

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2004.

- PRESENT:** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir S. Martin in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon,
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O' Connell, C. Lynch, T. O' Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. N. Murphy, Rapid Co-ordinator, Community & Enterprise.
Ms. M. Fanning, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir J. Corr

An tArdmhéara 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 McCarthy Family on the death of Pete McCarthy.
- To the Scully Family on the death of Maureen Scully.
- To Lucette Murray on the death of her mother.
- To the Bigley Family on the death of Ken Bigley.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations:-

- To Sonia O' Sullivan on winning Greatest Living Sports Person at the recent People of the Year awards ceremony.
- To the organising committee of Cork 2005 on the launch of their excellent programme of events.

3. **MESSAGE OF SUPPORT & GOODWILL**

An Chomhairle agreed to send a message of support to:-

- Mr. Frank Nash, Former Lord Mayor of Cork, who is currently in hospital.
- Mr. Liam Burke, Former Lord Mayor of Cork, who is currently in hospital.

4. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of Civic Receptions for:-

- Gardaí
- Cork Junior and Senior Camogie Teams
- Cork Intermediate Hurling Team

5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th September, 2004 were considered and approved.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **REFUSE CHARGES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that since the inception of charges for Refuse Collection, Cork City Council has operated a Waiver Scheme whereby households of limited means can be granted a full or partial Waiver.

Waivers are granted on a case by case basis taking account of the particular household circumstances including exceptional medical expenses, mortgage repayments, rent or any other hardship.

In the majority of cases waiver applicants are reassessed on a yearly basis as a persons circumstances may change from year to year.

Old Age Pensioners and persons in receipt of other long term Social Welfare Benefits e.g. Invalidity Pension, who have no other source of income and whose circumstances are, therefore, unlikely to change are now granted an automatic Waiver without the need to re-apply. There were approximately 4000 such Waivers granted in 2004. (approx. 1000 in 2003)

The Manager's Order for the 2004 scheme sets out that as a general guide Single Person Households with an income less than €167.30 per week and Other Households with an income less than €278.80 per week would be granted a full Waiver of the Charge. These were 9% and 17% respectively higher than in 2003.

These limits mean that in general persons or couples who are dependent on Social Welfare only qualify for a full Waiver.

Where there are three, four or more adults in a household all receiving Social Welfare payments, the Household Income can be significantly higher than in households dependent on low wages and, accordingly, Waivers are not granted automatically but considered on a case by case basis.

Following remarks made by Comhairleoir C. O' Connell, on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle agreed to disassociate itself from the remarks made by Comhairleoir C. O' Connell.

6.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MADDENS BUILDINGS & MEELICK PARK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that this work will be carried out during November/December this year.

6.3 **HOUSING LIST**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated which stated that persons are deemed eligible for local authority housing under section 9(2) of the 1988 Housing Act. Cork City Council have six eligible housing applicants categorised as being disabled/handicapped on its housing waiting list.

There are currently one hundred and sixty-eight dwellings deemed specially adapted for disabled persons in Cork City Council's local authority housing stock.

The City Council is committed to meeting the needs of disabled persons through the allocation of existing units and the construction of new dwellings under the housing programme.

6.4 **NEW PARK – POPHAMS FIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that following consultation with the local community, Cork City Council prepared plans to develop an enhanced amenity area at Pophams Field, comprising of playground, walkways, perimeter railings, improved playing pitch and changing facilities. The Council has recently received confirmation of a grant towards the construction of the playground under the Rapid Playground Grants Scheme. Part 8 Planning Process will commence this week, with works anticipated to commence in early December. An application was made to the Dormant Accounts Fund in March of this year for grant aid towards the remainder of the project, and a decision is awaited on this.

6.5 **DISABLED PARKING BAYS – PATRICK STREET**

In response to question submitted by An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that the City Council's vision and strategy for the City Centre is to improve and upgrade the overall environment so that the economic social and cultural life of the area is enhanced. One of the key elements is the refurbishment of streets like St. Patrick's Street and Oliver Plunkett Street so that they are more attractive for shoppers, people who are doing business and visitors.

