

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2004.**

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

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch.

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

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, 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. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.  
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.  
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. M. Fanning, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- To the McAnallen Family on the death of Cormac McAnallen.
- To the Power Family on the death of Peter Power.
- To the Cosgrave Family on the death of Tadhg Cosgrave.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations:-

- To everyone involved in the European Capital of Culture programme.
- To Adi Roche on her involvement with the Oscar winning documentary "Chernobyl Heart".
- To everyone involved in the implementation of Broadband in the City.
- To the Cork College of Further Education on winning the Ryan Cup.
- To the Irish Rugby Team on their victory over World Rugby Champions England.

- To the Lady Mayoress, Dr. Mary McCaffrey Burke, on her hosting and involvement with events organised in City Hall for International Women's Day.

### 3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings were considered and approved:-

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004, subject to amendment that Comhairleoir J. Corr did not attend Clare Tourist Council & Antrim Borough Council – Our Tourism, New Opportunities or New Threats Conference.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2004.

### 4. **QUESTIONS**

#### 4.1 **INSTALLATION OF RAMPS IN LARCHFIELD ESTATE, COMMONS ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir D. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the appropriate traffic calming measures for Larchfield are currently being assessed and designed. The provision of 4 ramps may not be the optimum solution for the area.

On completion of the selection and design of the traffic calming measures, a public consultation process under Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 will be carried out. There are several traffic calming schemes being designed in the City and subject to a successful consultation stage, tenders will be invited and a contractor will be appointed to install all the traffic calming schemes at the various locations around the City.

It is anticipated that work on the schemes will be carried out in the second half of 2004.

#### 4.2 **PROVISION OF A PROPER SAFE BOUNDARY FENCE AT RIVERVIEW GARDENS, BALLYVOLANE**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir M. Quill, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Parks Section of the Recreation and Amenity Department have revised the fencing/boundary requirement for this development and are recommending that a timber post and rail fencing (approximately 100m) with suitable hedging planted either side be provided. The satisfactory completion of the development by the builder is being followed up including the provision of the barrier. The approximate costing to get a contractor in to carry out this work on this is €3,500. The bond for this Housing Development remains in place and can be utilised if the developer fails to complete the Estate to a satisfactory standard. The matter will be held under review.

#### 4.3 **THE MAHON ESTUARY SPORTS PROJECT AND LAND BANK AT RINGMAHON ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that Cork City Council owns a tract of land circa 40 acres in the South East corner of the City and had at all times going back to 1994 identified, in this land for recreational use. Council approved the broad proposal in

1994 for three Gaelic Pitches, five soccer pitches and one rugby pitch on these lands and general amenity area.

As soon as the South Ring Road and tunnel were completed, and the sale of the Mahon lands finalised, detailing of the Council's plans commenced.

A proposal was presented by the Mahon Community Association called the Estuary Project which does not differ greatly from the City Council's plans. Both involve the development of grass pitches, All Weather Pitches and changing facilities. The Council has also provided for tennis in its plans in that one or two of the All Weather Pitches can be constructed for dual purposes. The Council is also providing a new park and state of the art playground at Loughmahon Road, opposite the land bank, identified as a need in the Community Association plans. The Council is also exploring the possibility of providing a reinforced roof in the changing complex which could accommodate development of the upper floor as a possible gym at a later date.

The biggest difference between both plans is that the Community Association plans provide for a major sports hall, and community pavilion. The Council has advised that a Feasibility Study Needs to be carried out in relation to this aspect of the proposal as there are four no. other halls in the area at present. In response to a questionnaire issued by the Council last year to all Mahon groups, only two responses were received requesting access to a sports hall.

(i) What is the present status of this project as presented to members last year?

**Ans:** Cork City Council successfully applied for €300K grant aid from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism last year, to develop a suite of four no. grass pitches, four no. All Weather Pitches and a complex of eight changing rooms on lands at Mahon as part of its Mahon Sports Project. A further application has been made under this year's Sports Capital Grant Scheme for additional grant aid towards car parking, fencing and more pitch works.

Part 8 Planning Process has begun in relation to the project, with a closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2004 for any observations.

It is hoped to commence work on site by mid summer, with pitches being available for play by next year. In accordance with the findings of the Cork Recreational Needs Study which identified a major deficiency in the provision of soccer pitches, four soccer pitches will be provided.

Both the All Weather Pitches and a number of the soccer pitches will be managed by the City Council and available for use on a pay per play basis.

Following representations from St. Michael's GAA club, whose players are from the Blackrock/Mahon area and who do not have a playing facility of their own, it has been agreed to recommend disposal of circa.three acres of land on the southern end of the site by means of a 99 year Sporting Lease to the club to allow them develop a pitch and associated changing facilities. The club will develop this facility at their own expense, without contribution from the Council.

A further juvenile GAA pitch is provided for in the plans which could accommodate both needs of Ballinure and St. Michael's Clubs on a shared basis. An additional dual purpose pitch suitable for both soccer and rugby will also be provided.

(ii) What further discussions have taken place with Mahon Community Association regarding this project?

**Ans:** A number of inconclusive meetings were held with Mahon Community Association last year because of the inflexibility of the Community Association. There has been no further request for a meeting.

(iii) What discussions have taken place with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties regarding this project with specific reference to finance?

**Ans:** *Application was made to the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism under the 2003 Sports Capital Programme for €300K grant aid for Mahon Sports Project. A further application was submitted in January 2004 under the 2004 Sports Capital Programme. The balance of the funding is from the Environmental Improvement Works Fund (Mahon Land Sale) as previously advised to Council (€1m).*

(iv) What discussions have taken place with clubs regarding this land bank?

