

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2004.

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

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

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

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

SOUTH EAST 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. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. M. Fanning, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

Apologies: Comhairleoir L. Burke

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 McAuliffe Family on the death of Dan McAuliffe.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations to:-

- John Hume on his retirement from politics
- Blue Demons who recently won 2 All-Ireland Basketball Championships

3. **CHURCHFIELD SWIMMING POOL**

An t-Ardmheara advised An Chomhairle that contracts had been signed regarding the development 4 lane pool, fun flume, learners pool and children's pool at Churchfield Swimming Pool. Development works are due to commence on 1st March, 2004. The City Manager advised that he was proposing to dispose of land at Bantry Park Road and Chapel Gate for development of private housing in order to finance the Swimming Pool Development.

4. **SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

An t-Ardmheara advised An Chomhairle that following a meeting with An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern on 6th February, a firm commitment had been obtained from An Taoiseach to resolve outstanding issues at the earliest possible date. A decision is to be made before 17th March 2004.

5. **LORD MAYORS BALL**

An t-Ardmheara advised An Chomhairle that monies raised from the St. Patricks Night Ball will be donated to Marymount Hospice.

6. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th January, 2004 were considered and approved.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **CHURCHFIELD SWIMMING POOL**

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

1. Grant aid of €4.2m has been confirmed by the Dept of Arts,Sport and Tourism
2. The total project cost has increased by €387k
3. John Paul Construction will be starting work on site on 1st March 2004,with a build period of 14 months.
4. As above.
5. Yes

Any specific needs were identified during preparation of a feasibility study for the project carried out in 2000.Under Part 8 planning process, no submissions were received following public advertisement, in relation to the plans. The main pool itself is a 4 lane pool as Churchfield is seen as been ideally placed to be developed as a leisureised conventional pool, this option giving the best chance of viability as leisure type pools attract users from a wider catchment area. There is a fun flume (large slide), learner pool and children's pool in the facility, designed to maximise revenue for the Centre.

7.2 **MUNICIPAL PARK AND RIDE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Catherine Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the process of extending the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) has been on going for several years. The Council has recently

approved a new proposal to extend the current zone by approximately 60%. There is a huge demand for commuter parking in the City and the majority of this parking demand is met in areas just outside the DPZ. Hence the continuous need to extend the zone to protect the effected residential areas.

The new Park & Ride facility at the Black Ash has a capacity of 430 spaces and it now opens at 7.30 am to facilitate commuters. The capacity will be increased to 920 spaces in early summer when the construction contract is completed. Further bus and rail based Park & Ride facilities will be provided in the future on the Mallow, Cobh and Middleton rail lines, and in Carrigaline and in the Bandon Road Roundabout areas, as identified by the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP). Part of the strategy of CASP is that much of the commuter demand for parking will reduce as motorists switch to other modes of transport, particularly Public Transport, which will be facilitated by the new network of Green Routes.

7.3 **ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF WATER PRESSURE**

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

1(a) St. Patrick's Road: A number of house service pipes were replaced along this road. This work had the effect of improving the pressures. The replacement of the water main on this road is included in the water main rehabilitation programme 2004 to 2005.

1(b) Slieve Mish Park: City Council staff pressure cleaned 2 no. house service pipes recently which restored water pressure to same.

A leaking water main was recently located and repaired in the Green Lawn. This repair had the effect of increasing the pressures in the local area, including Slieve Mish Park.

2. There are no current plans to rehabilitate the water mains in the Turners Cross area.
3. €13.03 million has been allocated by the Government under the current water services investment programme (2003-2005) for rehabilitation of watermains and lead services. To date watermains and services have been replaced out of this fund, as part of the C.M.D. contracts.
4. Approx. 450 km. of cast iron pipe work in the city require rehabilitation.

A leak in a watermain can effect pressures in the local area. The City Council has an active leakage control programme in place to monitor and repair leaks speedily.

7.4 **KENNEDY PARK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Deirdre Clune, a written reply was circulated which stated that the land known as Kennedy Park, Victoria Road was purchased by agreement from Maher and Hayes in 1946. The full market price was paid for the land and it is held in Fee Simple by the City Council. There are no specific conditions attached to the Contract relating to the use of the land.

7.5 **NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Michael Ahern, a written reply was circulated which stated that on 4th February 2004, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government launched a major Public Awareness Campaign for electronic voting.

In addition to a media advertising campaign and distribution of an information pack to every household, a Roadshow demonstrating the Electronic Voting system will visit over 50 centres. An information display stand will also be provided at each local authority office.

The Roadshow will visit Cork City on 16th and 17th May 2004 and the City Council is facilitating the arrangements.

A demonstration for Public Representatives and the media will take place in the Millenium Hall on 17th February 2004.

7.6 **WHEELIE BIN COLLECTION**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Patricia Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that to date the wheelbin collection service has been introduced in 98% of the city.

Because of the narrowness of some streets, steps leading to same, no turning facilities etc. it has not been possible to service all areas with the existing fleet of collection vehicles.

A smaller collection vehicle has now been purchased and this will allow for easier access to some of the streets currently not serviced by the larger trucks.

As a consequence of this purchase the remaining 1,200 houses will now be reviewed with a view to providing as many as possible with a wheelbin collection system over the coming months.

