applied for a number of grants for sports related projects under the Programme.

1. Changing Facilities, Murphy's Farm

A grant of €80,000 was approved to develop changing room facility comprising of 4 no. dressing rooms at Murphy's Farm, Bishopstown. The project is costed at €170,000 with Cork City Council contributing €50,000, Cork AUL and five clubs using the pitches contribution €40,000.

2. Changing Facilities, Coffeys Field

A grant of €120,000 was approved to develop a similar facility here, with Cork City Council funding the balance of €50,000.

3. Mahon Sports Project

A grant of €300,000 was received to develop 4 no. All Weather Pitches, associated changing facilities and 4 no. grass pitches. The project is costed at €1.2 m. with proceeds of Mahon land sale being used to fund the balance.

4. Changing Facilities, Fairfield

Application for funding for purpose built changing facilities was unsuccessful. Funding will again be sought under next year's Sports Capital Program for this project.

Two other sport facilities, owned by Cork City Council and managed by Management Companies on our behalf were also successful in receiving grant approval.

(a) Sam Allen Sports Centre, Churchfield

A grant of €100,000 was received by Leisureworld to develop two additional All Weather Pitches at the centre, giving a total of 8 pitches.

(b) Glen Resource Centre

A grant of €110,000 was received by Glen Resource Centre Ltd. to develop a further two All Weather Pitches at the Glen Resource and Sports Centre, bring the total to six no. pitches.

In order to advance the projects, it was now necessary to proceed with Part 8 Planning Process in relation to the above, further reports to be brought before the Committee at a later date.

13.4 **DRAFT BYE-LAWS, CHURCHYARD AT ST. MARY’S, SHANDON - GREEN GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service’s Report on proposed Bye-laws for regulating the use of the former churchyard at St. Mary’s, Shandon Street (commonly known as the Green Gardens) and on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the following resolution was approved:

“**RESOLVED** pursuant to the Local Government Act 1994 that Cork City Council adopts Draft Bye Laws for Churchyard at St. Mary’s, Shandon Street (Green Gardens).”

The report stated that the City Council, with the co-operation of Blarney Street and Shandon Community Associations intends to shortly open the amenity area known as the Green Gardens at Shandon Street.

It was also agreed to recommend to An Chomhairle that Chief Superintendent McAndrews be invited to a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle to discuss problems in relation to open space and anti-social behaviour. It was also agreed that a report would be brought before the next Committee in relation to possibility of extending Bye-laws to other areas throughout the city.

To assist in the operation, management and regulation of the former churchyard, the Law Agent has drafted Bye-Laws, copy attached. The approval of draft Bye-Laws and the consideration of any written submissions in relation to same are reserved functions.

The procedure for making a Bye-Law is set out under Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1994. This requires the publication of a notice in one or more newspapers circulating in the city not less than two months prior to the making of the Bye-Laws. All written submissions in relation to the draft Bye-Laws which are received before a specified date must then be considered by An Chomhairle.

The report recommended approval to proceed and publish notice of proposal to make Bye-Laws. Any submissions received could be considered at the next Committee meeting.

13.5 **SECURE PUBLIC PARKS**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service’s report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That Cork Corporation explore alternate ways to secure public parks given the increase in public amenities and the future development of new sites and the enhancement of existing public amenities with the hiring of private security firms may be considered to work alone or in tandem with public authority officials in safe keeping of our green field sites and amenities.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – 02/33)

The report of Director of Services outlined security arrangements for various parks throughout the city. At present, security is provided at Fitzgerald’s Park seven days a week throughout the year from park opening to dusk, through a combination of Parks staff and a private security firm. Bishop Lucey Park has a similar operation

from May – September each year, the other major parks throughout the city such as Clashduv Park, Gerry O’Sullivan Park, The Lough, Tory Top Park, Lee Fields, Marina/Atlantic Pond and Shalom Park would generally have parks staff presence several times each day Monday to Sunday. Whilst desirable, full time security at each park would place huge additional costs on the operations of the parks service and would not be considered feasible.

13.6 **SWINGS AND SLIDE FACILITIES, ROCKFIELD ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service’s report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That swings and slide facilities for children be provided within Rockfield Estate, Church Road, Blackrock.’

