

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th JULY, 2003.

- PRESENT:** An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir C. Burke in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Seanoir M Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke, B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, C. O' Leary, C. Clancy.
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, J. O'Brien.
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, D. O' Flynn.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Seanoir C. O'Connell, Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, B. Bermingham,
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. J. Flynn, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Ms. A. Bogan, A/Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. T. Fleming, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Crowley, A/Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

Apologies: Comhairleoir M. Ahern.

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of sympathy to:-

- The O' Herlihy Family on the death of Margaret O' Herlihy.
- The O' Sullivan Family on the death of Timothy O' Sullivan (Snr.).
- The Linehan Family on the death of John Linehan.
- The O' Sullivan Family on the death of Denis O' Sullivan.
- The Naughton Family on the death of Mrs. Naughton.
- The Foley Family on the death of Vivienne Foley.
- The Bell Family on the death of Dick Bell.
- The O' Leary Family on the death of Nicky O' Leary.

2. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved a civic reception for the Cork Special Olympic athletes and host families.

3. **MINUTES**

A) The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23rd June 2003, were considered and approved, subject to amendment of item 6.8 as follows:-

CORK OPERA HOUSE PLC

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Burke, An Chomhairle nominated Comhairleoir M. O' Connell to fill the vacancy on the Cork Opera House PLC, arising from the resignation of former Comhairleoir J. O' Flynn.

B) The Minutes of Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 7th July, 2003 were considered and approved.

C) The Minutes of Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8th July, 2003 were considered and approved.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **FUTURE PLANS REGARDING BESSBORO AMENITY WORK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Donal J. Counihan a written reply was circulated which stated that the Cork City Council has engaged TPI Consultants to undertake the initial design proposal with a view to providing a Busway facility between the Skehard Road – Mahon Area and the city centre via the abandoned Passage railway line.

The commitment to cater for the traditional walking and cycling activities is central to the brief issued to develop the Green Route Network proposals.

4.2 **ACTION PLAN BEING TAKEN TO REMOVE THE ILLGALLY PARKED CARAVANS FROM COMERAGH PARK/ARDERIN WAY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan a written reply was circulated which stated that under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2002 the City Council has requested the Garda Siochana to remove illegally parked caravans from Comeragh Park/The Glen.

The timing of any action to remove the caravans is a matter for the Garda Authorities, for this reason it is not possible for Cork City Council to indicate the time scale involved.

4.3 **ADDITIONAL STEPS PROPOSED TO TACKLE THE BLACK SPOTS INDICATED BY THE I.B.A. REPORT ON LITTER & IMPLEMENTATION OF NAME AND SHAME POLICY**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Mairin Quill a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

A) Details of the findings of the All Ireland Litter League appeared in the press on the 16th June 2003. Cork City Council requested details from An Taisce on the 17th June 2003 and a reply is awaited.

B) A number of cases for prosecution under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 are being prepared and are expected to be heard in Court during the next few months. Any convictions will be included in "The Name and Shame" policy following the conclusion of any appeal process.

4.4 **WORK ON THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT SHANAKIEL RD AND SUNDAY'S WELL RD**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Dave Mc Carthy a written reply was circulated which stated that the plan is to install full junction traffic signal control which would incorporate pedestrian facilities across both Sundays Well Road and Shanakiel Road. The service ducts have already been constructed prior to resurfacing of the junction and it is proposed to have the traffic signals contractor undertake the installation and commissioning within the next six weeks.

4.5 **THE EXTENT OF THE OUTSTANDING DEBT OWED TO BULILDERS, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF WORKWHICH WAS SANCTIONED UNDER THE DISABLED PERSONS GRANT**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

1. The Disabled Persons Grant Scheme is administered by Cork City Council in respect of both private and local authority dwellings.
2. The City Council is not in arrears of payments to Builders directly engaged for the carrying out of works to local authority dwellings.
3. In classes where grants have been sanctioned for private dwellings payment will be made on satisfactory completion of work. As such there should be no difficulty with regard to the legal position of operation.

4.6 **FENCE IN GROUNDS TO RIVERSIDE PITCH AND PUTT CLUB & PROVISION OF PROPER PURPOSE BUILT CLUB HOUSE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mary Shields a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- A) The Pitch & Putt Course at Murphy's Farm Bishopstown Park, is bounded by the Curaheen River and a public walkway on the western boundary and by Cork Institute of Technology on the eastern boundary. The course is

situated within a parkland setting and in recent years is well used by the Pitch & Putt Club and local youths on a casual basis.