**Ans:** No specific discussions were held with clubs regarding the pitches at Mahon, except St. Michael's GAA Club referred to previously.

(v) What commitments have been given to clubs regarding provision of pitches on this land bank?

**Ans:** Apart from St. Michael's GAA Club, referred to already, no commitment has been given to any club regarding allocation of pitches.

(vi) What clubs have expressed an interest in acquiring pitches on this land bank?

**Ans:** A number of soccer clubs have expressed an interest in acquiring pitches. Of the four soccer pitches being developed, it is intended that a number will be held by the Council for club/community pay per play purposes, and the balance licensed to clubs. A full report will be brought before Council later in the year on recommendations in relation to same.

(vii) What specific measures will be put in place to ensure the future development of the existing clubs namely:

- (a) Ballinure hurling and football club?
- (b) Ringmahon Rangers?

**Ans:** The aim of the Mahon Sports Project is to develop a suite of pitches in the one location that maximises the number of pitches possible, with shared car parking, perimeter fence and shared dressing rooms where possible. This approach has obvious economic advantages both in terms of the capital cost, but also in terms of on-going maintenance of the facilities afterwards. The Council has previously allocated pitches to both Ballinure and Ringmahon Rangers at Mahon and has undertaken to give whatever assistance is necessary to ensure the clubs are not at a disadvantage in terms of present facilities which they have.

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that Council recently approved a proposal to carry out a major extension of the disc parking zone (DPZ). The actual area of the extended DPZ is nearly  $\frac{2}{3}$  the size of the original zone.

Work on the installation of disc parking controls for the extended zone has begun, it will be implemented as soon as possible within the constraints of resources and demands of other traffic related work. Because of the size of the newly extended area, it will take some time to complete the extension scheme.

Wilton Avenue, Bishopstown Court (Upper) and Merlyn Lawn are not in the extended DPZ area and disc parking controls cannot be installed there at present. It should be noted that the areas in the newly extended zone all have similar parking problems to these areas and many of them have worse problems and for a longer period.

Wilton Avenue, Bishopstown Court (Upper) and Merlyn Lawn however, will be put forward for consideration in the next DPZ extension scheme.

#### 4.5 **TAKE OVER PROCESS OF DRUMCORR MEWS, BLACKROCK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Counihan, a written reply was circulated which stated that this Housing Estate has been certified by engineering departments as satisfactory and recommended that the process to take the roads, footpath, open-spaces and services in charge be commenced. A certificate from Planning & Development Department has been signed and the taking-in-charge process can now begin. A number of issues arose with regard to the completion of this estate and had resulted in the delay in the taking-in-charge.

#### 4.6 **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE JUNCTION A TINKERS CROSS, MAYFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir E. Nelson, a written reply was circulated which stated that in order to provide the right turn arrow, the traffic controller requires replacement and new ducting and an induction loop would also have to be installed. There are funds available in the Regional Management 2004 to carry out this work and it will be done as soon as possible.

However, in order to improve the operation of the junction effectively, a total refurbishment of the junction, including some road widening is required. The National Roads Authority has designed a junction improvement scheme for this location and the procedures under Part VIII of the Planning Regulations will be gone through, once funding for this work becomes available.

#### 4.7 **CLEANING AND PAINTING OF THE PUMP HOUSE IN CURRAHEEN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields, a written reply was circulated which stated that this pumping station is currently under review by the Drainage Section as part of a project to upgrade the older pumping stations within the city. Consideration is being given to demolition of these buildings for a number of reasons, not least the visual impact, while retaining the underground elements.

Following the outcome of the review and should it be decided to retain the building, it is intended to clean and paint the buildings as part of the upgrade in the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

4.8 **GRASS MARGINS ADJOINING ILEN COURT, ARAGLEN COURT, LEAMLARA CLOSE AND OWENABUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, a written reply was circulated which stated that contact will be made with the relevant Contractors in relation to the above with a view to completing works in the next four weeks.

4.9 **UPGRADE THE FOOTPATHS AND ROADS ON DOMINICK STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the roads and footpaths at Widderlings Lane and Waggetts Place will be upgraded under the present Shandon Street Renewal Contract. There are no funds available to carry out a renewal of the other areas mentioned.

However, an inspection will be done in these areas and any defects found will be attended to by the Roads Maintenance Department in its programme of maintenance in 2004.

5. **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BLACKROCK CASTLE – PART VIII**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development comprising a restaurant / Café Building of approximately 140 sq. metres attached to the existing Gate Lodge at Blackrock Castle, Castle Road, Cork and the erection of a dome on the lower of the two towers, for the protection of an optical telescope, (to be used for astronomical study) and change of use from office use to educational / exhibition facility and the report of the City Manager dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

It was agreed to approve the City Manager's Report and Recommendation that the proposal should proceed.

6. **GAEL TACA GRANT**

An Chomhairle approved the City Manager's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004 on proposed grant of €5,000 to Gael Taca for the promotion of the Irish language in Cork.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

7.1 **POLICY ON CYCLING AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY OF PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, regarding Policy on Cycling and Implementation Strategy of Programme.

7.2 **REVIEW OF CORK CITY COUNCIL RESIDENTS PARKING PERMIT SCHEME POLICY**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed and Comhairleoir T. Brosnan seconded the adoption of the Report of the Director of Services / City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 regarding the policy position in relation to residents parking permits. Comhairleoir M. Ahern proposed and Comhairleoir C. Clancy seconded an amendment that proposed policy should be referred back to the Roads Functional Committee.

A vote was called for on the amendment where there appeared:

**FOR:** Seanoirí D. McCarthy, T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, D. O' Flynn and M. Ahern (7)

**AGAINST:** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, E. Nelson, D. Wallace, T. Falvey, C. Burke, J O' Brien, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, T. O' Brien, S. Martin, Chris O' Leary, B. Bermingham, F. Dennehy. (15)

An tArdmheara declared that the amendment defeated and the report of the Director of Services / City Engineer approved.

