

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2003

PRESENT: An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir J. Kelleher in the chair,
subsequently Leas Ard-Mheara, Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, in the
chair.

NORTH EAST Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke

NORTH CENTRAL Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D.

NORTH WEST Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, C. Burke,
J. O'Brien.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll,
D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary.

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

ALSO PRESENT Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer, Roads &
Transportation.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community
Ms. R. Buckley, Head of Information Services, Information
Technology.
Mr. R. McDowell, Senior Development Planner Control, Planning
& Development.
Mr. D. O' Mahony, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Crowley, A/Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

Apologies: Seanoir N. O' Flynn T.D., Comhairleoirí B. Kelleher T.D.,
D. Wallace, M. Ahern.

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to:-

- The Kidney Family on the death of Frances Kidney
- The Lynch Family on the death of Finbarr Lynch
- The Power Family on the death of Joe Power
- The Dineen Family on the death of Cornelius Dineen
- The Rafferty Family on the death of David Rafferty

2. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved a Civic Reception for:-

- Australian National Youth Football Team on 17th April, 2003.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24th March 2003 were considered and approved.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

.1 **MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mary Shields the following written reply was circulated which stated that the Order of Business under the Council's Standing Orders is currently being examined with a view to recommending any changes necessary to ensure that the Council employs the most efficient means possible for dealing with its agenda.

A report on this matter will be placed before Council for its consideration shortly.

.2 **ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTERING**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Chris O' Leary the following written reply was circulated which stated that the area in question is in private ownership. The site has been secured and a clean up is currently under way and will be completed very shortly. It is impossible to determine who created the litter and, as the site owner has taken full responsibility for the clearing of the accumulated litter, it is not proposed to take any further action in the matter.

.3 **RESURFACING OF THE ROAD IN SHANAKIEL**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Dave McCarthy the following written reply was circulated which stated that the resurfacing of this road is included in this year's Roadworks Programme. We have advertised for tenders for the resurfacing contracts with a view to commencing the contracts before the end of April. It is not possible to determine at this stage, in advance of the contractor's programme, when the above-named roads will be resurfaced but the work will be done in 2003, probably in the second half of the year.

.4 **DEVELOPMENT OF THAT AREA OF LAND KNOWN AS "SCABEG CORNER"**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Kathleen Lynch T.D. the following written reply was circulated which stated that the site in question is proposed to be used for housing purposes. Discussions have taken place with local interests regarding the proposed development and the possibility of incorporating community facilities as part of the housing scheme.

The western end of the site is affected by the Green Route proposed for South Douglas Road. This proposal is currently the subject of a Part 8 Planning Process.

With this planning process underway, there are no specific plans finalised at this time for the proposed housing development. These plans can be finalised when the Part 8 Process is completed. Allowing for design, planning and tendering February 2004 is a realistic time-frame for the commencement of the development.

.5 **WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY ON THE KINSALE ROAD LANDFILL SITE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin the following written reply was circulated which stated that the Landfill Site consists of a total area licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency of 175 acres. Upon closure of the Landfill Site, waste management activities will continue on an area of approximately 45 acres. This will be made up of the civic amenity site, administration buildings, roads, rivers, leachate conditioning plant, leachate lagoons, stormwater ponds, reed-beds, landfill gas combustion plant, construction and demolition waste facility, green waste composting facility, timber facility and any other requirement of the EPA Waste Licence. A Park and Ride facility consisting of 8 acres will be constructed in the area of land contained within the licence boundary and on the western side of the South City Link Road.

Kinsale Road Civic Amenity Site offers the public a facility for the disposal of both materials for recycling and for disposal to landfill. The materials for recycling include: newspapers, cardboard, magazines, plastic bottles, timber, green waste, metal, fridges, household construction and demolition waste, batteries and waste engine oil. The public may also dispose of domestic waste for disposal within the Landfill Site. Associated with the Civic Amenity site are the Green waste composting facility and the Timber recycling facility, where materials from both the Civic Amenity site and commercial customers are recycled. It is envisaged that further waste streams may be accepted for recycling as markets and outlets for recyclable materials develop.