However even with the smaller truck, based on experience in other cities, it may not be possible to achieve a 100% door to door coverage.

In these cases City Council will endeavour to arrive at an agreed solution with householders in the area such as collection points etc.

7.7 **SATURATED NON-RESIDENT PARKING**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that Council has recently approved a proposal to extend the current Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) by approximately 60% in order to alleviate the problems in residential areas caused by commuter parking. A priority programme of implementation is currently being drawn up. It is anticipated that Hartlands Avenue, because of the long standing parking problems there, will have parking controls installed early in the programme.

The provision of a single yellow line on the eastern side of Hartlands Avenue will cause a nuisance to residents, as they also will not be able to park there during the

prohibited hours. The lack of parking on both sides of the road would also increase the speed of traffic, which could road safety in the area. The implementation of the disc parking controls will be a far more effective remedy without inconveniencing the local residents and it is in their interest that they await

the introduction of the disc parking controls, which will occur in the immediate future.

7.8 **ROAD MARKINGS AT RIVERVIEW ESTATE, BALLYVOLANE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the two exits from Riverview are on to the very busy North Ring Road. The area will be examined in conjunction with the Gardai and any measures, including appropriate road markings, will be put in place to improve the road safety there.

7.9 **DERELICT HOUSE AT BROWNINGSTOWN PARK**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Terry Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that in a previous report issued to Council on 14th April 2003, regarding the derelict site at “Westview”, Browningstown Park, which outlined in detail the history of the site. At that time Mr. McCarthy had indicated that he would lodge a planning application to retain and complete the development. Despite numerous reminders from Planning Officials, he has failed to do so to date. He has complied with the City Council’s request to secure the site.

As previously outlined, the site was declared derelict on 26/01/00, and subsequently placed on the Derelict Sites Register on 12/05/00. The site is currently being considered for compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 which, if successful, would provide options for the resolution of the matter.

8. **EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2005 – CAPITAL PROGRAMME
CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the City Managers report of the 3rd February, 2004 on the European Capital of Culture 2005 – Capital Programme Cork City Council.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the monthly report of the Director of Services for the month of January, 2004.

9.2 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANT SCHEME**

It was agreed that the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January 2004, be referred back to the Housing & Community Functional Committee for further discussion and amendment.

9.3 **ACQUISITION OF UNITS AT BERLINGFORD DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 in relation to the acquisition of 14 no. housing units at Berlingford Drive, Blackrock and on the proposal of Comhairleoir Damien Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED in accordance with the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, that Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding €2,563,000 to cover all costs associated with the acquisition of 14 no. houses at Berlingford Drive, Blackrock in the City of Cork”.

9.4 **PROVISION OF LOAN FACILITY TO CLUID HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 in relation to the proposed loan facility to Cluid Housing Association for the purchase of 46 no. units of accommodation.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir Sean Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir Damien Wallace, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €4,580,726, being an increase of €284,227 on the previous loan, be granted to Cluid Housing Association subject to the conditions of the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme and the approval of the Department of the Environment & Local Government”.

9.5 **CONSTRUCTION OF CRECHE FACILITY AT GLENFIELDS, GLENHEIGHTS ROAD, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 in relation to the proposed construction of a single storey crèche facility at Glenfields, Glenheights Road, Ballyvolane.

9.6 **DEVELOPMENT AT 28/29 DUBLIN STREET, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 in relation to the proposed development of 12 no. one bedroom apartments at 28/29 Dublin Street, Blackpool, Cork.

9.7 **DEVELOPMENT AT KNOCKNAHEENY – BLOCK D**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 in relation to the proposed development of Block D, Knocknaheeny.

9.8 **DEVELOPMENT AT SCOUT HALL SITE, HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 in relation to the proposed development at the Scout Hall Site, Hollyhill Lane.

9.9 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT LEESDALE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That Cork City Council would acknowledge the problems that exist for the residents of Leesdale Estate in relation to anti-social behaviour on the open areas and that Cork City Council would rezone part of these lands to allow infill housing to be provided to address this problem”

(Proposer: Cllr. M Shields 03/346)

The report of the Director stated that the City Council had received reports and were aware of problems being experienced by the residents of Leesdale Estate with regard to the open areas within the estate. The area in question has been inspected by the Housing Directorate and is thought to be suitable for housing purposes. However, as the land in question is zoned as Public Open Space in the current City Development Plan, a variation of this zoning will be required to allow for the development of new housing. Accordingly, I am now also forwarding a copy of this motion to the Planning & Development Directorate for their attention. Plans will be advanced if the Members decide to vary the Development Plan to allow for same.

9.10 **HOUSES AT BOYCES STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That the commitments given by Cork City Council to Blarney Street Community Association prior to the development of the houses on Boyces Street be implemented especially the fitting of porches in the bungalows for the elderly, the upgrading of the open areas at the junction of Boyces Street and Friars Avenue and that the area would be maintained and cleaned and the grass cut on a regular basis which has not happened since the houses were built.”

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/378)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the bungalows at Boyce's Street are to be surveyed with a view to their inclusion in a programme for the improvement of elderly persons dwellings. Any works required for the upgrading of the houses in Boyce's Street, including the fitting of porches, will be considered in the drawing up of the programme.