### 7.3 **SERVICE INDICATORS IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, regarding Service Indicators in Local Authorities.

## 8. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

### 8.1 **QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services on extract from the "Quality of Drinking Water in Ireland" report in relation to Cork City was also considered.

### 8.2 **BYE-LAWS FOR THE CONTROL OF BRING SITES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services which indicated that an ongoing programme for the provision of Bring Sites was currently underway.

### 8.3 **WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services which indicated that the current Waste Management Plan 1999-2004 was now under review and the statutory notice required in relation to public consultation will be placed on the public press shortly.

### 8.4 **LOCAL ACTION 21**

The following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle was considered:

"Cork City Council, in its ongoing works, is engaged in this developmental and sustainable process to create sustainable communities within the City while protecting global common goods, now agrees formally to adopt Local Action 21 by signing the requested declaration."

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 03/438)

Report of the Director of Services thereon which indicated that the City Councils Corporate Plan had inter alia a goal under the Environment section *“To encourage and facilitate sustainability in the planning and execution of all developments and activities.”*

A new Corporate Plan will be prepared following on the June local elections and the question of how to proceed under Local Action 21 will be considered in the context of the new Plan.

### **Decision of Committee**

It was agreed to refer the Report of the Director of Services to An Chomhairle for approval.

## 9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

### 9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services for the month of February, 2004.

### 9.2 **TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 26th February, 2004 on the disposal of 1 no. property under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

### 9.3 **RE-DEVELOPMENT OF DEANROCK ESTATE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 26th February, 2004 on the re-development of Deanrock Estate, Togher.

### 9.4 **CENTRAL HEATING IN HOUSES AT HORGAN’S BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘The central heating in Horgans Buildings is not good enough to keep the old and sick people warm. I would like to see extended heating in the homes.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc Carthy 03/461)

The report of the Director stated that the City Council are currently in discussion with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to the installation of central heating in all housing stock with initial focus being on old person dwellings. The Director will report back to Members in the coming months with the outcome of this discussion.

### 9.5 **DISPOSALS**

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



## **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

- a) Wayleaves approximately 5 and 10 metres in width situated at Model Farm Road, Cork to Village Investments Limited, Model Farm Road, Cork, for the sum of €100.00 plus costs, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- b) Disposal of sites: site (a) 23.7 sq. metres approximately, site (b) 23.1 sq. metres approximately and site (c) 100.4 sq. metres approximately at Andersons Street/Lapps Quay, Cork to Kilquane Limited, c/o O'Flynn, Exhams & Partners, Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 150 years at an annual rent of €10.00, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- c) Exchange of lands comprising approximately 2.93 acres situated at the Traveller Halting Site, Ballinure Road, Blackrock, in the City of Cork to O'Callaghan Properties Ltd., 21 Lavitts Quay, Cork, in exchange for a plot of land comprising approximately 3.63 acres situated adjacent to the Project Management Ltd. Offices, Blackrock, Cork, to be transferred by O'Callaghan Properties Ltd., 21 Lavitts Quay, Cork to Cork City Council.

## **SHARED OWNERSHIP**

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 75, Glenheights Park, Ballyvolane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1993 to Edward Lawless and Geraldine Lawless, for the sum of €30,463.81.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 22, Farranferris Park, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1996, to Jenette Long, for the sum of €40,528.22.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 51, Mangerton Close, The Glen, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2001, to Richard Nagle, for the sum of €4,559.22.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 32, Boherboy Close, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002, to Eric Meehan and Joanne O'Connell, for the sum of €8,431.87.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 5, Hollyville, Hollyhill, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2003, to Roslyn Fuller, for the sum of €7,159.13.
- (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 5, McSwiney's Villas, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1998, to Charlotte O'Keeffe, for the sum of €46,312.36.
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 7, St. Michael's Drive, Mahon, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2000, to William O'Donovan and Sharon Lillis, for the sum of €1,554.48.
- (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 142, Bakers Road, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2003, to Brian Hegarty and Pamela Lynch, for the sum of €85,059.76.

- (i) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 28, Woodlawn, Tramore Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1993, to John Punch and Catherine Punch, for the sum of €1,628.77.

### **FEE SIMPLE INTEREST**

- (a) Freehold interest in 2, Fr. Matthew Road, Turner's Cross, Cork, to Patrick Hayes and Sheila Hayes, c/o Denis O'Sullivan & Co., Solicitors, Library House, 18, Dyke Parade, Cork, for the sum of €10.15, plus costs of €450.00.
- (b) Freehold interest in 21, St. Anne's Drive, Montenotte, Cork, to Joseph Brady and Yvonne Brady, 21, St. Anne's Drive, Montenotte, Cork, for the sum of €3.36 plus costs of €450.00.

## **10. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

### **10.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended February 2004.

### **10.2 DRAFT 2004 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 regarding the 2004 Draft Roadworks Programme.

### **10.3 PART 8 (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 FOR NO. 8 GREEN ROUTE CITY CENTRE TO MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered the Development of the No. 8 Green Route City Centre to Mayfield and the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

It was agreed to approve the Director of Services/City Engineer's Report and recommendation that the development proceed.

### **10.4 PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 FOR NO. 8 GREEN ROUTE SOUTH CURRAHEEN ROAD TO CITY CENTRE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON LANCASTER QUAY**

An Chomhairle considered the Development of the No. 8 Green Route South Curraheen Road to City Centre and approved the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004 pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

It was agreed to approve the Director of Services/City Engineer's Report and recommendation that the development proceed.