The activities which will be ongoing at the facility into the future will be the operation of the Civic Amenity site and associated activities, as well as all activities required by the EPA Waste Licence. These will include the operation and maintenance of the leachate conditioning plant, stormwater ponds, leachate lagoon, reed-beds, landfill gas combustion plant and any other EPA requirements. It is also envisaged that a Park and Ride facility will be constructed in the area of land contained within the licence boundary and on the western side of the South City Link Road. Part of the site may be considered as a location for a Transfer Station, should the need arise later. This will depend on the location of the Waste Recovery Facility. A detailed layout plan of the proposed park/amenity area will be available for consideration later.

There have been no recent complaints regarding dust from the Greenlawn area or from any other area adjacent to the Landfill Site. The last complaint regarding dust at the Landfill Site was on the 25th May 2001. The dates and times of the dust clouds mentioned in the question would need clarification.

.6 **REDEVELOPMENT OF BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Deirdre Clune the following written reply was circulated which stated that under the agreement dated 9th December 2002 with O' Callaghan Properties Limited, McCarthy Developments (Cork) Limited and Thomas J. McCarthy Senior, Thomas McCarthy Junior and

Michelle McCarthy, an amount of €2,031,580.93 is available to be spent by the City Council at its discretion on Projects to be identified within the greater area of Mahon/Blackrock. The Council has identified the following Projects:

- (a) Development of the Mahon Community Centre,
- (b) The Mahon Landscape Plan,
- (c) Environmental Improvements at Avenue de Rennes,
- (d) Cycle Ways within Mahon,
- (e) New access to the Passage Railway Line,
- (f) Pedestrian Walk and environmental and amenity improvements at Blackrock Village/Blackrock Harbour

These works will be completed by 31st December 2004.

Work on Stage 1 of the restoration of Blackrock Castle will commence this week. Proposals to link the castle to Blackrock Village via a pedestrian walkway/boardwalk are also currently under consideration.

In addition to the above, the Council has recently engaged consultants to prepare a Village Renewal Plan for Blackrock Village.

.7 NAME AND SHAME POLICIES IN RESPECT OF CONVICTED LITTER OFFENCES

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Máirin Quill the following written reply was circulated which state that the contractor is being engaged to remove existing fly-posters, publicity campaign being organised, fly-posting being targeted during the next months. Note that Litter Act section 19(7) states that:

“A prosecution shall not be brought . . . if . . . the advertisement advertises a public meeting . . . unless the advertisement has been in position for 7 days or longer after the day specified in the advertisement . . . “

This limits severely our ability to sanction those putting up these signs. We can only do what we can to remove the signs within our resource constraints.

Following a successful prosecution in Court, we are obliged to wait until the time for Appeals has expired before “naming and shaming”. We are fully committed to implementing this policy at the appropriate time.

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 is primarily enforced by our four Litter Wardens. They issue fines for littering offences, attend Court if and when required and ensure that businesses keep the footpath in front of their premises litter-free. We also have a very active anti-litter promotion and education programme and are in partnership with bodies such as An Taisce, Cork City Challenge, Port of Cork Users and Environment Awareness Committees in Mahon and the Glen. We operate to the best of our ability having regard to financial and other constraints and our operations are continually monitored and improved on where possible.

.8 REFUSE CHARGES AND THE PROCESSING OF WAIVER FORMS

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Con O’ Connell the following written reply was circulated which stated that demands for Refuse Charges in respect of 2003 together with any outstanding arrears were issued on 14th March 2003. Unfortunately a small error was made whereby the charge for the year and arrears

outstanding were transposed although the total due was correct. All demands were subsequently reissued during the following week.

Waiver application forms were enclosed with the demand in cases where either a full or partial waiver had been granted for 2002.