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir D. Counihan – 03/186)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Parks Strategy adopted by An Chomhairle in 2000 clearly recommends that in general playgrounds should only be sited in enclosed parks that can be locked at dusk. The report stated that the Council experience to-date in regard to the provision of play equipment on open green spaces in residential areas has been problematic. Work on a new 5 acres local park at Loughmahon Road/Skehard Road is scheduled to commence in November 2003 which will include the provision of a State-of-the-Art playground. This new park and playground would accommodate the needs of children from Rockfield Estate.

13.7 **SPORTS HALL – GRATTAN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service’s report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council agrees that a multi purpose sports hall be developed on the site owned by Cork City Council on Grattan Street, to serve the needs of the surrounding area which has been totally neglected/ignored with regard to play and leisure facilities.’

(Proposer:- Seanoir C. O’Connell – Ref. 03/187)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Needs Analysis should be carried out to estimate current and future demand for recreation provision in the Middle Parish area. The report stated that the study should seek to identify suitable recreational opportunities in the area such as enhanced use of the Middle Parish Community Centre and the nearby St. Peter’s Graveyard which has remained closed for a number of years.

13.8 **FATHER O’LEARY’S HALL, BANDON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service’s report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council agree that Father O’Leary’s Hall Bandon Road, which is presently on the market, be purchased by the Cork City Council for the purpose of developing it into a youth club, multi sports centre and meeting facilities for community groups.

This is most important since Greenmount which has a youth club with a large membership and the surrounding areas of Gregg Road, Noonan Road, Bandon Road, Barrack Street, Green Street, Gould Street, Greenmount Crescent and Greenmount Avenue and Croaghtamore Gardens are effectively inner city and are almost totally devoid of any of the facilities which could be offered if Fr. O'Leary's Hall was developed.

If it is not considered viable to purchase Fr. O'Leary's Hall, I urge the Council to agree to seek an alternative premises in the direct area.'

(Proposer:- Seanoir C. O'Connell – 03/188)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the asking price for Fr. O'Leary's Hall was in the region of €900,000 and that the Council had no available funds to purchase such a building. It was also noted that the building was now sold. The report stated that a local Needs Analysis should be undertaken to establish specific needs of the Greenmount area in terms of sports and community facilities-use of the Lough Community Centre and the nearby Scouts Hall in accommodating those needs will also have to be explored.

13.9 **ELIMINATE THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – DEANROCK ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council investigate all possible measures to curtail, or if possible eliminate, the anti-social behaviour taking place at the stretch of land between the foot-bridge from Deanrock Estate to Riverview Estate and Saint Finbarrs G.A.A. Club boundary wall, including both the area of the riverbank inside the railings and the green space adjoining it, which has been used consistently for bonfires during the past few months.'

(Proposer:- Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. – 03/207)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Gardaí have given an assurance that they would monitor the situation over the next number of months and take appropriate action in regard to bonfires and anti-social behaviour.

13.10 **CULTURAL TOURIST TRAIL**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That a cultural tourist trail be establishing linking St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Elizabeth Fort, Red Abbey Tower and Frank O'Connor's House in Douglas Street, and that funding be sought to enhance the appearance of the adjacent streets.'

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll – 03/210)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a walking trail for the Shandon area was being developed on a pilot-basis at present, with a view to rolling out a number of walks around the city centre area, including the area described in the motion.

13.11 **CUT BACK & PRUNE TREES IN GREENLAWN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council cut back and prune the trees in Greenlawn Estate.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/49)

The report of the Director of Services stated that pruning of trees would be carried out in late September/early October.

13.12 **SHRUBBERY REMOVAL AT HEATHERTON, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to have the shrubbery on the green beside no. 4 Heatherton, South Douglas Rd. removed and grass planted instead to combat the ongoing problem of anti social behaviour’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/95)

The report of Director of Services stated that the work has been completed.

13.13 **GREEN AREA AT ST. VINCENT'S FIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Service's report on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the green area outside the wall at St. Vincent's field be tarred.’

(Proposer:- Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/195)

It was agreed that a raised footpath be installed outside the green area in question.

14. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

14.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September, 2003.

14.2 **RE: EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY -AVENUE DE RENNES**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way – Avenue De Rennes.

On the proposal of Seanoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoirí D. Clune, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED that the public right of way extending over the pedestrian laneway connecting Avenue De Rennes with Lakeland Avenue, running in a general South – Westerly direction between 22 and 23 Avenue De Rennes for approximately 22.8 metres be extinguished. City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order”

14.3 **DERRYNANE RD – RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Derrynane Road be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/98)

The Report stated that, Derrynane Road will be assessed for inclusion in 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.4 **RESURFACING FOOTPATHS IN MARIAN PARK, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the footpath outside no’s 1 & 2 Marian Park, Blackrock be resurfaced as a matter of urgency. At present it is in a dreadful state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/221)

The Report stated that, 1& 2 Marian Park, will be inspected and any necessary work done.