The Parks Section is currently preparing draft proposals for the treatment of the open and green areas in the locality. Further details of these proposals will be notified to Members in due course.

9.11 **WINDOWS & DOORS AT KILKIERAN CLOSE, HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That the rotten windows and doors be replaced with new windows in Kilkieran Close, Hollyhill.”

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc Carthy 03/455)

The report of the Director stated that the windows and doors in the 18 no. City Council owned properties at Kilkieran Close would be inspected early in 2004 to determine if replacement is required.

Any required maintenance will be scheduled for inclusion in the Planned Maintenance Programme for 2004.

9.12 **RAILINGS AT DESMOND SQUARE FLATS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 29th January, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the railings in the Desmond Square flats be replaced as many of them are in poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/21).

The report of the Director stated that a meeting took place in early January, 2004 between officials from the City Council and representatives of the Residents Association of Desmond’s Square at which a number of issues of concern to the residents were discussed.

It was agreed that plans would be prepared by the Housing Directorate for planned maintenance work within the estate including the replacement of the existing railings. It is envisaged that work will start in April of this year.

9.13 **DISPOSALS**

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

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

- a) Land approximately 54 sq. metres in area situated at Trabeg Lawn, South Douglas Road, Cork, to (1) Paul & Ruth Cregan, 35 sq. metres for a nominal fee of €1.00 (2) David Allen 4 sq. metres in exchange for site (3) Stephen McSorley, 15 sq. metres in exchange for site.
- b) Property at 138 – 140 Lower Glanmire Road, Cork, acquired under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 by way of Vesting Orders dated 21st December, 2001 to Brendan Cunningham, Solicitor in Trust, McNulty Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork, for the sum of €11,000.

DERELICT SITE REPORT

- (a) To consider report by City Manager dated 29th January, 2004 regarding derelict property at 10, O'Connell Street, Blackpool, Cork.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 20, Lotabeg Green, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 13th December, 2002, to Martin O'Regan, for the sum of €84,836.76.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 61, Woodlawn, Tramore Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 31st May, 2002, to Mark Pender and Shirley McCarthy, for the sum of €103,885.03.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 3, Lotabeg Green, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 19th December, 2001, to Joseph Butler and Geraldine Butler, for the sum of €86,487.18.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 10, Clarkes Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 25th October, 1995, to Sharon O'Donovan, for the sum of €31,821.92.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 35, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 16th November, 2001, to Avril Lane and Darren O'Brien, for the sum of €97,871.30.
- (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 15, The Green, Tramore Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 31st December, 2001, to Elma O'Mahony, for the sum of €81,208.62.
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 14, Knights Court, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 8th September, 2000, to Martin O'Rourke and Carin Larsson, for the sum of €87,267.42.
- (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 240, Farranferris Avenue, Farranree, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 18th December, 1997, Mary Forrest, for the sum of €42,045.27.
- (i) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as "Anndale", 2, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 2nd June, 1999, to Serghe Vanden Berghe and Veronica Vanden Berghe (nee Kelly), for the sum of €66,006.76.
- (j) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 24, Cathedral Avenue, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 30th September, 1998, to Mary Buckley, for the sum of €34,731.08.
- (k) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 25, Corrib Lawn, Mayfield, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 13th December, 2001, to David Connolly and Christine Connolly, for the sum of €74,272.54.
- (l) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 6, St. Rita's Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a

Shared Ownership Lease dated 15th November, 1994, to Gerard Cambridge and Linda Cambridge, for the sum of €14,202.52.

- (m) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 14, Boherboy Close, Mayfield, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 6th July, 1999, to Patrick O'Connell & Ann McCarthy, for the sum of €64,813.12.
- (n) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 26, Joe Murphy Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 18th February, 1994, to Finbarr O'Callaghan and Rachel Walsh, for the sum of €32,456.07.
- (o) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 10, Elm Close, Mahon, Cork, by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 13th November, 2003, to Vijay Pandyaraj and Bonita Doble, for the sum of €93,278.29.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Freehold interest in 14, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Friar's Walk, Cork, to James Murphy, c/o Henry P.F. Donegan & Son, Solicitors, 74, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €45.71, plus costs of €450.00
- (b) Freehold interest in 14, Derrynane Road, Turner's Cross, Cork, to Nuala Teahan & Eithne Teahan, c/o Kieran McCarthy, & Co., Solicitors, 11/12 Washington Street, Cork, for the sum of €10.15, plus costs of €450.00.
- (c) Freehold interest in "Hillview", 13, St. Patrick's Road, Turner's Cross, Cork, to Brid Lehane, c/o Michael Powell & Co., Solicitors, 48, Grand Parade, Cork, for the sum of €76.18 plus costs of €450.00.
- (d) Freehold interest in 2, Hillcrest, Clifton Road, Montenotte, Cork, to Patrick McKenna & Marie McKenna, c/o Finbarr A. Murphy & Co., Solicitors, Lee White House, 8, Washington Street, Cork, for the sum of €50.79, 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 29th January, 2004, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September, 2003.

10.2 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT NON-NATIONAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2004.

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, regarding Department of the Environment & Local Government Non-National Road Grant Allocations 2004.