Under the waiver guidelines, a person may make an application to have their refuse charges waived. Persons are notified of the decision of whether or not their application for a waiver has been successful. There are a small number of waivers outstanding from persons who submitted their application at a late stage for consideration and these are being dealt with at present.

All waiver forms for refuse charges submitted by persons under the waiver guidelines are processed and the decision notified to the applicant.

All applications for a waiver for refuse charges under the waiver guidelines are processed and the applicant notified of the decision made. Approximately 7,600 applications for waivers were dealt with in 2002, and there are approximately 250 applications on hand for consideration.

.9 TREES AND SHUBBERY IN THE QUARRY PARTICULARLY IN FRONT OF BELMONT TERRACE, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Billy Kelleher T.D. the following written reply was circulated which stated that extensive improvements were carried out in consultation with local residents last year. Any outstanding works to existing trees and shrubbery will be surveyed and the works will be carried out in the next two to three weeks.

.10 INSTALLING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN THE VICINITY OF ARD BHAILE

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan the following written reply was circulated which stated that a dispute arose with the original proposal to install the pedestrian crossing facility and the work to install the crossing has to be postponed.

The consultation process required for the new location is not yet complete. The installation of the crossing however, is scheduled in this year's work program.

Finance for the costs of the works is still available.

.11 RE: T.P. 17850/92 – “WESTVIEW”, BROWNINGSTOWN PARK, CORK

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Terry Shannon the following written reply was circulated which stated that planning permission (TP 17850/92) with conditions was granted on the 12th March 2003 (Final Grant 14/4/093), to Mr. E. McCarthy for the erection of a dwelling at Westview, South Lodge Road, Browningstown Park West. Condition 1 of the Planning Permission stated that inter alia “ that the applicant shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority, a revised 1:200 site layout plan showing the proposed dwelling relocated 1 metre to the west along the building line indicated on the original site plan of the 18th November 1992 ”

In response to a written complaint dated 23rd October 2003 alleging, that “ the structure is closer to the eastern boundary and does not comply with all planning conditions”, a Planning Enforcement file was opened (E 3889).

Enforcement proceedings were taken and Mr. McCarthy was fined £1000 by the District Court in September 1999 and subsequently paid this sum.

Subsequently Mr. McCarthy undertook to lodge a planning application to retain and complete the structure. In that regard he advertised his planning notice and a planning application was received on the 12th May 2000. However due to deficiencies the application was not registered and Mr. McCarthy was written to outlining the matters requiring his attention. Despite numerous reminders and various site visits, to date no valid planning application has been received.

At this time the structure was also placed on the Derelict sites Register. Following further complaints from the complainants and the Office of the Ombudsman, the Planning Department referred the matter to the City Council’s Law Agent to initiate proceedings for a ‘continuing offence’. However the Law Agent’s advise is that ‘successful’ proceedings could not be taken due to inadequacies and inaccuracies in the initial proceedings. She also advised that fresh proceedings could not be undertaken because proceedings had already been taken. The complainant, the owner and the Office of the Ombudsman have been advised verbally of the current situation.

My officials and I met last week with both Mr. McCarthy and the complainants outlining the history and current status on the matter. Mr. McCarthy advised that due to personal circumstances, he was unable to complete the validation process for the retention application. However he advised that he is now in a position to comply and he has undertaken in writing, to make a retention application within the next month. Mr. McCarthy has also undertaken to secure the site pending completion.

Mr. McCarthy has also been advised that Cork City Council has the option of proceeding to acquire the property compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

The complainants, who will have the option of making a written submission and appealing the decision of Cork City Council to An Bord Pleanála, have indicated that that they wish to have the structure completed subject to some issues of overlooking and boundary treatment being addressed. Mr. McCarthy has indicated that he will comply with such requirements.

The site at “ Westview”, Browningstown Park, was declared derelict on 26/01/00, and subsequently placed on the Derelict Sites Register on 12/05/00.