14.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MOUNT NEBO AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would consider putting in place Traffic Calming Measures in Mount Nebo Avenue to alleviate the increased traffic flow.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Catherine Clancy 03/227)

The Report stated that, Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out in Mount Nebo Avenue to determine the extent of the problems there in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme.

It should be noted though, we already have well over two hundred requests for traffic calming measures from areas similar to Mount Nebo Avenue and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.6 **WOODVALE RD BE INCLUDED IN TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Woodvale Road, Beaumont, would be examined with a view to providing Traffic Calming Measures as the area has an unusually high level of traffic due to the presence of two large schools.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/231)

The Report stated that, Woodvale Road is already on the list of areas to be considered for traffic calming. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems there in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme.

It should be noted though, we already have well over two hundred requests for traffic calming measures from areas similar to Woodvale Road and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.7 **OPPOSE THE RAILWAY LINE FROM THE MARINA TO PASSAGE WEST BEING DEVELOPED**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this City Council are opposed to the former railway line from the Marina to Passage West being developed as a motor transport lane, and continue to support the retention of the old railway line as a walkway and cycle recreational amenity only.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Chris O’ Leary 03/232)

The Report stated that, the City Council has already stated their opposition to the proposal to use the Passage Railway Line between the Marina and Mahon as a ‘green route’. A feasibility study had been carried out which proposed that the Mahon Green Route identified in the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) be located on the railway line. The railway line was also proposed in the Docklands Study as a public transport corridor.

14.8 **FARRANFERRIS TO BE REFURBISHED & GET RAMPS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Farranferris Place, Farranree, be refurbished, and ramps be put in place to slow down traffic going through.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/234)

The Report stated that, traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out in Farranferris Place to determine the extent of the problems there in order to identify any possible mitigation measures, including ramps that could be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in next year's roads programme.

It should be noted though, we already have well over two hundred requests for traffic calming measures from areas similar to Farranferris Place and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.9 **CARRY OUT TRAFFIC SURVEY OF CATHEDRAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this Council carry out a traffic survey of Cathedral Road to see what traffic calming measures can be put in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 03/236)

The Report stated that, Cathedral Road is on a Green Route (No.2 City Bus Service) and detailed design will begin shortly. 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 in the scheme.

14.10 **ERECT LIGHT AT THE MONTENOTTE END OF LEYCASTER LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That a light would be erected at the Montenotte end of Leycaster Lane, between Merrion Court and Nostraburg in the interest of elderly ladies residing at the retirement home as it is very dark at night during the Winter months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Liam Burke 03/238)

The Report stated that, a survey will be carried out on Leycaster's Lane to determine the extent of the upgrading required to bring the public lighting there to a satisfactory standard.

14.11 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT ENTRANCE TO DEANWOOD AVE.**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That, to remove the hazard arising from indiscriminate parking, Cork City Council arrange for double yellow lines to be put in place at the entrance to Deanwood Avenue, Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/240)

The Report stated that, the junction of Deanwood Avenue and Togher Road will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if agreed and deemed necessary, the installation of the double yellow lines will be included in this year’s road marking programme.

14.12 **DUCTING OR PIPES FOR UTILITY SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That, as a matter of policy, Cork City Council ensure that ducting or pipes for utility services are put in place when major resurfacing schemes are carried out on roads or footpaths so as to avoid the re-cutting of these new and very expensive surfaces, as has happened for example on Tramore Road, Togher Road and The Rise, Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/241)

The Report stated that, following finalisation of the Roadworks Programme early each year, Cork City Council notifies the Utility Companies of road resurfacing proposals. This generally enables the utilities to lay/relay services in advance of the resurfacing works during the year. In the event of utilities requiring permission to excavate recently resurfaced roads, they are required to resurface a full lane width. Sometimes in these situations they will lay services by trenchless technology if this is technically feasible. For example, the ESB employed this method at the western part of Tramore Road this year.

This year Cork City Council received a substantial grant from the Department of Transport in order to provide a Broadband network throughout Cork city. This allocation would not have been foreseen at the time of the resurfacing works in recent years. The location of this work included Tramore Road, Togher Road and The Rise in Bishopstown.