10.3 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE, BOYCES STREET & GLENRYAN ROAD, BALLYMACHTHOMAS

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 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 at Maryaikenhead Place, Boyces Street and Glenryan Road, Ballymachthomas to accommodate parking for local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/325)

The report stated that, a proposal to extend the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) was recently approved by Council. The areas referred to in the motion are included in the DPZ extension scheme and the installation of disc parking controls there will alleviate any parking problems the local residents might have.

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.

10.4 **DISC PARKING IN GERALD GRIFFIN STREET & GREAT WILLIAM O'BRIEN STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduces disc parking in Gerald Griffin Street and Great William O’ Brien Street as the residents on both streets are no longer able to find a parking space due to displacement of cars from the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 03/343)

The report stated that, Council recently approved the extension of the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ). The new scheme extends the DPZ northwards along Gerald Griffin Street as far as the junction with O’Connell Street.

The DPZ has to be extended in stages because of the very large amount of resources required in providing and implementing disc parking controls. These include:

- Consultation with local residents and the Gardai
- Drawing up of parking schedules
- Installing the controls on the ground.
- Enforcing the new parking controls in areas outside the City Centre.

Gerard Griffin Street between the junctions with Cathedral Road and O’Connell Street will be included in the programme of works for the installation of disc parking controls. The remaining section of Gerard Griffin Street and Great William O’Brien Street will be put forward for consideration in the next DPZ extension scheme.

10.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ST. TERESA’S PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to put traffic calming measures in place at St. Teresa’s Place, Gurranabraher, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/347)

The report stated that, Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out at St. Teresa's Place to determine the extent of the problems there in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

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

10.6 **RAMPS IN BRIDE VALLEY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That ramps be provided in Bride Valley Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 03/363)

The Report stated that, Bride Valley Park 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 Bride Valley Park and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

10.7 **KERBS ON DOUGLAS HALL LAWN, WELL ROAD BE RAISED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the kerbs in Douglas Hall Lawn, Well Road, Douglas, be raised to 1 ft high (approx) to avoid illegal parking on the green area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O'Flynn 03/397)

The Report stated that, all the kerbing which was damaged or missing has been replaced. A removable bollard will be placed at the section of kerb, which was left low to facilitate access by lawnmowers for grass cutting.

The green area immediately behind the new kerbs will be reinstated by the Parks Section.

10.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – REDEMPTION RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Traffic calming measures be installed on Redemption Road in view of the close proximity of four schools to Redemption Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/401)

The Report stated that, Redemption Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys have been carried out there to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. The results are now being assessed and 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 Redemption Road and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

10.9 **REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That an up to date report be made available regarding the condition of the Jack Lynch tunnel and should include any structural damage, the amount of days the tunnel had to close this year, and are there plans to close the tunnel for a lengthy period of time in the New Year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/407)

The Report stated that, the condition of the Jack Lynch Tunnel is excellent. There is no structural damage to the tunnel. The tunnel is closed on 2 nights every three months for regular maintenance. The last closure was the 8th and 9th January, 2004. Apart from these routine maintenance closures, there are no plans to close the Jack Lynch Tunnel.

10.10 **REFURBISHMENT OF ALL CITY QUAY WALLS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this City Council carry out the refurbishment of all the City Quay walls and that they be maintained and retained in there original state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Chris O’ Leary 03/413)

The Report stated that, the quay walls in Cork City require substantial refurbishment. The total estimated cost of this refurbishment could be in the order of €40 million. Cork City Council does not have the required funds to undertake this significant refurbishment programme. We have requested the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the National Roads Authority for funds to refurbish the quay walls. No funds have been granted in recent years. We will continue to request funding from the DOEHLG and the NRA for this programme of essential works.

10.11 **ROAD RESURFACING – WOODVIEW, WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Woodview, Well Road, 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 03/420)

The Report stated that, Woodview is on the final draft list for resurfacing this year. A decision on its inclusion will be made within the next week when the final costings are done.

It has not been included in the 2004 Footpath Renewal Programme. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

10.12 **ROAD RESURFACING – LINDON AVENUE, ROSEGREN AVENUE & BEAUMONT LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Road carriageway on Lindon Avenue, Rosegreen Avenue and Beaumont Lawn 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 03/421)

The Report stated that, Linden Avenue has been included in the Resurfacing Programme for 2004. Rosegreen Avenue has not been included but any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

10.13 **TAXI’S & HACKNEYS IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘The condition of a small percentage of Taxi’s & Hackney’s would appear to be in a poor state of repair (e.g. Heavy exhaust coming from the exhaust line).

The appearance of some would leave a lot to be desired. We are very much behind standards in mainland Europe and Great Britain.

With the influx of large numbers coming to Cork in the year 2005, it would be incumbent on City Council to ensure that Public Transport is kept to a reasonable high standard’.

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 03/428)

The Report stated that, all applicants for taxi/hackney/wheelchair accessible taxi/limousine licences are obliged to comply with the regulations in force, for the issue of such licences. The examination of all vehicles is carried out by the National Car Testing Services. These vehicles are subject to a comprehensive examination and include all aspects of the operation of the vehicle. The required standards for the emission of fumes are quite stringent. The N.C.T. Service issue a certificate of suitability which confirms that the vehicle in question has passed the necessary requirements. The Garda Authorities carry out on-street inspections of Taxi/Hackney/Wheelchair Accessible Taxi and Limousines.