### **10.5 GREEN MAN CROSSING BE INSTALLED IN BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a green man crossing be installed between Ballyphehane Community Centre and the adjacent shops across the road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/243)

The report stated that the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Tory Top Road between the Ballyphehane Community Centre and the adjacent shops across the road could have road safety implications. Deliveries, pick-up, etc. by vehicles associated with the shops could block the view of pedestrians from motorists and create a hazard in the area.

The best solution is to change the nearby roundabout at the junction of Tory Top Road and Connolly Road to traffic signal control. The traffic signals would allow for full pedestrian facilities at the junction and they would serve the needs of all pedestrians in the general area either accessing the shops or the Community Centre.

The conversion of the junction to traffic signals will now be designed. It is envisaged that the required works will be carried out this year.

#### 10.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – BANTRY PARK RD, FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place traffic calming measures as a matter of urgency at Bantry Park Road, Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/395)

The report stated that Bantry Park Road, Fairhill is already on the list for traffic calming measures. Surveys involving volume and speed measurements are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any appropriate mitigation measures. These measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

There is no footpath in the section of roadway fronting the open green area for pedestrians to walk safely on. The roadway is far too wide for traffic, and the combination of excessive speeds and the lack of footpaths could create potential hazards for pedestrians, particularly for children. A new footpath as part of an overall traffic calming scheme may be appropriate.

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

#### 10.7 **ROAD RESURFACING – BEAUMONT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Beaumont Avenue be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2004.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 03/424)

The report stated that Beaumont Avenue has been included in the Resurfacing Programme for 2004.

#### 10.8 **ROAD RESURFACING – GLENVIEW TERRACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Glenview Terrace, South Douglas Road, be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2004, a Footpath Renewal Programme should also be undertaken here in 2004.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 03/425)

The report stated that Glenview Terrace has been included in the Resurfacing Programme for 2004.

As part of the resurfacing programme any works considered necessary will be carried out on the footpaths.

#### 10.9 **REDUCE LEVEL OF SPEEDING CARS ON SKEHARD RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would introduce measures on the Skehard Road between Church Road and Silverdale to reduce the level of speeding cars in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/453)

The report stated that Skehard Road is already on the list for traffic calming measures. Surveys involving volume and speed measurements are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any appropriate mitigation measures. These measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

This section of Skehard Road is a main local distributor road and is also on the No. 10 City Bus Service, and this limits the extent of traffic calming measures that can be installed there. It should also be noted that we already have well over two hundred requests for traffic calming measures from areas similar to Skehard Road and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

#### 10.10 **ASCENSION HEIGHTS BE RESURFACED & MADE A CUL-DE-SAC**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the road in Ascension Heights be resurfaced and be blocked off at the end by Churchfield Green making it a cul-de-sac.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc Carthy 03/456)

The report stated that the road surface in Ascension Heights is in reasonably good condition and does not require resurfacing at this time. However, there are some potholes on the surface and these will be made good.

Creating a cul-de-sac at the junction of Ascension Heights at the junction with Churchfield Green has several implications:

1. A large majority of residents in Ascension heights would have to be in favour of the proposal, as access through Churchfield Way may be a preferred route for many of them.
2. A turning circle or ‘hammer head’ would have to be created at the end of Ascension Heights to enable vehicles entering the roadway turn and drive back out. This would have to be designed and could cost several thousand euro to construct.
3. The Gardaí have reservations about making Ascension Height a cul-de-sac as it gives joy riders and others an opportunity to evade pursuit by driving into the cul-de-sac and escaping into another vehicle on the other side of the bollards, etc.

The creation of a cul-de-sac at Ascension heights should only be done as part of an overall package to refurbish and upgrade the general area and the motion should be referred to the Housing Directorate for their attention.

#### **10.11 REPAIR FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE 3 KNOCKREA LAWN, BALLINLOUGH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Footpaths outside 3, Knockrea Lawn, Ballinlough be repaired urgently as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 03/458)

The report stated that these footpaths will be inspected and any remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.

#### **10.12 ROAD RESURFACING – HARBOUR VIEW RD TO APPLE COMPUTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the road from the school on Harbour View Road to Apple Computer be resurfaced due to many pot holes.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc Carthy 03/459)

The report stated that other than a few minor defects in the road surface there is no need to resurface the road from Courtown Drive to Apple Computer.

10.13 **REPAIR FOOTPATH IN HIGHFIELD AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath in Highfield Avenue be repaired as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Michael O’ Connell 04/006)

The report stated that this footpath will be inspected and any remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.

10.14 **DISC PARKING – EGERTON VILLAS AND KIMBERLEY VILLAS, AT MILITARY RD, ST. LUKES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Disc Parking be extended to include Egerton Villas and Kimberley Villas, at Military Road, St. Lukes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/010)

The report stated that the City Council recently approved a proposal to extend the current disc parking zone (DPZ). Egerton and Kimberley Villas are included in the new extension area.

A programme for the installation of disc parking controls for the extended zone is being drawn up and it will be implemented as soon as possible within the constraints of resources and demands of other traffic related work. The actual area of the DPZ has been extended by nearly 2/3 rds so it will take some time to complete the extension scheme.

10.15 **TRAFFIC PLAN BE PRODUCED FOR PATRICK STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a Traffic Plan be produced for Patrick Street to regulate its new configuration.

That this plan would address such items as bye-laws to control Taxi Parking, Road Markings, Signage (to include signs to direct traffic to car parks), rules to control delivery, accessibility and traffic flow.

That the details of the traffic plan, when completed, be communicated to Gardaí, Traffic Wardens, Taxi Drivers, Shopkeepers, Delivery Persons and the Public in general.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/26)

The report stated that the 'Beth Gali' St. Patrick's Street Refurbishment Scheme is due to be completed by early summer this year. The street will be reduced for most of its length from a four lane to a two-lane roadway with widened areas for pedestrians. It will also include a service bay on each side of the street to facilitate bus stops, taxi ranks and loading areas.