14.13 **CARRYING OUT OF MAJOR ROAD-WORKS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That major road-works be carried out at off-peak times, such as week-ends, so that the amount of traffic disruption is reduced to a minimum.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 03/242)

The Report stated that, the road Resurfacing Programme is planned and agreed with An Garda Síochána on an ongoing basis. At traffic critical roads and junctions, much of the work is carried out at night or on Saturdays. This happened

at city centre locations this year at the quays and bridges. We also endeavour to resurface many of the busier locations during the holiday months of July and August.

There are a number of constraints regarding carrying out more of the work at night. The road surfacing material is produced at a local quarry and the planning conditions prohibit production on Sundays or throughout an entire night. Poorer visibility, whilst working at night, can jeopardize the quality of finish, which is very important in road resurfacing. The danger of interference with underground services has greater consequence regarding attendance by utilities outside normal working hours. Finally the cost of carrying out greater amounts of resurfacing at night would result in a smaller number of streets being resurfaced from a fixed budget.

In all major roadworks every effort is made to reduce or minimise the amount of traffic disruption and inconvenience to the general public. However, when planning roadworks the following factors have to be taken into account:

- Size of project. – The job may take several days, and to operate at traffic off-peak times only could effect the standard or quality of the job, e.g. too many construction joints on the road surface could undermine durability and road finish.
- Availability of materials. - Hot rolled asphalt or bitmac is often not available at at-peak times due to restrictions on operation times on the manufacturing plants.
- Time for works. - Working only at off-peak times can result in jobs taking a lot longer to complete. Disruption to bus services, residents etc. is therefore prolonged.
- Safety – during late Autumn/winter months darkness fall earlier and working without normal light can have safety implications.

A weekly meeting is held in City Hall to discuss on-going roadworks and those planned for the following week. Gardaí, Bus Eireann representatives, Contractors and City Hall officials attend these meeting. Decisions are made on a consensus basis and traffic disruption is only allowed when unavoidable and after all the factors listed above are taken into consideration.

In conclusion, a number of the busier locations are surfaced at night, on Saturday or during the Summer but it is apparent from the foregoing that there is a limit to what can be done outside of these times.

14.14 **WOOLHARA PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Woolhara Park, Douglas Road be included in the Estate Surfacing Programme for 2004 at no surfacing has been done in this estate for over 30 years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 03/246)

The Report stated that, Woolhara Park will be assessed for inclusion in 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.15 **LINDEN AVENUE – ESTATE SURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Linden Avenue be incorporated in next years Estate Surfacing Programme as it is in a very seriously, bad condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 03/247)

The Report stated that, Linden Ave. will be assessed for inclusion in 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.16 **CONTROL SPEED & VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC ON SILVERHEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to control the speed and volume of construction traffic on Silverheights Road and that it also review if such volumes accord with planning conditions of their properties being developed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/249)

The Report stated that, the enforcement of a safe speed for traffic, whether it is construction or other traffic is a matter for the Gardaí. The issue of planning conditions restricting the volume of construction traffic will be referred to the Planning Department for consideration.

14.17 **FOOTPATHS IN MAC CURTAIN VILLAS BE REPAIRED**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the footpaths in Mac Curtain Villas be repaired immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M.O’ Connell 03/250)

The Report stated that McCurtain Villas is included in 2003 renewal Programme. Work started on 29th September 2003.

14.18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF EGLANTINE PARK & THE DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will install in the traffic lights at the junction of Eglantine Park and the Douglas Road a left filter arrow to facilitate an increased flow of traffic from Eglantine Park on to the Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 03/253)

The Report stated that, a left turn filter arrow could only be accommodated from Eglantine Park during the traffic signal stage, when the right turn (indicative arrow) is called up for traffic turning right from Douglas Road into Eglantine Park. This arrow is “on demand” and is only called up when traffic is queued to turn right into the park.

The provision of a left filter arrow from Eglantine Park will have safety implications because of the geometric ‘tightness’ of the junction.

However, Douglas Road is on a Green Route (No.7 City Bus Service) and detailed design will begin shortly. The design consultants will examine all junctions along the route to determine if any improvements can be made. The above proposal will be brought to their attention.