5. **REPRESENTATION ON C.A.S.P.**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer Representation on C.A.S.P. to next meeting of An Chomhairle and to discuss nomination of members at next Party Whips meeting to be held on 28th April, 2003.

6. **NOMINATIONS TO RAPID AREA IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer Nominations to Rapid Area Implementation Teams to next meeting of An Chomhairle and to discuss nomination of members at next Party Whips meeting to be held on 28th April, 2003.

7. **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE CORK CITY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW 1998 IN RELATION TO PLANNING
APPLICATION T.P.02/26504**

Comhairleoir Chris O' Leary proposed and Comhairleoir Liam Burke seconded the following motion:

‘That consideration of report of Director of Services, Planning and Development dated 9th April, 2003 on permission for the construction of a new nurse education centre at 34,35 and 36 Henry Street, Cork be deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle’.

A vote was called for where there appeared:-

FOR: Ard-Mheara J. Kelleher, Seanoirí M. Quill, T. Shannon, J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke, K. Lynch T.D., C. Burke, M. O' Connell, J. O' Brien, D. Clune, J. Corr, J. O' Flynn, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, Chris O' Leary, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, P. J. Hourican.

AGAINST: Seanoir C. O' Connell

An tArd-Mheara declared the motion passed.

8. **ENVIRONMENTAL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT BILL 2003

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services on Protection of the Environment Bill 2003.

9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended March 2003.

.2 **EXTINGUISHMENTS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 regarding Extinguishments of Public Rights of Way, subject to the allocation for the North West Ward being reinstated, as Inniscarra Road / Innishannon Road is in the North Central Ward. City Engineer is to liaise on this matter with the Ward Committee.

.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT PARKWAY DRIVE TO THE GROVE, LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Parkway Drive to The Grove, Leesdale, Model Farm Road, Cork.

.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT PARKWAY DRIVE TO LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April 2003 regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Parkway Drive to Leesdale, Model Farm Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir Michael O' Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“It is resolved that the public right of way over the pedestrian laneway heading in a North – South direction, connecting 30 and 31 Parkway Drive to 7 Leesdale and 31 Parkway Drive extending for approximately 34.8 metres shall be extinguished forthwith.

City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order.”

.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT ROWANVILLE, ONSLOW GARDENS, CORK.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Rowanville, Onslow Gardens, Cork was considered.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Burke, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“It is resolved that the public right of way extending from a point on the South Eastern Corner of the boundary wall of No. 7 Rowanville, the area enclosing a distance of 12.1 metres in a South Westerly direction and 1.3 metres in a South Easterly direction shall be extinguished forthwith.

City Manger to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order.”

.6 **PARK AND RIDE FACILITY IN THE SOUTH WESTERN SECTOR**

An Chomhairle noted contents of presentation received from Pat Casey, Senior Engineer, Traffic, regarding the provision of Park and Ride facilities in the South Western Sector.

.7 **PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)**
REGULATIONS 2001- ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO SOUTH
RING ROAD (N25), MAHON INTERCHANGE AND MAHON LINK ROAD

An Chomhairle noted the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 regarding Part 8 Planning for Road Improvement Works to the South Ring Road (N25), Mahon Interchange and Mahon Link Road.

.8 **RAMPS BE INSTALLED ON DERRYNANE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That ramps be installed on Derrynane Road, Turners Cross.’

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – 01/188)

.9 **PARKING AT MOUNT ST JOSEPH VIEW, MAGAZINE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the green outside the houses No. 9 – 14 Mount St Joseph View, Magazine Rd. to be tarred for cars to park there’.