Erecting a railing on the western boundary adjacent to the walkway and river is not feasible or practical at present. This unfortunately would create a narrow linear corridor approximately 250 metres in length which would be extremely unsafe and potentially dangerous to other park users particularly women, the elderly and children.

The cost of fencing the boundary with C.I.T. is approximately €20,000, there is no provision in the 2003 Estimates to undertake this work. It is accepted that a fence along this boundary would stop trespass through the course and I recommend this work can be included in the 2004 Draft Estimates for consideration.

- B) In regard to providing a purpose built Club House, agreement has been reached with the club and the Bishopstown Community Association in regard to the type of building, security and car parking arrangements.

Costings are presently being prepared and opportunities for funding identified. The building will provide facilities for the club along with facilities to enable the course be operated on a Pay & Play basis, particularly during the period May-October and at weekends.

4.7 **HOW MUCH IS OUTSTANDING IN RENT ARREARS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir Michael O' Connell was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 28th July, 2003:-

Can the Manager tell me how much is outstanding in Rent Arrears?

(A) Can he give me a breakdown for each of the six City Wards?

(B) Can he tell me how many eviction notices have been issued?

(C) How many evictions have been carried out for rent arrears and anti social behaviour this year?

4.8 **COGANS FIELD, BOREENMANNA RD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Terry Shannon a written reply was circulated which stated that Budget Cost Approval has been sought from the Department of the Environment & Local Government prior to advertisement for tender.

1. Ongoing discussions are taking place with the Department of the Environment & Local Government. The Department has not yet approved the Budget application.
2. Detailed costing have only recently been prepared and submitted to the Department of the Environment & Local Government.
3. No plans currently exist to change the design.

4. Appropriate boundary treatment will be carried out as part of the proposed development. In the interim the position with regard to trespass will be investigated and measures put in place to prevent same.

4.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT EARLWOOD ESTATE**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir John Dennehy T.D., a written reply was circulated which stated that Earlwood Estate will be assessed as regards what additional measures to control excessive speeding should be considered by the Roads and Transportation Directorate. Proposals will be subject to appropriate funding being available and priorities established on the planned schedule of work for Traffic

4.10 **FOUR OLD LANTERN LIGHTS ON SOUTH GATE BRIDGE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir John Kelleher a written reply was circulated which stated that the period lanterns and columns on South Gate Bridge were supplied and installed by Bord Gais as a Millennium Scheme to utilise gas as the energy source. The lanterns are regarded as being particularly attractive and in keeping with the period style specified for the bridges but problems arise with the gas mantel.

The Traffic Division will make direct contact with Bord Gais with a view to their resolving the reliability issue and ensure repairs are expedited to the lighting of both South Gate Bridge and Parliament Bridge.

5. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS**

Seanoir C. O' Connell proposed, Comhairleoir J. O' Brien seconded, the following motion:-

“That An Chomhairle suspend Standing Orders to discuss amendment to Standing Orders, Section 30 (2) of Cork City Council”.

A vote was called for where there appeared:

FOR: Comhairleoiri J. O' Brien, Seanoir C. O' Connell. (2)

AGAINST: An tArd-Mheara C. Burke, Seanoirí M Quill, D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke, B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, C. Clancy, T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, D. O' Flynn, S. Martin, D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. (23)

An tArdmheara declared the motion lost.

Seanoir M. Quill proposed, Seanadóir J. Minihan seconded, the following motion:-

“ That An Chomhairle defer consideration of amendment to Standing Orders, Section 30 (2) of Cork City Council until first meeting of An Chomhairle in September 2003”.

A vote was called for where there appeared:-

FOR: Seanoir M Quill, Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher T.D., B. Bermingham, J. Minihan. (5)

AGAINST: An tArd-Mheara C. Burke, Seanoirí C. O' Connell, D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí, L. Burke, J. Kelleher, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, M. O' Connell, C. Clancy, T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, J. O' Brien, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, S. Martin, D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary, M. Shields. (20)

An tArdmheara declared the motion lost.

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan proposed, Seanoir M. Quill seconded, the following motion:-

“ That consideration of the amendment to Standing Orders, Section 30 (2) of Cork City Council be deferred to be discussed in Committee and to be referred to next meeting of An Chomhairle “.