14.19 **RENEWAL OF THE GRATTAN STREET/HENRY STREET AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That plans for the renewal of the Grattan Street/Henry Street area be prepared with particular reference to roads, footpaths and public lighting.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll 03/193)

The Report stated that, there are no funds at present to undertake significant renewal works in the Grattan Street/Henry Street area. When funds become available, an overall plan for the area will be undertaken.

However a survey is due to be carried out at Henry Street to determine the extent of the upgrading required to bring the public lighting to a satisfactory standard. Any identified improvements will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme.

14.20 **AREA BEHIND LADDER ON THE QUAY WALLS**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the area behind each ladder on the quay walls be painted a bright colour, to facilitate rescues from the river at night.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 03/243)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council will liaise with the appropriate water safety authority to establish the best course of action to take to identify quay wall ladders at all times.

14.21 **GREENLAWN – ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle was considered:

‘That Greenlawn be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/99)

The Report stated that, though extensive patching repairs have been done in 2003, we will inspect the road again when preparing the 2004 Resurfacing Programme to see if there is any further deterioration.

14.22 **FOOTPATHS IN MAYMOUNT – FOOTPATH RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That footpaths in Maymount be included in the footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/103)

The Report stated that, Maymount will be assessed for inclusion in 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.23 **RESURFACE ROAD IN HOLLYWOOD ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the Road in Hollywood Estate, Blarney Rd., would be resurfaced urgently.’

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/215)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council will consider the resurfacing of Hollywood Estate in it's 2004 Road Surfacing Programme. There is no need to resurface at this time.

14.24 **RESURFACE ROAD FROM NO. 39-45 GREENHILLS ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would take immediate steps to resurface the road carriageway between no. 39 to no. 45 Greenhills Estate. This small section of road is in a dreadful state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/222)

The Report stated that, No.39 to No.45 Greenhills Estate will be inspected and any necessary work done.

14.25 **HILLGROVE LAWN, SOUTH DOUGLAS RD. – FOOTPATH RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle was considered:

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a programme of footpath renewal in Hillgrove Lawn, South Douglas Road. The footpaths are in a dreadful state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/223)

The Report stated that, Hillgrove Lawn, South Douglas Rd will be assessed for inclusion in the 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.26 **RESURFACE ROAD IN COLLEGE VIEW**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the Road in College View, off College Rd., would be resurfaced.

(Proposer: Ald. Dave Mc Carthy 03/228)

The Report stated that, College View off College Rd will be assessed for inclusion in the 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.27 **CLARKES RD. – TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Clarkes Road be included in the 2004 Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Tom O’ Driscoll 03/230)

The Report stated that, Clarkes Road will be listed for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures. Any identified measures will be included for consideration in the 2004 Roads Programme.

However, it should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in various areas in the City and only a small proportion can be done each year.

14.28 **RENEWAL OF GRAND PARADE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That on completion of the renewal of Patrick Street, the same type of work be carried out in the Grand Parade, and that the necessary funding be put in place between now and the adoption of our Annual Budget in December.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 03/244)

The Report stated that, there is no funding at present to undertake the renewal of Grand Parade, similar to our St. Patrick Street project. We will request funding from the Department of Environment and Local Government to undertake a similar scheme at Grand Parade. Should funding become available, we will undertake a design of the scheme.

14.29 **RESURFACE FOOTPATHS AT ST. RITA’S AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would urgently resurface the footpaths between Nos. 25 and 30 St. Rita’s Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/257)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council will carry out repairs on the most defective areas of footpath between Nos 25 and 30.

14.30 **EXTENDING DISC PARKING ZONE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council extend the Disc Parking Zone to include the areas from: St Lukes to Dillon’s Cross, Gardiner’s Hill to Ashburton, Military Hill to Old Youghal Road, and all the places within the catchment so that local residents can have the facility of parking close to their homes during the day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/264)

The Report stated that, the current disc parking zone extension scheme is still in progress and we have recently installed disc parking controls in Mount Sion Road, St. Patrick’s 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.

The areas between St Luke's Cross and Dillon's Cross, similar to other areas in the City, are now suffering from commuter or "outsider" parking as a result of the displacement of parkers from newly designated parking areas. All the relevant areas, including those listed in the motion, will be put forward for inclusion in the new scheme.

It is planned to have the necessary procedures for the new scheme to be completed this year to allow the implementation of the parking controls to start early next year.

14.31 **FR. DOMINIC RD – ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Fr. Dominic Road be included in next year Roadworks Programme in view of the fact that Sections of the road are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O' Driscoll 03/267)

The Report stated that, Fr Dominic Rd will be assessed for inclusion in 2004 Resurfacing Programme.