The street improvements include providing wider spaces for pedestrians and it was decided early in the project that no on-streets parking would be provided for cars. Space on the roadways is now very limited and there are very strong competing demands for bus stops, taxi ranks and loading bays. Cars can be accommodated in

the multi-storeys car parks of which there are now eight in the City Centre area. This complies with the City Council's long standing policy of reducing the amount of on-street car parking and the transfer of demand to multi-storey car parking.

Disabled on-street parking is currently available in Academy Street and will be provided adjacent to the newly refurbished streets and in the streets just off Oliver Plunkett Street, including Pembroke Street, Cook Street, Marlborough Street and Princess Street. Ongoing and continuing discussions are held on these issues with Cork Access Group.

Merchant's Quay Car Park is privately owned and operated by Roches Stores. It has a total of four disabled parking spaces, one on each of the first four floors.

6.6 **FLAT/APARTMENT LOCAL AUTHORITY TENANTS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that a Tenant Purchase Scheme to enable tenants of Council flats to purchase their dwellings was introduced by the Department of the Environment in 1989. For reasons associated with the maintenance of common areas and services, public liability, etc, the tenant purchase facility for flats was removed by the Department in 1994.

A total of 301 applications were received for the purchase of flats under the 1989 Scheme. Following legal actions by a number of applicants purchase proceeded on approximately 100 of these applications where purchase terms had earlier been extended to tenants.

6.7 **EXISTING HOUSING SCHEMES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that Cork City Council housing areas indicating general waiting times for housing applicants are listed hereunder. The list is given to applicants when they first apply for housing. The list denotes the average length of time and this will vary due to points 1-4 as indicated. The Housing Allocations section modifies the list from time to time.

Area	House Type	Minimum Waiting Period	Required minimum family size
KNOCKNAHEENY	2B & 3B Houses	2 – 4years	2 +
FARRANREE	2B Houses	6years	
FARRANREE	3B Houses	4-6years	3+
CHURCHFIELD	3B Houses	4 – 5 years	3+
CUSHING	Flats	1-2years	1 / 2
SUNVALLEY	Flats	1-2years	
GURRANABRAHER	3B Houses	4-6years	3+
BLARNEY ST	Flats	4years +	
GLEN HOUSES	3B Houses	2-4years	3+
GLEN FLATS	1 & 2B	1year +	
MAYFIELD	3B NBA Houses	2years +	2+
MAYFIELD	Non NBA Houses	4 – 5 years +	3+
MAYFIELD FLATS	Ardbhaile/Glennamoy 2B & 3B Flats	2 years +	

*ROCHES BUILDINGS	1B	4years +	1
*SUTTONS BUILDINGS	2B	4years +	1
*RYANS BUILDINGS	2B	5years +	1
*BARRETTS BUILDINGS	1B / 2B	5 years +	1
*HORGANS BUILDINGS	1B / 2B	5 years +	1
*KELLEHERS BUILDINGS	2B	6 years +	1
*MADDENS BUILDINGS	2B	6 years +	1
*CORPORATION BUILDINGS	1B & 2B	5 years +	1
SOUTHSIDE	3B Houses	5 – 6 years +	3+
	2B Houses	6 years +	
	1B Flats (Togher)	2 years	1
	1B Flats (Non Togher)	5 years	1
	2B Flats (Togher)	2 years	2
	2B Flats (Non Togher)	5 years	2
	3B Flats (Non Togher)	5 years	3
MAHON	3B Houses	3/4 years	3
	2B Houses	4 /5 years	1 /2

IMPORTANT NOTE

The above are estimated waiting times and may change. Waiting times may vary due to circumstances such as the following:

1. The amount of vacancies available,
2. The amount of people waiting for certain vacancies
3. The size of properties available.
4. *There are also areas in which certain groups will receive preference e.g. some properties are primarily suited to elderly applicants by both type and location.