A vote was called for where there appeared:

FOR: Seanoirí M Quill, Comhairleoiri T. Brosnan, B. Kelleher T.D., M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Minihan. (6)

AGAINST: An tArd-Mheara C. Burke, Seanoirí C. O' Connell, D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí, L. Burke, J. Kelleher, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, M. O' Connell, C. Clancy, T. Falvey, J. O' Brien, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, S. Martin, D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary. (19)

An tArdmheara declared the motion lost.

The following motion was considered which was referred in accordance with Standing Order No. 28 from the Meeting of Whole Council held on 7th July, 2003.

“That Standing Order Section 30 (2) be amended by the insertion of the following wording at the end of that section:

Save where the vacancy occurs pursuant to Sec. 18 (4) of the L.G. Act 2001 and where the outgoing member wishes to be considered for co-option.

In such circumstances the Council may consider both the outgoing member and the non elected candidate with the next highest number of votes for co-option to the casual vacancy.”

(Proposers: Cllr. Damien Wallace, Senator John Minihan, Cllr. Denis Cregan, Cllr. Chris O' Leary, Cllr. Michael O' Connell).

A vote was called for where there appeared:-

FOR: An tArd-Mheara C. Burke, Seanoirí, D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, C. O' Connell, Comhairleoirí L. Burke, B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher, B. Allen T.D., D. Wallace, C. Clancy, T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, J. O' Brien, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, J. Minihan, D. O' Flynn, S. Martin, D. Cregan, Chris O'Leary, M. Shields. (22)

AGAINST: Seanoir M Quill Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, B. Bermingham. (3)

An tArdmheara declared the motion carried.

6. **CASUAL VACANCY ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF COMHAIRLEOIR CON O' LEARY**

On the proposal by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Burke, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Con O' Leary to fill the casual vacancy on An Chomhairle.

7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir Chris O' Leary proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O' Brien the following motion:-

"That standing orders be suspended to discuss the storing of uranium in Cork City".

A vote was called where there appeared:

FOR: Seanoir C. O' Connell, Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, Chris O'Leary, B. Bermingham. (4)

AGAINST: An tArd-Mheara C. Burke, Seanoirí, M Quill, D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, , Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke, B. Kelleher T.D., J. Kelleher, B. Allen T.D., C. Clancy, T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, D. Clune, J. Corr, J. Minihan, D. O' Flynn, S. Martin, D. Cregan, , M. Shields. (19)

An tArdmheara declared the motion lost.

8. **NOMINATION TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE**

On the proposal by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir M. Shields to the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force.

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

9.1 **DRAFT CORK RECREATIONAL NEEDS STUDY**

An Chomhairle noted the Draft Cork Recreational Needs Study and agreed to refer the report to Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee for further discussion with regard to prioritising items for implementation.

On the proposal by Comhairleoir B. Allen, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed that a letter be sent by the Department of Arts, Tourism & Sport to request expedition of sanction for Development of Churchfield Swimming Pool.

9.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS, MAHON**

On the proposal by Seanoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to defer approval for funding for Environmental Improvement Works, Avenue De Rennes and development of pitches at Ringmahon Road until further discussions are undertaken. An Chomhairle approved the remaining items of Director of Services report on Environmental Improvement Works, Mahon.

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| □ Mahon Community Centre | - | €253,000 |
| □ New park at Loughmahon Road | - | €400,000 |
| □ Walkways/Cycleways – upgrade existing | - | €253,900 |
| □ Blackrock Harbour – Village improvements | - | €253,900 |

10. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

10.1 **PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 3rd July, 2003 on additions to the Record of Protected Structures.

10.2 **URBAN RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle noted the report of A/Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 3rd July 2003 on Urban Renewal.

10.3 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise dated 3rd July, 2003 on Community Development Strategy.

11. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

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

11.2 **GREEN ROUTES NETWORK – S.85 AGREEMENT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Director of Services/City Engineer and the following Resolution was adopted:

“Resolved that Cork City Council, being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the powers, functions and duties of Cork County Council, in

relation to the development of a Green Route Network as proposed in the Cork Area Strategic Plan, be executed by Cork City Council, hereby resolves to enter into an agreement with Cork County Council for the said purpose pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.”