The designation of spaces of the service bays for the various uses was the subject of much consultation and discussions with Gardai, Bus Eireann, taxi representatives and local traders. The allocation of spaces has now been decided and appropriate statutory road marking and signage has been put in place in the finished sections of the street and will be provided in the remaining section when completed.

A study is currently under way of the City signage system by a firm of consultants and the brief includes directional signage for car parks. All directional signs including those in St. Patrick's Street are being examined and strategy and a recommended implementation plan for upgrading all signage in the City will be produced.

There is a proposal that St. Patrick's Street be restricted to Public Transport and Taxis from 11.00 – 19 00 for certain days during the week. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Gardai and the Central Business Association and initial reaction has been positive.

Further traffic analysis is required to measure the impact on the City Centre road traffic network, particularly in view of the proposal to pedestrianise Oliver Plunkett Street and to reduce the number of traffic lanes on Grand Parade. A traffic modelling exercise will be carried out and a further report will recommendations will follow on completion of this study.

#### 10.16 **STUDY OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS FOR CHILDREN OF THE DEANROCK ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That a study be made of unsafe conditions for the children of the Deanrock Estate. That cognisance be taken of the road accidents to date in that area. That a plan be devised to make the estate safe for the many children that reside in it.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/27)

The report stated that a scheme of traffic calming measures for Deanrock Estate is being forward in this year's roads programme for Deanrock Estate. These measures are currently being designed and will have the effect of reducing traffic speeds, thus improving the road safety in the estate. It is planned to proceed with the 'Part 8' consultation process for any proposed traffic measures over the summer months.

“Children at Play” signs are also effective measure in increasing road safety and the use of these will be investigated. These signs are normally provided by local resident groups and erected by the City Council at the resident’s expense. They are also regularly paid for out of local ward funds.

This motion should also be set to the Housing Directorate who have overall responsibility for the management and upgrading of Deanrock Estate.

#### 10.17 **SPEED RAMPS AT KNOCKFREE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That speed ramps be introduced at Knockfree Avenue, Farranree, Cork as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 04/28)

The report stated that Knockfree Avenue is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out there to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

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

#### 10.18 **REDUCING LATE NIGHT STREET VIOLENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the revised report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘For the purpose of reducing the amount of late night street violence that is present on the streets of the City, the Council will provide a number of designated late night Taxi ranks and public transport in the form of Night Links. These services are being provided with the intention of reducing the number of people who roam the streets looking for Taxis after the closure of bars and night-clubs. Both the Taxi ranks and Night Links will operate between the hours of 00.00 midnight through to 03.00 on each of the nights Friday and Saturday. The gardaí will police these designated areas as well as the existing privately owned Taxi ranks that currently operate within the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 04/34)

The report stated that the issue of taxi ranks in the City Centre is continuously being assessed and discussed by the City Council with the Gardaí and taxi representative groups. At a recent meeting it was agreed that extra temporary taxi ranks be located at the Grand Parade and South Mall in order to disperse the demand and to avoid large groups waiting at locations on St. Patrick’s Street.

These are being done on a trial basis and it should be noted that taxi ranks are



generally empty between the hours of 00.00 –03.00 because the vast majority of taxis are hailed down well before they reach the taxi ranks. The situation however, will be monitored in close co-operation with the Gardaí and any necessary improvements to taxi facilities in the City will be made

The issue of the provision of Public Transport night links is a matter for Bus Eireann. These links have been provided in the past during Christmas and Jazz festival weekends. Unfortunately, their use by the general public was very poor and no service was provided last Christmas. However, we will discuss the matter with Bus Eireann in the context of the motion and in view of our overall policy of improving and promoting public transport facilities.

10.19 **PROPER ROAD MARKINGS & SIGNS TO BE ERECTED ON BOHERBOY RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council ensure that proper road markings and signs are erected on Boherboy road on the approaches to Dun Ard as there are issues around right of way that need to be clarified for motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/37)

The report stated that Boherboy Road on the approaches to Dun Ard will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí. Appropriate signage and road markings will be provided to clarify the priority movements in the area.

10.20 **RAMPS BE PUT IN BURLINGFORD DRIVE, CHURCH RD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Ramps be placed at the entrance to Burlingford Drive, Church Road, Blackrock, Cork, in order to slow down traffic which is entering this park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/42)

The report stated that traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out at Burlingford Drive in order to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

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

However, the Housing Directorate plan to construct 56 houses at the end of Burlingford Drive and the Part 8 process under the Planning Regulations was completed last year. If the housing scheme goes ahead, some funds may be

available to provide traffic calming measures on Berlingford Drive in order to mitigate the effect of the increased traffic flows on the roadway as a result of the new development.

10.21 **'CHILDREN AT PLAY' SIGNS TO BE ERECTED ON ST. DECLAN'S RD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'I would ask that "Children at Play" signs be erected on St. Declan's Road, Gurranaברה in light of the volume of fast-moving traffic that uses this road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O' Flynn 04/45)

The report stated that "Children at Play" signs are an effective means of increasing road safety and they are widely used in residential areas throughout the City. These signs are normally purchased and provided by local resident groups and erected by the City Council at the resident's expense. They are also regularly paid for out of local ward funds.

Arrangements will be made to contact local residents with a view to having the signs erected.

10.22 **BARRIER ERECTED AT KENNEDY QUAY & AT THE MARINA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'In the interests of safety, to prevent motor vehicles entering the River Lee at Kennedy Quay and at the Marina from the E.S.B. gate to Blackrock, a barrier should be erected to help prevent entry into the river.'