6.8 REPAIR WORK TO CHUTES AT MOUNT FARRAN PLACE/ FARRANCLERY

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Barry, a written reply was circulated which stated that the work to the chutes was originally planned to be carried out by contract. Two contractors tendered for the work but, after a number of weeks of negotiation, both contractors eventually withdrew their tenders. The work was then undertaken by City Council Housing Maintenance staff and the original expected completion date of 31st August was not achieved due to the initial time lost in discussion with contractors. It is now expected to have the installation work completed by the end of this month.

Regarding the other items :

- a) Windows that are considered to be in poor condition and unserviceable are normally replaced under the Planned Maintenance programme, which has operated

on a 5 year cycle in the past. The windows in Mount Farran and Farrancleary are typically single glazed aluminium installed in 1996. Planned Maintenance inspections in 2002 indicated that the windows were generally in satisfactory condition and not in need of replacement. Any individual windows that might be in poor condition, should be reported to maintenance depot for repair under routine response maintenance as required.

- b) Replacement of external shed and side passageway doors deemed to be defective will be carried out on a phased basis over the next three months.
- c) Due to the original design of these stairways and the limited space available, it is not feasible to reconstruct the stairways without major refurbishment of the flats taking place. There is no current proposal under consideration for such major refurbishment. Current Building Regulations are applicable to pre-existing buildings only in the context of such major refurbishment. City Council technical staff are, however, investigating the option of fitting a metal covering to each step to extend the length of the tread, thus improving the tread to riser ratio. It is hoped that a sample will be completed this month with a view to assessing the effectiveness of this measure.
- d) External painting of balconies and communal areas of flats is also carried out under the Planned Maintenance programme. Priorities are assigned based on inspections of flat complexes. Balconies and communal areas at Mount Farran and Farrancleary will be included in the 2005 programme.

6.9 **REQUESTS FOR HOUSE MAINTENANCE ARE MADE TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. O' Brien, a written reply was circulated which stated that statistics for repair requests received by Housing Maintenance section for past three years are as follows :

<u>Year</u> <u>Completed</u>	<u>Repair Requests</u> <u>Received</u>	<u>Repair Requests</u> <u>Completed</u>	<u>%</u>
2002	14,498	11,228	75 %
2003	15,607	12,203	79 %
2004 (Up to 31/08)	10,327	9,403	91 %

The average waiting time is dependant on the category of repair with over 70% of emergency repairs being completed within one 24hours of receipt of the complaint.

7. **TWINNING SUB COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the appointment of members to the Twinning Sub Committee to the Planning & Development Functional Committee for further discussion

8. **PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS 2001 – 2002 – REDEVELOPMENT OF THE
GURRANABRATION HUT**

An Chomhairle considered the Re-Development of the Gurranabraher Hut and the report of the City Manager dated 7th October, 2004 under Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001.

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager which stated that it will become a multi-use service delivery point and much needed sustainable community facility. This is in line with Government proposals that measures be developed locally for improved alignment of structures including sharing of accommodation and other overheads and better co-ordination of local programmes and services.

9. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle deferred the following to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 26th October, 2004:

To nominate 9 members of An Chomhairle to the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee. In accordance with the Composition of VEC Regulations, 2004 (Regulation 14 (4)(a) refers), the gender balance of all the members elected to a VEC by Local Authorities must at least reflect the gender balance of the membership of An Chomhairle.