14.32 **SPEED SIGNS MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council should ensure that all replacement speed signs are clearly visible and of uniform large size and are mounted at a standard height. Many 30 mph signs on display at present are far too small.

There should also be early warning signs well in advance of entry into speed limit zones. Such warnings are essential to the motorist who tries to obey the Rules of the Road. They are needed to increase road safety. They will also alert those who can collect penalty points because they are not aware they are speeding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O' Flynn 03/271)

The Report stated that, a 30 mph speed limit is in force throughout Cork City with the exception of sections of Lower Glanmire Road, South City Link and Carrigrohane Road. Except for these three roads, the 30 mph speed zone is signposted at the city boundary or in the 'built up' county areas on the approaches to the city. Speed limits are designated by "zones", i.e. a speed limit sign identifies the start of the zone and motorists must assume the relevant speed limit applies until a speed limit sign with different information is encountered. These signs are all standard sizes, as per national regulations, and are clearly visible

However, we do use repeater signs on some roads in Cork City on a very selected basis, to encourage motorists to slow down. We have to be careful though, that they are not provided in a widespread manner so that ambiguous or confusing messages could be given to motorists on roads which do not have repeater signs.

These signs are normally half the size of the signs at the city boundary and are probably those referred to in the motion.

“Slow” or early warning signs have been proved to be ineffective nationally. Motorists in the City, or in built up areas outside the city should be well aware of the 30mph speed limit in operation. Additional signage will only add to the “clutter of existing signs and they could detract from the more important regulatory and directional signs. Accordingly the erection of the warning signs is not recommended.

All speeds signs are to be replaced next year with metric versions, the date of change has yet to be decided. I recommend that the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee consider this report and refer to Council for approval.

14.33 **CAR PARK AT MERCY HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council examine the possibility of providing a Car Park facility to cater for staff and visitors to the Mercy Hospital and the general public going into town and also to relieve the chronic traffic congestion in the middle parish.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/276)

The Report stated that, Mercy Hospital is one of many institutions/organisations and businesses in the City, which have parking problems. Others are Cork University Hospital, (CUH), University College Cork, South Infirmary, etc. Some like CUH and UCC have taken a very pro-active approach and developed very good parking management plans. CUH have even appointed a full-time parking mobility manager. Cork City Council manages the on-street parking, two multi-storey car parks and one surface car park for the use of all members of the public. A Park & Ride facility is also being developed at the Blackash Site on the South City Link which eventually will provide an additional 900 parking spaces for the city. In tandem with the parking strategy, we are developing a network of green routes, which will improve access and mobility for all residents and visitors to the city.

Several discussions have been held with the Mercy Hospital authorities over the years in order to identify measures to relieve the parking problems in the area. They are now being encouraged to develop a mobility management plan similar to that of other institutions which will determine the needs of visitors and staff and will identify measures that will mitigate the impacts of the traffic and parking demands. Issues to be looked at include the encouragement of the use of other modes of transport other than the car.

Traffic congestion at peak times occurs in many parts of the City Centre. Traffic issues are best dealt with in the context of local plans which examines all relevant planning/public realm/traffic issues. A Middle Parish Local Plan should be produced some time in the future to provide a long term strategy for the area.

14.34 **INSTALL SPEED RAMPS ON BARRS LANE & DEANROCK ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 2nd October 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That to prevent a repeat of the recent serious accident at Deanrock Cottages, Togher (Barrs Lane) Cork City Council as a matter of urgency install speed ramps on the lane as well as the vicinity of Deanrock Estate to slow down traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/282)

The Report stated that, traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out at Deanrock Estate to determine the extent of the problems there in order to identify any possible mitigation measures, including ramps that could be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme.

It should be noted though, we already have well over two hundred requests for traffic calming measures from areas similar to Deanrock Estate Place and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

16. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

16.1 **AMAI CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern & T. Brosnan at the AMAI Conference held on the 11th – 13th September, 2003 at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford.

16.2 **CRITICAL FACTORS FOR EMPTY TALK**

An Chomhairle to approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Critical Factors for Empty Talk Conference held on the 25th – 27th September, 2003 at the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow.

16.3 **NATIONAL PORTS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the National Ports Conference held on the 26th September, 2003 at the Dungarvan Arms Hotel, Co. Limerick.