11.3 **PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS 2001 FOR NO. 8 GREEN ROUTE SOUTH CURRAHEEN
TO CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd July, 2003, regarding Part 8 Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 for No. 8 Green Route South Curraheen to City Centre.

11.4 **PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS 2001 - BLACK ASH PARK AND RIDE FACILITY AT
KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 16th July, 2003 regarding Part 8 Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001 – Black Ash Park and Ride Facility at Kinsale Road.

11.5 **OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET - IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle noted that members received a presentation from Tony Fleming, Senior Engineer, Roads Design/Construction, regarding the proposed Oliver Plunkett Street Improvement Scheme.

11.6 **INSTALLING GATES AT GREENFIELD LANE**

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

‘That Cork Corporation would consider installing gates at the entrance to Greenfield Lane off Cove Street’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin - Ref. 01/355)

11.7 **DUNMORE LAWN TO BE INCLUDED IN ROAD RESURFACING**

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

‘That Dunmore Lawn Ballinlough be included in the 2004 road resurfacing programme’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/91)

11.8 **LAKE LAWN TO BE INCLUDED IN ROAD RESURFACING**

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

‘That Lake Lawn be included in the 2004 road resurfacing programme’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/92)

11.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING - TARA LAWN**

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

‘That the traffic calming which was recently implemented at Hillside be extended to include some elements of the calming on Tara Lawn.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Michael Ahern 03/146)

11.10 **VOLUMES AND SPEEDS OF TRAFFIC**

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

‘That, because volumes and speeds of traffic on Glasheen Road make it near impossible for residents of “The Orchards” to access Glasheen Road, some measures be put in place to make the main road more accessible to those who live in “The Orchards”.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Michael Ahern 03/147)

11.11 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS IN HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

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

‘That all broken footpaths in Hollymount Estate, Blarney Road be repaired urgently.’

(Proposer: Seanoir Dave McCarthy 03/151)

11.12 **PLACEMENT OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT LANDSCAPE PARK & POULADUFF ROAD**

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

‘That double yellow lines be placed at the junction of Landscape Park and Pouladuff Road in order to discourage motorists from parking in dangerous positions.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Tom O’ Driscoll 03/155)

11.13 **RESURFACE ROAD ON HALF MOON LANE**

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

‘That Cork City Council would urgently resurface the road surface on Half Moon Lane as a matter of urgency to facilitate the holding of the National Juvenile Championships to be held at the ESB Pitch & Putt Club in August 2003.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D. 03/156)

11.14 **HALCON DRIVE, SILVERSPRINGS & TIVOLI ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

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

‘That Cork City Council include Halcon Drive, Silversprings, Tivoli in the 2004 Roadworks Programme as the road surface there has deteriorated in a serious manner.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/158)

11.15 **TRAFFIC PLAN FOR THE SILVERHEIGHTS/BOHERBOY & LOTABEG AREA**

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

‘That Cork City Council prepare a major Traffic Plan for the Silverheights/Boherboy/Lotabeg area because of the expected increase in traffic due to ongoing housing development in the area and that the Plan address issues such as Traffic Calming, exiting right onto Silversprings Lane, congestion on Silversprings Lane and 'rat running' by some motorists and that such plan when drafted be put on public display to enable Residents have an input to the Plan.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/159)

11.16 **DISC PARKING ON SUNDAY’S WELL ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place disc parking on the Sunday’s Well Road area.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Colm Burke 03/160)

11.17 **WORKS ON FARRANLEA PARK**

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

‘That Cork City Council would include in its programme of works the following:-

Repair and replace the footpaths on the right hand side of Farranlea Park which are in a very poor state of repair.
That footpaths would be put in place on one side of Farranlea Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Colm Burke 03/161)

11.18 **LANDSCAPE PARK, POULADUFF ROAD FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

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

‘That this Council agree that Landscape Park, Pouladuff Road be included in the footpath renewal programme for 2003. Lots of the residents of Landscape Park are of an advanced age and the footpaths which were already in an extremely poor state of repair were further damaged by machinery in the recent road resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Ald. Con O’ Connell 03/168)

11.19 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL ON NEEDHAM PLACE**

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

‘That this Council agrees that the footpaths on Needham Place be renewed as a matter of extreme urgency, since the recent resurfacing has brought the road surface level with the existing paths which were already in a poor state, this has also caused serious ponding (water lodgment) which prevents some elderly residents from leaving their home.’