The National Car Testing Service will be advised of the issues raised in the Motion. In addition, the Government has recently established the National Taxi Council to examine the operation of the taxi/hackney system. I propose to advise the Council of this issue in relation to the condition of vehicles.

10.14 **ROADS PROGRAMME 2004 – FOOTPATHS IN SHEARES PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths in Sheares Park be included in the Roads Programme for 2004.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 03/430)

The Report stated that, Sheares Park has not been included in the 2004 Footpath Renewal Programme. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

10.15 **CLOSING ALLEYWAY IN CURRAHEEN ESTATE & CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the residents of the Curraheen Estate and Curraheen Road be consulted on the advisability of closing the alleyway between the Estate and the Two Pot River. That the condition of the alleyway be examined and the Gardaí consulted for a report on anti-social behaviour in that area. That costings be produced on a proposal to close the alleyway by taking it into the adjacent house gardens and one infill house be built on the green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 03/431)

The Report stated that, the 2004 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a recent meeting. The closure of laneways at Curraheen Estate is not included in the list of prioritised locations. Curraheen Estate will remain on the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

10.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CROSS DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be carried out on the Cross Douglas Road, to reduce the speed of traffic going through this area, as there is only a footpath on one side of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 03/434)

The Report stated that, Cross Douglas Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys have been carried out there to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. The results are now being processed and assessed and 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 Cross Douglas Road and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

10.17 **REINSTATE FOOTPATHS ON MILITARY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the footpaths at Pinafore Villas, Roseneath Villas, Egerton Villas, Kimberley Villas and Alexandra Terrace all on Military Road and in so doing retain the original kerbing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/439)

The Report stated that, Roads Maintenance Division will examine the footpaths in the areas in question and as necessary reinstate, bearing in mind the possibility of retaining the original kerbing.

10.18 **DISC PARKING – KELLEHER’S BUILDINGS & NEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Kelleher’s Buildings and New Road in the forthcoming extension of the disc parking area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/440)

The Report stated that, a proposal to extend the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) was recently approved by Council. Kelleher’s Buildings and New Road are included in the new DPZ extension scheme.

A programme for the installation of disc parking controls in 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.

10.19 **WEIGHT LIMITATION SIGNS BE PLACED AT MARYVILLE ESTATE, BALLINTEMPLE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That weight limitation signs be placed on the roadway at Maryville Estate, Ballintemple. Blackrock which connects Blackrock Rd with Monahan Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 03/443)

The Report stated that, traffic surveys will be carried out at Maryville Estate to determine the volume of heavy goods vehicles using the roadway. On completion of the surveys, the placing of weight restriction signs will be discussed with the Gardai who are the enforcement agency for these signs.

If they are then deemed necessary, the signs will be installed in the near future.

10.20 **2004 FOOTPATHS RENEWAL PROGRAMME – CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Connaught Avenue footpaths be included in the 2004 Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 03/444)

The Report stated that, Connaught Avenue has not been included in the 2004 Footpath Renewal Programme. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

10.21 **TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES – TRAMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide adequate traffic control measures, other than speed ramps, (i.e. Rumble strips), to slow the traffic and discourage articulated lorries on the residential end of Tramore Road, Cork.

This area has a very high population of both young children and elderly citizens, who are at constant risk whilst crossing this very busy road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/ 446)

The Report stated that, Tramore Road 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 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.

Rumble strips have been tried in the past and they have been found to be ineffective in slowing down or reducing the volume of traffic. They cause a nuisance to local residents as a result of the noise generated by vehicles driving over them.

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

10.22 **TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES – EARLWOOD ESTATE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Earlwood Estate, Togher be considered for traffic control measures in next year’s estimates. This area is adjacent to parts of Glasheen, where traffic controls have already been implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 03/ 447)

The Report stated that, Earlwood Estate 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 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 that we already have well over two hundred requests for traffic calming measures from areas similar to Earlwood Estate and it will take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

10.23 **CONCRETE BOLLARDS IN TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The Report stated that, due to the open nature of the green area between Maglin Grove/ Blackwater Grove and Araglen Grove/Ilen Court the installation of bollards would not be feasible as a short term measure. This issue should be addressed in

the context of the Deanrock Regeneration Proposals which are being prepared by the Housing and Community Services Directorate.

10.24 **CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER BE BLOCKED OFF**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Ald. Dave McCarthy 03/ 312)

The Report stated that, the 2004 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a recent meeting. The closure of Churchfield Way Upper is not included in the list of prioritised locations. Churchfield Way Upper will be added to the current list of requested closures and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

10.25 **CLEAN UP AROUND ROSALEE CLOSE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council undertake an immediate clean up of the area around Rosalee Close as it is overrun with weeds, the footpaths and road surface are in a seriously poor condition and dangerous for the elderly citizens living at Rosalee Close, Springfield Yard and Kerry Lawn.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 03/ 335)

The Report stated that, Road Maintenance Division will undertake an immediate clean up of the footpath in question. The road surface will be examined and any remedial work necessary will be put on the works programme and carried out at the earliest time.