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy – 03/22)

.10 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT KNOCKFREE AVE.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this City Council put in place a pedestrian crossing at Knockfree Avenue, close to the Sam Allen Complex and the Matt Talbot pool’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir J. O’Brien 03/35)

.11 **CLOSE OFF EXIT FROM CARBERY GROVE TO HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the City Council close off the exit from Carberry Grove to Harbour View Road’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’Connell 03/39)

.12 **REPAIR FOOTPATH AT BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the footpath between Mount St. Joseph’s on Blarney St. and Baker’s Road be repaired as a matter of urgency’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’Connell 03/40)

.13 **RESURFACE ROADWAY AT DUNLOCHA, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the roadway at Dunlocha, Blackrock, be included in the current roads programme for resurfacing’.

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy & Comhairleoir D. Counihan 03/46)

.14 **CLOSE OFF ENTRANCE FROM ST. JOHN'S WELL TO ROWANVILLE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would immediately close off the entrance from St. Johns Well to Rowanville and that this work would be carried out immediately as it has the support of all of the resident groups in the area’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke 03/50)

.15 **NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council calls on the National Roads Authority to immediately inspect the Lower Glanmire Road to witness for itself the shocking state of repair and subsidence of this National Primary route which is the Eastern access to Cork City’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/51)

.16 **TRAFFIC COUNT ON LEYCESTERS LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council review the Traffic count on Leycesters Lane with a view to installing some form of controlled crossing facility as residents and children alike are finding it increasingly difficult to cross the road and a Pelican Crossing in the vicinity of Montenotte Stores would act both as a traffic calming measure and facility to assist pedestrians’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/52)

.17 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON COLLEGE ROAD

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council resolves to proceed without delay for the completion of the pedestrian crossing on College Rd. That Council officials find an immediate resolution to the most recent objection raised given the urgent need for said crossing and the investment by the Bon’s Secours Hospital in providing a pedestrian entrance’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Kelleher 03/53)

.18 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON WELL ROAD

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council install traffic calming measures on the Well Rd. between Churchyard Lane and Hettyfield, in recognition of the large volumes of traffic and speed of traffic now using this stretch of road.

The measures should include :-

1. Pelican Crossing near junction of Ard Mahon Est. & Well Rd.
2. Footpath down the left hand side of Well Rd, along the line of the present yellow lines.
3. Double yellow lines at Churchyard Lane opposite the Post Office.
4. Extension of footpath at the Corner of Well Rd and Churchyard Lane.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/54)

.19 INSTALLATION OF A DRIVEWAY PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That double yellow lines be put down in Greenmount Avenue and Greenmount Crescent and that the installation of a driveway programme be implemented in this area to alleviate the traffic problems and the obvious health hazards being caused by on street parking. Ambulances are unable to gain access in the last two years.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – 01/191)

.20 RESTARTING OF THE CARRIAGE ENTRANCE PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That monies be made available in the estimates to allow the restarting of the carriage entrance programme which was previously very successful. The money to be allocated on a ward basis.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – 01/210)

.21 PARKING PROBLEMS AT HILLGROVE LANE/WATERCOURSE MEWS

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to put in place double yellow lines on one side of the road at Hillgrove Lane/Watercourse Mews, off Watercourse Road, Cork to alleviate the parking problems in the area’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D. 03/47)

.22 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S WELL

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That traffic-calming measures be put in place in St. John’s Well, and that both ends of the Estate be closed off to stop joyriding in the adjacent field’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/58)

.23 ENTRANCE BETWEEN HARBOUR VIEW ROAD AND CARBERY GROVE TO BE CLOSED OFF

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the entrance between Harbour View Road and Carberry Grove be closed off’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/59)

.24 RESURFACING AT ONSLOW GARDENS

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the roads in Onslow Gardens, Commons Road be resurfaced due to many pot holes in the area’.

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/68)

.25 **REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH AT HILLCREST ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the footpaths in Hillcrest Est., Blarney Road, be repaired’.

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/69)

.26 **REPAIRS TO ROADWAY AND FOOTPATHS AT DUNDANION COURT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the roadway and footpath at the entrance to Dundanion Court, Blackrock Road, Blackrock, be included for repairs in the current Roads Programme’.