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 04/033)

The report stated that the erection of barriers along Kennedy Quay and The Marina would be hugely expensive and there are no funds in this year's roads programme for this work. The quay barrier here is part of an overall reconstruction scheme.

A request will be made to the Department of the Environment and Local Government for funds to upgrade the quay walls and to provide barriers at Kennedy Quay and The Marina.

10.23 **WIDEN EXIT BEND AT THE JUNCTION OF CARRIGMORE, OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SEAMUS QUIRKE PARKS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council widen the exit bend westwards of junction of Carrigmore, Our Lady of Lourdes and Seamus Quirke Parks which join the Ballinlough Road directly opposite Murphy Transport, Ballinlough Road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 03/442)

The report stated that the Roads Design section will look at the situation at the junction of Carrigmore, Our Lady of Lourdes and Seamus Quirke Parks with Ballinlough Road. When this investigation has been carried out, I will revert with further information.

#### 10.24 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT DERRYNANE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place on Derrynane Road.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/250)

The report stated that Derrynane Road is already listed for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures.

The section of Derrynane Road between Friars Walk and Mount Pleasant Road is a bus route (no. 4 City Bus Service), and ramps could not be installed here. Any identified measures will however, be included for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

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.

#### 10.25 **ROAD RESURFACING – KNOCKPOGUE PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Knockpogue Park be resurfaced as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/419)

The report stated that the road surface in Knockpogue Park is in good condition. There is no need to resurface at this time.

#### 10.26 **ROAD RESURFACING – HAWTHORN VILLAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Hawthorn Villas, South Douglas Rd be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2004. A Footpath Renewal Programme should also be undertaken at this location in 2004.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 03/426)

The report stated that Hawthorn Villas has not been included in the 2004 programme for resurfacing or footpath renewal. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

10.27 **ROAD RESURFACING – MONEREA TERRACE & MAIN ALBERT ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Monerea Terrace and the Main Albert Rd be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2004. A Footpath Renewal Programme should also be undertaken at these locations in 2004.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 03/427)

The report stated that Monerea Terrace and Albert Rd. have not been included in the 2004 programme for resurfacing or footpath renewal. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

10.27 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON GERALD GRIFFIN STREET, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would put double yellow lines on Gerald Griffin Street, Blackpool on either side of the exit from Farran Street, to allow for the safe exit of traffic from Farran Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/441)

The report stated that Gerard Griffin Street at the junction with Farren Street will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí. If it is deemed appropriate and agreement is reached, the provision of double yellow lines at the junction will be inserted into this year’s road painting programme.

10.29 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN LARCHFIELD IN FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by Council:

‘That Cork City Council provide traffic calming measures in Larchfield in Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/008)

The report stated that a scheme of traffic calming measures is being forward in this year's roads programme for Larchfield in Fairhill. These measures are currently being designed and it is planned to proceed with the 'Part 8' process, under the Planning Regulations for any proposed traffic measures over the summer months.

Subject to the Part 8 being approved, a contract for the installation of traffic measures in the estate will be carried out in the autumn.

#### 10.30 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON FAIR HILL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by Council:

'That traffic calming be put in place on Fair Hill Road urgently due to heavy traffic on the road.'

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc Carthy 04/22)

The report stated that Fairhill Road is already listed for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures.

The major section of Fairhill Road is a bus route (no. 3 City Bus Service), and ramps could not be installed here. Any identified measures will however, be included for consideration in next year's Roads Programme.

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.

#### 10.31 **RAMPS BE PUT IN BRIARS COURT, SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That ramps be put in place in Briars Court Shanakiel to slow down traffic entering and leaving the estate.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O' Connell 04/40)

The report stated that a scheme of traffic calming measures is being forward in this year's roads programme for Briar's Court, Shanakiel. These measures are currently being designed and it is planned to proceed with the 'Part 8' process, under the Planning Regulations for any proposed traffic measures over the summer months.

Subject to the Part 8 being approved, a contract for the installation of traffic measures in the estate will be carried out in the autumn.

#### 10.32 **FOOTPATHS IN BURLINGFORD DRIVE BE REPAIRED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That footpaths in Burlingford Drive, outside No’s 4, 12, 23, 24 & 29 all be repaired as a matter of urgency as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/44)

The report stated that these footpaths will be inspected and any remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.

10.33 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT THE JUNCTION OF GURRANABRAHER ROAD. TO ST. MARY’S AVENUE, CATHEDRAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at the junction of Gurranabraher Road, Cathedral Rd. to St. Mary’s Avenue, Cathedral Road to slow traffic using Cathedral Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/46)

The report stated that the No. 2 City Bus Route is on Cathedral Road and this road is designated as part of one of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) Green Routes.

A preliminary report is currently being prepared by Arup Consulting Engineers on this Green Route and measures will be put forward to improve Public Transport performance and also to improve road safety along the roadway for all road users including cyclists and pedestrians.

All proposed measures will be subject to the consultation process as set out in Part 8 of the Planning Regulations.

10.34 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ST. ENDA’S ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at St. Enda’s Road, Gurranabraher to prevent rat racing by motorists using St. Enda’s Road as a short cut and that “Children at Play” and “Go Slow” signs be erected immediately as an interim measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/47)

The report stated that traffic surveys will be carried out at St. Enda's Road, Gurranabraher in order to determine the extent of the problems in the area and to identify any possible appropriate mitigation measures. Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration into the roads programme.

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.

10.35 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME - PRESENTATION PLACE, GREENMOUNT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Presentation Place in Greenmount be included in next years Roadworks Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 04/057)

The report stated that Presentation Place will be assessed for inclusion in the 2005 Road Resurfacing Programme.