(Proposer: Ald. Con O’ Connell 03/169)

11.20 **HENRY STREET PLAY STREET PROJECT**

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

‘That Cork City Council implement immediately the Henry Street Play Street Project namely:

1. Resurfacing of Henry Street as continuous shared surface to allow for ball games.
2. Introduction of obstacles within the street to limit traffic speed.
3. New tree planting, lighting and seating
4. Introduction of 20 mile per hour through this speed zone and Henry Street closed at the junction of Grattan Street to through traffic.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/32)

11.21 **WORK IN CARRIGMORE PARK**

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

‘That Cork City Council would carry out the following much needed work in Carrigmore Park, Ballinlough.

1. Resurfacing of the road carriageway.
2. Resurfacing of the car park area, and the painting of solid lines to the front of the area to indicate parking spaces for the residents
3. The reinstatement of the railing at the Ballinlough Rd end of the estate’

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/93)

11.22 **ALLEVIATE FLOODING PROBLEM**

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

‘That Cork City Council would undertake remedial works in front of no. 21 Douglas Hall Lawn, to alleviate a major flooding problem, which occurs after heavy rain’.

(Proposer: Seanoir T. Shannon 03/94)

11.23 **SPEED RAMPS AT GLENTHORN DRIVE**

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

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to put in place speed ramps at Glenthorn Drive, Dublin Hill, Cork as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D. 03/157)

11.24 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FOR FARRANLEA ROAD**

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

‘That Double yellow lines would be put in place at the junction of Farranlea Road and Wilton Road as it is now extremely dangerous due to the large number of cars which are parking close to the junction.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke 03/162)

11.25 **STUDENT APARTMENTS**

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

‘In view of the large number of student apartments being built on the stretch of roadway between Victoria Cross and Wilton Road, that the Roads Department would put in place an additional pedestrian crossing to cater for the increase in the number of pedestrians in this area.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Burke 03/163)

11.26 **PUT IN PLACE ‘SLOW’ AND CHILDREN AT PLAY’ SIGNS IN LOVER’S WALK**

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

‘That Cork City Council would put in place ‘Slow’ and ‘Children At Play’ signs in Lover’s Walk, Tivoli as a result of the speeding traffic on the roadway.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir K. Lynch T.D. 03/172)

11.27 **BROKEN FOOTPATHS IN ONSLOW GARDENS**

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

‘That the broken footpaths in Onslow Gardens, Commons Road, be repaired urgently.’

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/173)

11.28 **ARDMANNING LAWN BE INLCUED IN THE 2004 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

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

‘That Ardmanning Lawn be included in the 2004 roadworks programme.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll 03/174)

11.29 **LIGHTING, FOOTPATHS AND ROAD SURFACE IN SAWMILL STREET**

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

‘That the lighting, footpaths and road surface in Sawmill Street be improved in conjunction with the proposed new development at St. John’s Central College.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll 03/175)

11.30 **GREEN AREA OUTSIDE 111 KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE**

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

‘That the pavement part of the green area outside 111 Knockpogue Avenue be made accessible for residents parking.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/176)

11.31 **RAMPS BE INSTALLED IN FARRANFERRIS AVENUE**

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

‘That ramps be installed in Farranferris Avenue to help to reduce the speed of traffic travelling on the road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/177)

1.32 **RAMP AT REENDOWNEY PLACE**

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

‘That Cork Corporation would install ramps in Reendowney Place in order to slow down speeding traffic.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin Ref. 02/34)

11.33 **ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2004 - MARDYKE**

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

‘That Cork City Council would include in its Roads Programme for 2004 the following:-

- a) The resurfacing of the Mardyke.
- b) Repair and replace if necessary the footpaths on the Mardyke which are in a poor state of repair.
- c) Complete the erection of the railing at the end of the Mardyke at the junction with Western Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Colm Burke 03/164)

11.34 **ROADS IN LAUREL RIDGE**

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

‘That the roads in Laurel Ridge be inspected and that all necessary repairs are carried out urgently.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/178)

11.35 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE MARINA**

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

‘That Cork City Council would provide traffic calming measures on the Marina to discourage speeding motorists.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Clune 03/180)

11.36 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a traffic study on the Old Youghal Rd from St. Joseph’s Church to Dillons Cross with a view to introducing traffic calming measures to counteract dangerous driving practices by some users of this road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Kelleher, T.D. 03/183)