16.4 **POSITIVE PLANNING FOR HOUSES IN THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Positive Planning for Houses in the open countryside held on the 3rd & 4th October, 2003 at Caherciveen Park Hotel, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry.

16.5 **2003 – LA TOUCHE LEGACY CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern, G. O' Flynn & B. Bermingham at the 2003 – La Touche Legacy Conference held on the 3rd – 5th October, 2003 at the La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

16.6 **LAMA CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approved the attendance of Seanoir D. Mc Carthy, Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, P. Gosch, D. Counihan, D. Wallace, J. Corr & M. Ahern at the LAMA Conference to be held on 7th & 8th November, 2003 at Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

16.7 **TRANSPORTATION POLICY IN IRELAND, 6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher & P.J. Hourican at the Transportation Policy in Ireland, 6th Annual Conference to be held on the 17th October, 2003 at the Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Kerry.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **FRIARS WALK – FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.3 **GARAGE SITE AT THE END OF WALLACE AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would declare the old Garage Site at the end of Wallace Avenue to be derelict, clear the site and secure it, to ensure that anti social behaviour is minimised, until a use for the site is found.’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/224)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

17.4 **GATES AT ROCK STEPS & AT NORTH MALL**

‘That Cork City Council would put gates in place at Rock Steps off Blarney Street and at the North Mall end to make the area safe for the Residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/265)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.6 **CHANGING FACILITIES AT PLAYING PITCH, TORY TOP PARK**

‘That Cork City Council seek funding for the provision of changing facilities for teams using the playing pitch at Tory Top Park, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 03/268)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

17.7 **TAR GREEN AREA IN CHURCHFIELD GARDENS**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.8 **REPORT ON CURRENT POSITION OF ROAD WORK IN CITY CENTRE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.10 **RESURFACE CAHERGAL AVENUE & CAHERGAL LAWN**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **SHARED OWNERSHIP SCHEME**

‘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)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

17.12 **REDUCE AMOUNT OF VACANT DWELLINGS**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Community

17.13 **DISC PARKING IN WOLFE TONE STREET**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.14 **ALLEYWAY IN FAIRFIELD GREEN BE BLOCKED OFF**

‘That the alleyway in Fairfield Green, Farranree, be blocked off. It is very unfair to families living next to this alleyway.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 03/286)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.15 **CAR PARKING FACILITIES AT THE GLEN**

‘That the 25K. Euro for the development of adequate car parking facilities at the Glen resource centre, promised at the official opening, would be provided for in the Estimates of 2004.

This is essential to enable the further growth and development of this fine centre.’

(Proposer: Ald. M. Quill 03/291)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

17.16 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON TOGHER ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.18 **REPORT ON MOUNT EDEN RISE ESTATE, BLARNEY STREET**

‘That a report be provided on the failure of Cork City Council to take in charge Mount Eden Rise Estate, Blarney Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/294)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

17.19 **CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

‘That this Council calls for a positive decision now by the Government on the construction of a new School of Music ensuring the continuing growth and development of the great work of this institution down the years and as essential to the City of Cork in its year as European Cultural Capital 2005.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 03/296)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

17.20 **REDUCING THE LEVELS OF NOISE POLLUTION**

‘I understand that the European Union has decreed that by 2009 all urban areas with populations over 100, 000 people must have a map showing the noise levels throughout their jurisdiction.

‘In an effort to identify and if necessary reduce the levels of noise pollution, Cork City Council will begin the task of collecting and monitoring data at selected testing points including hospitals and schools establishing:

- What hours to limit traffic and other noise sources
- What establishments should have a licence restricting their noise levels?’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 03/297)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

17.21 **SCHOOLS IN DISADVANTAGED AREAS NOT TO BE CHARGED AT THE COMMERCIAL RATE OF REFUSE**

‘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)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

17.22 **MATERIAL IN QUARRY AT BUCKLEY’S FIELD**

‘That this Council shares the concerns of local residents in Blackrock regarding the possible danger to public health posed by the presence of noxious material in the quarry located at Buckley’s field and hereby directs the City Manager to have an Environmental Impact Study carried out by Council agents or Licencee’s at this location, before any construction work is under taken, and that the results of this study be made available for public scrutiny.

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 03/310)

Environment Functional Committee

17.23 EXTENDING DISC PARKING – RATHMORE ROAD & PARK

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**17.24 CAR PARKS IN CITY CENTRE**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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