10.26 **MAKING BELGRAVE PLACE, WELLINGTON RD. PRIVATE OWNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Recognising that Belgrave Place, Wellington Road has been the subject of benign neglect since the time that it was taken in charge by the Corporation and in order to initiate a programme of regeneration Cork City Council would now decide to return to private ownership.’

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill Ref. 03/237)

The Report stated that, from available records, Belgrave Place, Wellington Road is not in the ownership of Cork City Council. As per Managers Order No. 2879/81 of

30th November 1981, Belgrave Place was taken in the charge of Cork City Council. Ongoing maintenance of the area has occurred in the intervening period.

10.27 **ROADWAY FROM MERRION COURT TO MIDDLE GLANMIRE RD.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would move immediately to take in charge the roadway from Merrion Court to Middle Glanmire Road at Carrigmore’.

(Proposer: Seanoir M. Quill 03/315)

The Report stated that, the section of roadway from Merrion Court to Middle Glanmire Road at Carrigmore is deficient in kerbing, drainage, footpaths and road surface. Considerable improvement works are required to achieve an acceptable standard of services prior to taking in charge of the area by Cork City Council.

10.28 **GULLIES ON CURRAGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That all the gullies in the Curragh Road be immediately cleaned to alleviate the consistent flooding being experienced by residents.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/186)

The Report stated that, the gullies in the Curragh Road area, including the adjoining estates, were cleaned as part of our Scheduled Maintenance Program in early October. Isolated complaints of flooding were also attended to on the 11th November, 12th December and 7th January.

This area is again due to be cleaned under the Scheduled Maintenance Programme in June. However any reports of blocked gullies in the area will be attended to in the meantime as necessary.

10.29 **PUBLIC LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide €75,000 in the estimates to finance the installation of the back log of public lighting requirements.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/219)

The Report stated that, €60,000 has been provided in this year’s estimates to finance the installation of individual or ‘isolated’ public lights. Together with the use of ward funds, a programme of works will be developed to begin dealing with the backlog of public lighting requests.

10.30 **DISC PARKING ON WATERCOURSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place disc parking on Watercourse Mews, off Watercourse Road to alleviate the parking problems in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/359)

The Report stated that, a proposal to extend the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ) was recently approved by Council. Watercourse Mews is included in the DPZ extension scheme and the installation of disc parking controls there will alleviate any parking problems the local residents might have.

A programme for the installation of disc parking controls in the 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.

10.31 **RAMPS BE PUT IN ORCHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps be put in Orchard Road to slow down traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/408)

The Report stated that, Orchard Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys have been carried out there to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

The survey results are being assessed and any identified appropriate measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

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

10.32 **ROAD RESURFACING – CEANNCORA LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Ceanncora Lawn 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 03/422)

The Report stated that, Ceanncora Lawn 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.

10.33 **ROAD RESURFACING – GLENCOO AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Road Carriageway on Glencoo Park, Glencoo Lawn, Glencoo Gardens and Flaherty’s Lane 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 03/423)

The Report stated that, the above mentioned roads have not been included in the 2004 Road Resurfacing or Footpath Renewal Programmes. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and they will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programmes.

10.34 **NO 1 & 3 O’CALLAGHAN’S PLACE BE TARMACED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the area outside No. 1 & 3, O’ Callaghan’s Place, Cathedral Road, be tarmaced in order to eliminate flooding there at times of heavy rainfall since that area wasn’t surfaced when O’ Callaghan’s Place, was being surfaced some time ago.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 03/429)

The Report stated that, Road Maintenance Division will investigate the problem of flooding outside No. 1 and No. 3 O’Callaghan Place. Any remedial work necessary will be placed on the works programme and carried out at the earliest possible time.

10.35 **YELLOW BOX AT THE ENTRANCE/EXIT TO CLOVER LAWN ON SKEHARD RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would provide a Yellow Box at the entrance/exit to Clover Lawn On Skehard Road to prevent cars blocking the junction at times of heavy traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/449)

The Report stated that, the junction of Clover Lawn and Skehard Road is a tee junction and queuing occurs on Skehard Road on the approach to the traffic signalised junction with Church Road.

The provision of a yellow box at the tee junction would be redundant, as the traffic queue would block the exit from the box thus preventing traffic turning right from Clover Lawn from entering it.

Traffic exiting right from Clover Lawn has to wait for gaps in the traffic flow or has to depend on the courtesy of drivers on Skehard Road. Traffic exiting left does not have to contend with a queue and only has to wait for a safe gap in the traffic flow.

10.36 **ROAD RESURFACING - COURTDOWN DRIVE, KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Due to the large pot holes in Courtown Drive, Knocknaheeny the road should be resurfaced urgently.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. Mc Carthy 03/454)

The Report stated that, Courtown Drive was resurfaced in 2003 and should not require further work for the foreseeable future.

10.37 **LOWER FOOTPATH AT ENTRANCE OF MAHON COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR ELDERLY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath at the entrance of the Mahon Community Centre, Avenue de Rennes, be lowered in order to accommodate buses for the elderly and the disabled to gain easy access to the centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 03/457)

The report stated that, the Roads Maintenance Division will contact the Community Centre with a view to resolving the problems being encountered by the bus for the elderly and disabled.