(Proposers: Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D., Comhairleoir D. Counihan 03/70)

.27 **CORK CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE CHARGE OF RIVERVIEW GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council arrange the taking in charge of Riverview Gardens, Ballyvolane as soon as possible’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/74)

.28 **URGENT WORK AT ALBERT ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That Cork City Council would carry out the following urgent work at Albert Road, Cork.

- (a) Extend Disc Parking to Hibernian Buildings.
- (b) Double yellow lines be installed along the perimeter wall of the Sculpture Factory facing Hibernian Buildings.
- (c) A Pelican crossing be installed to replace the existing zebra crossing, which is in a dilapidated state at present’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/76)

.29 **URGENT WORK AT BELVEDERE LAWN, DOUGLAS ROAD JUNCTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would carry out the following urgent work at Belvedere Lawn, Douglas Road Junction.

- (a) Double yellow lines be installed at both sides of this junction to stop the indiscriminated parking of cars which obstruct the carriage way and line of site for motorists exiting the park.
- (b) Clear road markings indicating left and right hand turn onto the Douglas Road from Belvedere Lawn. At present two turning lanes are not apparent’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/77)

.30 **TRENCHES ON FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the trenches on Fr. Dominic Road running from No. 51 – No. 87 be re-instated to a satisfactory standard as soon as possible’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll 03/85)

.31 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd April, 2003 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would provide a pedestrian crossing on Ringmahon Road in the Mahon Park/Dunlocha Cottages area’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Clune 03/87)

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the Quarterly Report of the Director of Services for the month of March 2003.

.3 **IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED HOMELESS STRATEGY 2000 – 2003**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 31st March, 2003 on the up to date position of the implementation of the integrated homeless strategy 2000 – 2003.

.4 **HEATING AT FLATS IN TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31st March, 2003 on the following motion: -

‘That, because tenants in flats are not allowed to purchase then and therefore are discouraged from investing in them, and because many of them have just one fireplace and no other heating, Cork City Council devise a scheme to install central heating in all such flats and that the flats in Togher be used as a pilot area for this scheme’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoiri M Ahern 03/67)

.5 **REPLACE DEFECTIVE WINDOWS IN CORPORATION BUILDINGS, OFF CORNMARKE STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31st March, 2003 on the following motion: -

‘That Cork City Council would replace all of the defective windows in Corporation Buildings, off Cornmarket Street, Cork.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoiri C Burke 03/71)

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

.1 **MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir C O’ Connell at The Merriman Winter School which was held in Fitzpatrick’s Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare on 31st January – 2nd February 2003.

.2 **ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND – SPRING SEMINAR 2003**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – Spring Seminar which was held in The Holiday Inn, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 14th & 15th February, 2003.

.3 **ANTI-POVERTY LEARNING NETWORK**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Allen T.D. at the Anti-Poverty Learning Network which was held in The Hodson Bay Hotel, Co. Athlone on 11th March, 2003.

.4 **NUCLEAR SAFETY & SECURITY ISSUES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Chris O' Leary at the Nuclear Safety & Security Issues for Local Authorities which was held in City Hall, Cork on 20th & 21st March, 2003.

.5 **HEALTH BOARDS IN IRELAND CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Health Boards in Ireland Conference which was held in The Newpark Hotel, Co. Kilkenny on 21st & 22nd March, 2003.

.6 **HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT 2003**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Highways, Traffic & Transport Management 2003 which was held in the RDS, Dublin on 26th & 27th March, 2003.

.7 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER & THE ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí K. Lynch T.D. and M. Shields at the Local Government Engineer & The Environment Seminar to be held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly on 10th April, 2003.

.8 **PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN SPORT & LEISURE PROVISION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon and Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll at the Public Private Partnership in Sport & Leisure Provision to be held in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly on 16th & 17th April, 2003.

.9 **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. O' Driscoll and T. Falvey at the Local Authority Members Association to be held in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on 24th & 25th April, 2003.