10.36 **PARKING OVERNIGHT IN KELLEHER’S BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council consider installing measures to ensure against heavy vehicles being parked overnight in Kelleher’s Buildings and that the Gardaí be asked to patrol the area to prevent motorists parking on footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/61)

The report stated that parking surveys will be carried out at nighttime to determine the extent of the heavy goods vehicle parking problem in Kelleher’s Buildings. Discussions will be held with the Gardaí and if deemed necessary the appropriate statutory signs will be installed to control the parking of heavy goods vehicles in the area.

Kelleher’s Buildings is part of the Disc Parking Zone Extension (DPZ) Scheme and parking controls will be installed there in the relatively near future. When these controls are introduced, the area will be regularly patrolled by the Traffic Wardens and Clamping Crew.

Parking on footpaths in residential areas outside the DPZ is very common in the City, and the Gardaí have not the resources to regularly check for such parking offences in areas like Kelleher’s Buildings. However, a regular and consistent parking enforcement regime will be introduced by the City Council once disc parking controls are provided in the area.

10.37 **REINSTATE FOOTPATHS AT BELLEVUE PARK, MILITARY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council reinstate footpaths at Bellevue Park, Military Road as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/62)

The report stated that the footpath in Bellvue Park is presently in reasonable condition and does not require reinstatement at this time. Consideration can be given for an Ecoflex covering.

#### 10.38 **GURRANABRAHER AVENUE TO BE MADE ONE WAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Gurranabraher Avenue would be made one way at least to the junction with St. Brigid’s Road to compliment the one-way system at St. Brigid’s Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 04/66)

The report stated that it is assumed that the motion refers to the section of Gurranabraher Road between the junctions with Gurranabraher Road and St. Brigid’s Road and that the proposed one-way system is to compliment the current one-way system in St. Rita’s Avenue. Normally one-way streets are ‘twinning’ with another parallel street with opposite traffic flow direction in order to provide a gyratory to improve circulation and local access.

However, it has been City Council’s policy for many years to avoid introducing one-way systems and where possible to revert them to two-way. One-way traffic flows can have the following effects:

- Increased traffic speeds.
- Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds.
- Reduction in local accessibility for the residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult.
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, etc.).

However, Gurranabraher Avenue will be visited with the Gardaí and contact will be made with the local residents to discuss the various traffic issues.

If agreement is reached, the formal consultation process for changing the section of Gurranabraher Avenue referred to above, to one-way working, will be commenced.

#### 10.39 **MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC AT THE SKEHARD/CHURCH RD JUNCTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 26th February, 2004 on the following motion which was held in Committee from the February meeting.

‘That City Council would reassess the management of traffic at the Skehard Road/Church Road junction. The current situation provides for a conflict between cars exiting the Supermarket and cars coming from the Church Road direction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/448)



The report stated that I refer to previous report on the above motion submitted to last month's meeting of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee. The following are further proposals:

- 1) The traffic signals stage sequence will be modified to incorporate an Indicative Right Turn Arrow at the end of green for traffic exiting the Shopping Centre. This arrangement will necessitate the installation of an induction loop at the stop-line which will facilitate the detection of queuing at the exit.
- 2) The habitual parking of a large van on the Church Road approach is causing problems for traffic flows through the junction and this matter will be discussed with An Garda Síochána.
- 3) The bus stop on Skehard Road, approaching the junction from the Well Road side, should be relocated further west to make use of a wide set-down area. This will also improve traffic flows through the junction. This will be discussed with the Gardaí and Bus Éireann.

#### 11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

#### 12. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

##### 12.1 **COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn at the Colmcille Winter School Conference which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 in Colmcille Heritage Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

##### 12.2 **BMW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL CONFERENCE – DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE BMW REGION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and T. Falvey at the BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference – Developing Infrastructure

in the BMW Region to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 at the Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

##### 12.3 **GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, T. Brosnan, L. Burke and D. Wallace at the General Council of County Councils Annual Conference 2004 to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

##### 12.4 **ENHANCING LOCAL DEMOCRACY: THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Clune at the Enhancing Local Democracy: The Role of the Local Councillor in Ireland

Conference to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 in Boole 2 Lecture Theatre, University College Cork.

12.5 **L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll at the L.A.M.A. Conference to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 at the West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare.

12.6 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CENTRE, 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Centre, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Conference to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.

12.7 **CLONMEL CONFERENCE – “A HEALTHY DEBATE”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan, L. Burke and J. Kelleher at the Clonmel Conference – “A Healthy Debate” to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2004 in the Slievenamon Golf Club & Fairways Restaurant, Lisronagh, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – DERRYNANE ROAD, DOYLE ROAD, FR. MATTHEW ROAD, FRIARS ROAD & O' CONNELL AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would look at the possibility of introducing traffic

calming measures at Derrynane Road, Doyle Road, Fr. Matthew Road, Friars Road, and O' Connell Avenue’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 03/86)

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13.2 **ROAD RESURFACING – MCDONAGH ROAD AND PLUNKET ROAD**

‘That Mc Donagh Road and Plunket Road be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme’.

(Proposer: Cllr. Sean Martin 03/97)

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13.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ST. BRIGID'S ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council would put traffic calming measures in place on Blarney Street as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/60)

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#### **13.4 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE JUNCTION OF POPHAM’S ROAD**

‘I would ask that immediate steps be taken to remedy the traffic problems at the junction of Popham’s Road with Commons Rd. The current signal system results in large backlogs of down coming traffic from Popham’s Road.