10.38 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2004 – RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council includes Riverview Estate (especially the Northern Road) in the Roadworks Programme for 2004.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 03/463)

The Report stated that, Riverview Estate has not been included in the 2004 Road Resurfacing Programme. However patching will be carried out there during the year.

10.39 **IMPROVE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the quality of the public lighting at Connaught Avenue be improved as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/001)

The Report stated that, a public lighting survey will be carried out on Connaught Avenue to determine the standard of the public lighting on the roadway in order to identify works necessary to upgrade the public lighting to the required levels.

Any identified works will be put forward for consideration in this year’s roads programme.

10.40 **DISCOURAGE PARKING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AT GLENDALOUGH PARK NEAR THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That measures be taken to discourage motorists from parking in a northerly direction at Glendalough Park near The Lough. This leads to cars reversing onto the main road and has led to at least three accidents in the recent past.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/002)

The Report stated that, the ‘nose-to-kerb’ parking on Glendalough Park at the Lough maximises the amount of parking available for visitors to the Lough. Parallel parking, while reducing the risk of accidents, would reduce the supply of parking availability by one half. This is not recommended because the current demand of parking far exceeds the limited supply.

The area will be examined in conjunction with the Gardai to determine if there are any other measures that could be taken to improve the road safety in the area.

10.41 **ROAD RESURFACING – COLLEGE VIEW**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That College View be resurfaced as a matter of urgency as it is in a deplorable condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Michael O’ Connell 04/005)

The Report stated that, College View has been included in the 2004 Road Resurfacing Programme.

10.42 **CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council would see as a matter of urgency the construction of the North Ring road.

- a) That a special committee be set up to see the construction of the North Ring road to be put in place.
- b) That a delegation be sent to meet the Minister in relation to the above matter.

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 04/009)

The Report stated that, a Northern Bypass of Cork City was identified in the Cork Area Strategic Plan. So far the National Roads Authority has given funding towards the undertaking of a Feasibility Study for this route. Work commenced on this Feasibility Study in 2003 and it is hoped that further funding will be available from the National Roads Authority in 2004 to continue work on this Feasibility Study. The work is undertaken by the National Roads Authority Design Office at Glashaboy, Glanmire, under the direction of the Senior Engineer, Roads Design, Glashaboy. We have requested further funding for this study from the National Roads Authority in 2004 and will be pressing ahead with route selection and environment impact studies which are necessary for the identification of a recommended route. If the Members agree, we can make further representation to both the National Roads Authority and the Minister on the importance of this route for Cork City Council.

10.43 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OPPOSITE ILEN COURT, DEANROCK ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council place double yellow lines opposite Ilen Court, Deanrock Estate to prevent indiscriminate parking by persons using the facilities at Clashduv recreational park.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/012)

The Report stated that, the area will be visited in conjunction with the Gardai and possible measures to alleviate the parking problems there will be examined. Any agreed necessary works will be carried out.

It should be noted that the provision of double yellow lines in estates remote from the City Centre can be counter productive as limited resources does not allow for these restrictions to be enforced properly. The result is non-compliance with the

particular controls, which can then bring the use of double yellow lines generally into disrepute.

10.44 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT WOODLAWN ESTATE, TRAMORE RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council place a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the entrance to Woodlawn Estate, Tramore Road to facilitate the safe crossing of the elderly and the large volume of children in this area.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/013)

The Report stated that, traffic and pedestrian counts will be carried out on Tramore Road at Woodlawn Estate to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian facility there.

10.45 **ROAD RESURFACING – WOODVIEW DOUGLAS RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Woodview, Douglas Rd be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2004 due to the poor quality of the existing road surface.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 04/015)

The Report stated that, Woodview is on the final draft list for resurfacing this year. A decision on its inclusion will be made within the next week when the final costings are done.

10.46 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – VICAR STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services/City Engineer dated 29th January, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Vicar’s Street be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Sean Martin 02/185)

The Report stated that, Vicar St. has not been included in the 2004 Resurfacing Programme. However any remedial work considered necessary during the year will be carried out and it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

11.1 **SEPTIC TANK SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon & Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Septic Tank Seminar held on the 29th – 30th January, 2004 at the Glór Irish Music Centre, Ennis.

11.2 **MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy & Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Merriman Winter School Conference held on 30th January to 1st February, 2004 in Fitzpatrick's Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare.

11.3 **RENEWAL ENERGY NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the Renewal Energy National Conference to be held on 5th & 6th February, 2004 in Wexford Town.

11.4 **AMAI – SPRING SEMINAR 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern, L. Burke & T. Brosnan at the AMAI – Spring Seminar 2004 to be held on the 13th & 14th February, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

11.5 **COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Falvey & D. O' Flynn at the Colmcille Winter School Conference to be held on 27th – 29th February, 2004 in Colmcille Heritage Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

11.6 **KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION CENTRE, 13TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Burke & D. O' Flynn at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Centre, 13th Annual Environmental Conference to be held on 3rd – 6th March, 2004 in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.

11.7 **GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Burke, D. O' Flynn & D. Counihan at the General Council of County Councils Annual Conference 2004 to be held on 11th – 13th March, 2004 in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

11.8 **PARTNERSHIP – THE POSSIBILITIES AND THE PERILS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí L. Burke & D. O' Flynn at the Partnership – The Possibilities and the Perils Conference to be held on the 25th & 26th March, 2004 at the Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare.