11.37 **REVIEW TRAFFIC SITUATION AT SILVERDALE EXIT ONTO CHURCHYARD LANE**

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

‘That Cork City Council review the traffic situation at the Silverdale exit onto Churchyard Lane with a view to providing a traffic light here, having regard also to the traffic flow at the Ballinlough Road T-Junction with Churchyard Lane.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Counihan 03/184)

11.38 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO BE PLACED ADJACENT TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

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

‘That Cork City Council in view of the increased speeding and traffic flow on Ballinlough Road, provide a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballinlough Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Counihan 03/185)

12. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

12.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the monthly report of the Director of Services for the quarter ending June 2003.

12.3 **HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS, 2003.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd July, 2003 setting out the Housing Capital Allocation for 2003.

12.4 **PROPOSED SHELTERED HOUSING PROJECT AT CHAPEL FIELD, FARRANREE**

On the proposal of Seanoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services in relation to the proposed Sheltered Housing Project at Chapel Field, Farranree and the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €6,957,213 be granted to

the Farranree Sheltered Housing Association Ltd, subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme and the approval of the Department of the Environment & Local Government.”

Comhairleoir D. Wallace declared his interest in the Farranree Sheltered Housing Association Ltd and did not participate in the consideration of this item.

12.5 **RAILINGS AT COURTTOWN DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That a railing be put up at the back of the houses in Courtown Drive.’

(Proposer: Seanoir Dave McCarthy 03/150)

12.6 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals due notice of which had been given:-

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

- (a) Land approximately 500 sq. metres in area situated at Grattan Street, Cork to Good Shepherd Services Ltd, c/o O’Flynn Exhams & Partners, Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1.00 plus costs.
- (b) Land approximately 0.11115 hectares in area situated at Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork, to Barnardos, c/o Beauchamps, Solicitors, Wellington Quay, Dublin 2, for the sum of €1.00 plus costs.
- (c) Land approximately 10.5 sq. metres in area situated at Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, for the sum of €1.00 plus costs.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 5, St. Michael’s Drive, Mahon, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 1st August, 2000, to Christopher Galway and Rhonda Galway for the sum of €43,271.30.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 73, Laurel Ridge, Shanakiel, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated, 6th September, 1993, to James Bowles and Norma Bowles, for the sum of €30,564.49.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as, 16, Cherry Tree Road, Togher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 2nd April, 2001, to Paul Casey and Mairead O’Riordan for the sum of €88,771.06.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 1, Willis Place, Old Youghal Road, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 25th January, 2001, to Margaret Coleman and David Atkinson, for the sum of €79,750.94.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 66, Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a

- (f) Shared Ownership Lease dated 29th August, 2000, to Kieran O'Callaghan and Stacey Kelleher for the sum of €53,517.59.
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 46, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 13th July 2001, to Pat Santry and Kay Santry for the sum of €95,433.40.
- (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 10, Meadowpark, Ballyvolane, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 13th November 2000, to Tony O'Regan and Caren O'Brien for the sum of €85,900.07.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Freehold interest in 20, Marian Park, Pouladuff Road, Cork to Jeremiah O'Brien and Noreen O'Brien for the sum of €60.00 plus €450.00 costs.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

14. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

14.1 **WAR AND PEACE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O'Connell, C. Clancy and Seanoir C. O'Connell at the War and Peace Conference held at Killala, Co. Mayo on the 1st – 6th July 2003.

14.2 **THE FIGHTING IRISH 6TH REGIMENT NEW YORK CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Bernard Allen T.D. at The Fighting Irish 6th Regiment New York Conference held at Coach House Hotel, Ballymote, Co. Sligo held on 9th & 10th May, 2003.

14.3 **DR DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Shields & J. Kelleher at the Douglas Hyde Conference held at Roscommon on the 18th – 20th July, 2003.

14.4 **SHERKIN ISLAND CONFERENCE – THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LONG-TERM MONITORING OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Counihan at the Importance of the long-term monitoring of the Environment Conference to be held at Sherkin Island, Co. Cork on the 18th/19th September, 2003.

15. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motions, to the appropriate Committees for Reports:-

15.1 **PROBLEMS ON MAPLE PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council would outline what action is being taken to alleviate ongoing problems in Maple Place vis a vis:

- 1) Vacant dwelling.
- 2) Back gardens being used as rubbish dumps by some people.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/58)

- Housing & Community Functional Committee –

15.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT CONGRESS ROAD**

‘That traffic calming measures and ‘Children at Play’ signs be put in place on Congress Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/83)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.3 **REPAIRS TO NO. 21 CHURCHFIELD GARDENS**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out the necessary repairs to No. 21, Churchfield Gardens which was damaged fourteen months ago and that the necessary repairs would also be carried out to No. 12, Churchfield Gardens which is also vacant for a long period of time.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir Colm Burke 03/166)

- Housing & Community Functional Committee –

15.4 **SWINGS & SLIDE FACILITIES – ROCKFIELD ESTATE**

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoir D. Counihan 03/186)

- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee –

15.5 **SPORTS HALL – GRATTAN STREET**

‘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 03/187)

- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee –

15.6 FATHER O’ LEARY’S HALL, BANDON ROAD

‘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 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)

- Corporate Affairs Directorate –

- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee –

15.7 TRAFFIC CALMING ON ORCHARD ROAD, OFF COLLEGE ROAD

‘Traffic calming be put in place on Orchard Road, Off College Road.’

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/189)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.8 ROAD RESURFACING IN HIGHFIELD WEST, OFF COLLEGE ROAD

‘Due to large potholes on the road in Highfield West, Off College Road, I would like to see this road resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Seanoir D. McCarthy 03/190)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.9 RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS IN THE GLEN

‘That Cork City Council make whatever arrangements are necessary to protect the rights of residents in the Glen from having to put up with the nuisance of illegally parked caravans.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/191)

- Housing & Community Functional Committee -

15.10 **REMAINDER OF IONA RD/MURMONT AVE – 2004 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include the remainder of Iona Road/Murmont Avenue in the 2004 Roadworks Programme.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan 03/192)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

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

‘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)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.12 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT JUNCTION ON THE LOUGH ROAD**

‘That double yellow lines be placed at the junction of Lough Road and Lough Park in order to discourage motorists from parking at this intersection.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir T. O’ Driscoll 03/194)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.13 **DEVELOP LOCAL PLANS IN 3 HISTORIC URBAN VILLAGES**

‘That City Hall would now proceed to develop local plans in respect of the three historic urban villages of: St. Lukes, Dillons Cross and Mayfield Village, in a bid to conserve and protect the essential historic and architectural features of those three landmarks villages.’

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill 03/196)

- Planning & Development Functional Committee -

15.14 **REPLACING RUSTY, DEFACED AND DIRTY SIGNS**

‘That a programme of replacing rusty, defaced, dirty signs i.e. speed limit signs, directional signs and related signs be implemented and a time frame for completion of this programme be put into action.’

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill 03/197)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.15 **TRAFFIC THROUGH BOTH SIDES OF MADDENS BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a mechanism for controlling both traffic and speed of traffic through both sides of Maddens Buildings as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Clancy 03/198)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.16 **IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE FLATS IN ST. JOHN’S WELL, FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a feasibility study to see what improvements can be made to improve the quality of life for people living in the flats in St. John’s Well, Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/200)

- Housing & Community Functional Committee –

15.17 **REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH IN HIGHFIELD AVENUE WEST**

‘That repairs to the footpath in Highfield Avenue West be carried out immediately.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell 03/201)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.18 **RESURFACING THE FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE NOS. 102-149 GLENHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to resurface the footpaths outside Nos. 102-149 Glenheights Park as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir C. Clancy 03/204)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

15.19 **ALLEVIATE CAR PARKING CONDITIONS – MAPLE PLACE, TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate steps to implement my many times repeated request for action to be taken to alleviate the intolerable car parking conditions for residents at Maple Place, Togher and to achieve same the grassed “nib” at the centre of the car parking area be removed.’

(Proposer: Seanoir J. Dennehy T.D. 03/206)

- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee –

- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee –

15.20 **ELIMINATE THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – DEANROCK ESTATE TO RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

‘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)

- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee –

16. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened;-

- 4 no. Tenders for 16 Mangerton Close, The Glen.
- 2 no. Tenders for 12 Churchfield Place, West.
- 1 no. Tender for 37 Lakelands Crescent, Mahon.
- 2 no. Tenders for 294 Connolly Rd., Ballyphehane.
- 6. no. Tenders for Office Equipment.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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