There is the associated problem of traffic from the Commons Road jumping the queue and blocking the down – coming traffic even when the light is in favour of the Popham’s Road traffic. There is an ongoing major potential for accidents in the current climate. I would ask that the matter be addressed immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/72)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### **13.5 REPAIR FOOTPATHS OUTSIDE NO. 6-24 ST. DECLAN’S ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would include the repair of the footpaths outside No. 6 – 24 St. Declan’s Road, Gurranabraher when resurfacing St. Declan’s Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/73)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### **13.6 NEW ROAD BE NAMED CONVENT WAY**

‘That Cork City Council considers naming the new road from the Assumption Convent, Assumption Road to Popes Road as Convent Way, Blackpool in

recognition of the 100 years service to the Blackpool Community by the Assumption Sisters.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/77)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### **13.7 ERECT 30MPH SIGNS ON MODEL FARM ROAD TO JUNCTION FOR ROSSA AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council erect 30mph signs in the vicinity of the Rendezvous Bar, Model Farm Rd and again further up the road on the approach to the junction for Rossa Avenue.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc. Carthy 04/78)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### **13.8 STOP FUNDING GOING TO AN TAISCE**

‘I call on the City Council to call on the Minister to stop funding going to An Taisce.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc. Carthy 04/83)

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

**13.9 DIFFICULTY OF COLLECTION REFUSE**

‘That because of narrow roads with cars parked everywhere and the resulting difficulty of collecting refuse in many estates and roads in the the City I am requesting that one side of such roads has **no parking** on the specific morning refuse is due for collection.

I would also request that The Manager would come back to the Council with a proposal as to how this can be implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/96)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.10 PREVENT MOTORISTS FROM USING COACH STREET AND PETERS STREET AS TRAFFIC ROUTES**

‘That measures be taken to discourage and prevent motorists from using Coach Street and Peters Street as traffic routes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/99)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.11 CONSTRUCT ROADWAY AT BRANDON CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council would design and construct a vehicular roadway at Brandon Crescent starting at house no. 1 and serving the houses at the west side of the estate, in order to enable householders to drive and park their cars up to their own doors.’

(Proposer: Ald. M. Quill 04/100)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.12 DEVELOPING SMALL CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND IN HOUSING ESTATES**

‘That Cork City Council would enter into discussion with residents with a view to developing small childrens Playgrounds in housing estates and work out an arrangement re insurance with residents as is beginning to happen in other Local Authority areas. That Brandon Crescent, a small well defined area might be considered as a good space to pilot the scheme.’

(Proposer: Ald. M. Quill 04/101)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

**13.13 IN-FILL HOUSING BETWEEN MOUNT BROSNA AND AVONMORE PARK**

‘That in-fill housing be provided between Mount Brosna and Avonmore Park, Mayfield, as part of the forthcoming development of the former Maxol Service Station on the Old Youghal Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/102)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

**13.14 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ROSEGREEN AVENUE, OFF UPPER BEAUMONT DRIVE**

‘That traffic ramps or other such traffic calming measures be placed on Rosegreen Avenue, Off Upper Beaumont Drive, Blackrock as this connecting road is subject to severe traffic overload.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/107)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.15 FOOTPATH LAYOUT BETWEEN BALLINLOUGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION & ELM GROVE ESTATE**

‘That the footpath layout between Ballinlough Community Association entrance and Elm Grove Estate entrance be re-cast with a view to pedestrian safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/108)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.16 BACKLOG OF HOUSING APPLICANTS**

‘That extra staff be deployed to deal with the backlog of housing applicants waiting to be assessed for housing in view of the recent changes in the rent allowance scheme where people will not qualify for the allowance until they have been assessed for housing by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/109)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

**13.17 CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER BE CLOSED OFF**

‘That Churchfield Way Upper is closed off.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/110)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.18 FOOTPATH RENEWAL IN MENLOE GARDENS, BLACKROCK ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a programme of footpath renewal in Menloe Gardens, Blackrock Road, as the footpaths are in a very bad state of disrepair, and in places a danger to residents.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 04/114)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.18 RESURFACING OF WELL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would complete the resurfacing of the Well Road in 2004. As part of this work, the road markings at the Junction of Well Road and the Main Douglas Road should be re-painted, to indicate proper road positions for motorist turning right towards the city and left towards Douglas Village, and motorists coming off the ramp from the South Ring Road. A yellow box should be installed opposite “Hilarion” at the end of the Well Road, to facilitate the residents of this house exit and enter in safety.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 04/115)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.20 REINSTATE FOOTPATHS AT TRACTON AVENUE AND TRACTON PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council reinstate footpaths at Tracton Avenue and Tracton Place, Middle Glanmire Road as existing footpaths are in a very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/126)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.21 ROAD MARKINGS AT CAHERGAL LAWN AND CAHERGAL AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council renew the road markings at the junction of Cahergal Lawn and Cahergal Avenue as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/117)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**13.22 RESURFACING THE GREEN AREA AT GLENGARRIFF ROAD, FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council would consider resurfacing the green area at Glengarriff Road, Fairhill in an effort to facilitate residents who are unable to park their car close to their home.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 04/118)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.23 **STEPS ON THE GREEN AREA IN FRONT OF 2-16 KNOCKFREE AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would place steps on the green area in front of house nos. 2-16 Knockfree Avenue to facilitate easier access for residents who park their cars on the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 04/123)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.24 **AER RIANTA TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARKING FACILITIES**

‘That Cork City Council requests Aer Rianta to provide adequate parking facilities at Cork Airport for non-commercial aircraft in order to facilitate investors and high spending tourists who may wish to visit the region.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/124)

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

13.25 **CIVIC AMENITY SITE REMAIN OPEN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

‘That in order to facilitate the public, the civic amenity site on the Kinsale Road remain open on Saturday afternoon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 04/128)

**Environment Functional Committee**

14. **TENDERS**

The following tender was opened:

- 4 no. tenders for Removal of Asbestos.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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