.10 **19TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoirí D. McCarthy, C. O' Connell, J. Dennehy T.D., N. O' Flynn T.D., T. Shannon and Comhairleoirí B. Allen T.D., D. Counihan, D. Cregan, J. Corr, T. O' Driscoll, D. Clune, D. Wallace, M. Shields, J. Kelleher, Chris O' Leary, K. Lynch T.D., B. Bermingham, L. Burke, M. O' Connell, S. Martin, T. Falvey, T. Brosnan, Colm Burke, J. O' Flynn to be held in The Carrigaline Court Hotel, Cork on 1st & 2nd May, 2003.

.11 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, T. Brosnan and J. Corr to be held in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry on 29th – 31st May, 2003.

.12 **THE LIBRARY A PLACE OF LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon and Comhairleoir T. Falvey to be held in the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway on 29th April – 2nd May, 2003.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

.1 **REVIEW DELIVERY TIMES AND REFUSE COLLECTION IN THE CITY**

“That the Council review the delivery times both in the city centre and main traffic routes to minimise interference with traffic and that management look again and review refuse collection in the city centre and main routes. Consultation should take place with business and trade unions to effect a long overdue change.”

(Proposer:- Comhairleoir S. Martin – 01/281)

Environment Functional Committee

.2 **DISC PARKING**

“That St. Patrick’s Road, Congress Road, Murphy’s Gardens and Deerpark Mews be zoned for Disc Parking.”

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin – Ref. 01/314)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.3 **RAMPS TO BE INSTALLED**

‘That ramps be installed in Briars Court to slow traffic entering and leaving the estate’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/62)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.4 **BOLLARDS BETWEEN KILLALA GARDENS & CHURCHFIELD GREEN**

‘That the City Council install Bollards between Killala Gardens and Churchfield Green to stop cars been driven across the green area between the two estates’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/63)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

.5 DISC PARKING TO BE EXTENDED

‘That disc parking be extended to the Boreenmanna Road between Castlegreine, and Wallace Avenue on both sides to stop the indiscriminate and dangerous parking of cars by those not living in the area’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/80)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.6 INSTALLATION OF A GULLY TRAP OR STORM DRAIN

‘That Cork City Council would install a gully trap or storm drain outside 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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.7 REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS & DOORS

‘That all the windows and doors be replaced in Ardculen Holyhill’.

(Proposer: Ald. Dave Mc Carthy 03/96)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

.8 UNOCCUPIED COUNCIL PROPERTIES

‘That this Council agree that the housing department of Cork City Council, adopt a more positive and pro active policy to solve the problem of Council properties which have not been lived in for considerable periods of time but on which tenancies are still held.

(Proposer: Ald. Con O’ Connell 03/104)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

.9 BYE LAW PROHIBITING ANY PARKING ON STREETS

‘That Cork City Council bring in a bye law prohibiting any parking on streets when mechanical street sweeper is operating in any area.

i.e. Glasheen no parking on street Wednesday between 9 am and 12 noon. This would allow street cleaning to be undertaken in an efficient way and ensure that streets are cleaned properly.

(Proposer: Cllr P.J. Hourican 03/105)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.10 **DEVELOPMENT TO BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

‘That this Council is committed to the development of Blackrock Village and will advance without further delay to proposed Development Plan for the area’.

(Proposer: Cllr Deirdre Clune 03/106)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

.11 **PROBLEMS WITH PARKED VEHICLES AT THE TOP & BOTTOM OF STREAM HILL**

‘That Cork City Council takes immediate steps to rectify the problems encountered due to parked vehicles at the top and bottom of Stream Hill. Not alone do these vehicles block visibility for users they have also prevented emergency vehicles from gaining access. City Council must introduce restrictions as soon as possible’.