11.9 **L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn at the L.A.M.A. Conference to be held on the 15th & 16th April, 2004 at the West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare.

11.10 **THE DUHALLOW CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O' Flynn & P. Gosch at the Duhallow Park Hotel, Kanturk, Co. Cork on the 18th – 21st March, 2004.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **WATER PRESSURE ON LOWER CLARKE'S ROAD**

'That Cork City Council take immediate action to rectify the water pressure on Lower Clarke's Road.'

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/249)

Environment Functional Committee

12.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT DERRYANE ROAD**

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

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/250)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.3 **ROAD RESURFACING – KNOCKPOGUE PARK**

'That Knockpogue Park be resurfaced as a matter of urgency.'

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.4 **ROAD RESURFACING – HAWTHORN VILLAS**

'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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **EXTENDED HEATING IN HORGANS BUILDINGS**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN LARCHFIELD IN FAIRHILL**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **DISC PARKING ZONES – EGERTON VILLAS & KIMBERELY VILLAS**

‘That Disc Parking zones be provided at Egerton Villas & Kimberely Villas, Military Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/011)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON FAIR HILL ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **SHOWGROUNDS IN BALLINTEMPLE BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF DOCKLANDS PROJECT**

‘That the land at the Showgrounds, Ballintemple, currently held under lease by the Munster Agricultural Society, be acquired and developed as part of the Docklands Project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/25)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.12 **RAILING SHOULD BE ERECTED ON THE QUAY WALL, LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘In the interests of safety a railing should be erected on the Quay Wall on the Lower Glanmire Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 04/35)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 **RAMPS BE PUT IN BRIARS COURT, SHANAKIEL**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.14 **FOOTPATHS IN BURLINGFORD DRIVE BE REPAIRED**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **ALLEVIATE THE ON-GOING HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS BEING CAUSED TO DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

‘That this Council agrees to borrow or allocate from our own resources a further sum of €500,000 which will enable us to draw down a further €1 million matching funds from Central Government in order to alleviate the on-going hardship and distress being caused to disabled persons and their families due to the back log in and processing of Disabled Persons Grant applications.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Ald. T. Shannon, Cllr. T. Falvey 04/50)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.18 **ELECTIONS & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

‘That this Council, agrees to set in motion procedures which will facilitate elections to the recognised local councils called Community Associations on a single mandate basis on the same day as the forthcoming Local Elections 2004 resulting in the:-

1. Extension of local Democracy with responsibility into the heart of the various communities in the City of Cork.
2. Wider and diffusion of participation and leadership within these Communities.
3. Creation of democratic local Communities with a mandate to speak on behalf of local areas as defined.
4. Such representatives joining with Cork City Ward Councillors in local area committees enhancing representation of such areas on Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/53)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.19 **CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

‘That this Council and the Lord Mayor, having requested a meeting with An Taoiseach, the Minister for Education and Science, and having received a non response and or a negative reply by Monday 9th February, 2004 determines to assert Cork City Council’s view that the commitment of funding for the construction of a new School of Music must be made forthwith and to advance this view and demonstrating Cork City Council’s determination agrees that Cork City Council in robes, travel to Dublin at a day and time when An Taoiseach is in Leinster House and or Dublin Castle and directly seek a meeting, failing which, to hold a full Council meeting in Dublin to propose a resolution again calling for a positive decision now by the Government ensuring the continuing growth and development of the great work of this musical academy down the years and as essential development to the City of Cork in its year as European Cultural Capital 2005.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/54)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

12.20 **CULTURAL & HISTORICAL ORGANISATIONS**

‘That a directory of all Cultural and Historical Organisations in Cork City be prepared in advance of the City taking on the role of European Capital of Culture.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 04/56)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 04/57)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.22 **STAKEBOARD PARK BE LOCATED IN FITZGERALD’S PARK**

‘That the proposed Skateboard Park would be located in Fitzgerald’s Park for the following reasons:

1. There are toilet facilities in this area.
2. It is an enclosed area which has surrounding railings.
3. It is attended by Council Staff.
4. It is closed at a reasonable time on a daily basis.

I feel that Fitzgerald’s Park would be an ideal location for this proposed Skateboard facility as it has all the amenities that Kennedy Park has not got. Also the amount of expenditure that could be saved could be put into other areas in the ward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/58)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.23 **PARKING OVERNIGHT IN KELLEHER'S BUILDINGS**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.25 **DISC PARKING ZONES – WILTON AVENUE & UPPER BISHOPSCOURT**

‘That the areas of Wilton Avenue and Upper Bishopscourt be included in the present phase of Disc Parking Zones. These areas have exceptionally high levels of traffic and parking problems because of their proximity and ease of access to Cork University Hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/63)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.26 **GURRANABRAHER AVENUE TO BE MADE ONE WAY**

‘That Gurranaברה 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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 6 no. tenders for Pest Control at Kinsale Road Landfill Site
- 4 no. tenders for Security Service at Kinsale Road Landfill Site
- 2 no. tenders for Bird Control at Kinsale Road Landfill Site
- 4 no. tenders for the Printing of Supply for On-Street Parking Discs

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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