(Proposer: Cllr Billy Kelleher, T.D. 03/107)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.12 **STREET SWEEPING AT ASHBURTON**

‘That Cork City Council recognising that mechanised street sweeping isn’t effective in the immediate vicinity of ‘the island’ at Ashburton mainly because of car parking, and arrange for manual sweeping on a weekly basis as soon as possible’.

(Proposer: Cllr. Tim Brosnan 03/108)

Environment Functional Committee

.13 **AER RIANTA’S CHANGED FLIGHT PATHS**

‘That Cork City Council liaise with Aer Rianta at Cork Airport to review why Aer Rianta has over the last two years or so changed the flight paths of incoming and outgoing aircraft so that all aircraft now approach landing along a flightpath over the Northside and Bishopstown while outgoing aircraft also flyover the City...in particular was any review of safety undertaken and was the Local Emergency Plan amended to take into account the new risks arising’.

(Proposer: Cllr Tim Brosnan 03/109)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

.14 **LITTER PROBLEM AT THE GLASHEEN RIVER & DEANROCK/RIVERVIEW ESTATES**

‘That in the interest of public health and safety and to ensure compliance with its statutory responsibilities, Cork City Council agree to take immediate action to deal with the litter strewn, smelly, unhealthy looking and rodent infested condition of the Glasheen River, particularly in the vicinity of Deanrock/Riverview Estates’.

(Proposer: Ald. John Dennehy, T.D. 03/110)

Environment Functional Committee

.15 **NAME PLATES**

‘Name Plates to be put into Hillcrest Estate, Blarney Road, urgently’.
(Proposer: Ald. Dave McCarthy 03/111)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.16 **RESURFACING CHURCHFIELD TERRACE**

‘That the road in Churchfield Terrace East be resurfaced due to large pot holes’.
(Proposer: Ald. Dave McCarthy 03/112)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.17 **PROTECTIVE WALL & RAILINGS FOR THE SARSFIELD RD ROADWORKS**

‘That in view of the inexplicable decision by Cork City Council engineering staff to terminate the protective wall and railings for the Sarsfield Road roadworks short of the final block of houses at Wilton Court, thereby creating a highly dangerous situation for children who live in those houses, particularly in view of the encroachment onto their open green space and traffic turning circle and the complete lack of compensatory safety measures, immediate steps be taken so as to provide such safety barriers thereby ensuring that the City Council will not be liable for a possible loss of life’.

(Proposer: Ald. John Dennehy, T.D. 03/113)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.18 **PLACEMENT OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**

‘That double yellow lines be placed close to the junction of Friars Walk and
(a) Annmount
(b) Maymount
(a) Millbrook Lawn
in order to discourage motorists from parking in dangerous positions.

(Proposer: Cllr. Tom O’Driscoll 03/114)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.19 **LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘Recognising that

- (a) The Lower Glanmire Road is a major road of strategic importance and for thousands of visitors – Tourists/Investors the first glimpse of Cork City.
- (b) That the roadway itself is in a severely poor condition and the general environment is suffering from acute lack of public maintenance. Cork City Council would as a matter of urgency.
 - A) Seek funds to upgrade the road surface.

B) Devise, design and implement a plan for the upgrading of the general area.’

(Proposer: Ald. Máirín Quill 03/115)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.20 **INSTALLING LIGHTS AT MEELICK PARK**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes to install three lights in Meelick Park, Ballyvolane to light up the estate and thus combat the anti-social behaviour being experienced in the park’.

(Proposer: Cllr. Billy Kelleher, T.D. 03/116)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

.21 **SPORTS FACILITIES AT MURPHY’S FARM, BISHOPSTOWN**

‘ That Cork City Council would work with local sporting clubs to provide adequate purpose built changing facilities at Murphy’s Farm, Bishopstown’.

(Proposer: Cllr. Mary Shields 03/118)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

13. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 9 no. Tenders for Refuse Collection Vehicles
- 3 no. Tenders for Road Markings Contract – Kinsale Road & Wilton Road Roundabout.

This concludes the business of the meeting.

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