10. **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the following outside sectoral interests nominations to the following Strategic Policy Committees and the following nominations were approved:-

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

- John Bowen – Trade Unions
- Seán Cullinane – Business & Employers
- Fiona McSweeney – Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

- Denis Lyons – Environmental/Conservation/Culture
- Gerry Kelly – Environmental/Conservation/Culture
- Maurice McCarthy – Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

- Suzanne Mullins – Trade Unions
- D. O' Riordan – Business & Employers
- Pearse Barrett – Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

- Patrick Guilfoyle – Trade Unions
- David Ronayne – Business & Employers
- Charlie Hennessy – Environmental/Conservation/Culture

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

- Michael Scanlon – Trade Unions
- Patsy Supple – Business & Employers
- Official nomination to be received from Community Fora in November 2004 – Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

11.1 **DEPUTATION FROM THE U.C.C. AND C.I.T. STUDENTS UNION**

An Chomhairle considered the following recommendations of Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held on 4th October, 2004 and approved the following:

- To request Bus Éireann to introduce a Nitelink Bus Service to Cork, similar to the scheme in operation in Dublin.
- To request University College Cork and Cork Institute of Technology to support the operation of a Nitelink Service.
- That Cork City Council would support the U.C.C. and C.I.T. Students Unions in the operation of a Nitelink Bus Service.

11.2 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended September 2004.

11.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 46/47 ARDCULLEN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at 46/47 Ardculen and adopted the following resolution:-

“Resolved that the Public Right of Way over the pedestrian laneway extending from the Southern Boundary of No 46 Ardculen, running in a Northerly direction between No 46 and No 47 Ardculen for a distance of approximately 7.5 metres be extinguished.

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

11.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 63/64/65 ARDCULLEN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Burke, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at 63/64/65 Ardculen and adopted the following resolution:-

“Resolved that the Public Right of Way over the pedestrian laneway extending from the Southern Boundary of No 64 Ardculen, running in a Northerly direction between No 63, No 64 and No 65 Ardculen for a distance of approximately 12 metres be extinguished

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

11.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 94/95/96/97 ARDCULLEN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’ Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at 94/95/96/97 Ardculen and adopted the following resolution:-

“Resolved that the Public Right of Way over the pedestrian laneway extending from the Southern boundary of No 95 Ardculen, running in a northerly direction between No 94, No 95, No 96 and No 97 Ardculen for a distance of approximately 19 metres be extinguished

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

11.6 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 81/83 ARDCULLEN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at 81/83 Ardculen and adopted the following resolution:-

“Resolved that the Public Right of Way over the pedestrian laneway extending from the junction of Ardculen and Hollyhill Road, running in a Southerly direction for approximately 33 metres to the rear of the footpath at No 81 and No 83 be extinguished City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order.”

11.7 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT 60/62 CHURCHFIELD AVENUE/CHURCHFIELD GARDENS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’ Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at 60/62 Churchfield Avenue/Churchfield Gardens and adopted the following resolution:-

“Resolved that the Public Right of Way over the pedestrian laneway connecting Churchfield Avenue and Churchfield Gardens. Extending from the rear of the Southern footpath on Churchfield Avenue, running in a South Easterly direction between No 62 and No 62 Churchfield Avenue for a distance of approximately 82 metres to it’s junction with Churchfield Gardens be extinguished

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

11.8 **CREATION OF CAR PARKING SPACES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include in next years estimates a sum of €150,000 to be divided equally among the wards to facilitate the creation of car parking spaces by either:-

- a) Converting an existing green space or
- b) Creating a layby where there are wide footpaths.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/67)

The report of the Director of Services stated that reduction of green areas in the residential parts of the city has environmental and planning implications and needs to be carefully considered. If green areas are hard surfaced and become parking areas for cars, children and others may be deprived from using them as play or amenity areas. In many cases, views vary among the residents themselves as to the desirability of carrying out these alterations to green areas/road surfacing. In the first instance, any change to an individual green area needs to be referred to the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate for their comments and observations.

The requirements for current and future pedestrian movements also have to be taken into account when considering the narrowing of footpaths to facilitate car parking. Each situation has to be assessed separately.

If it is then deemed appropriate, the necessary work can be carried out by Roads Maintenance subject to funding being available.

A sum of €150,000 can be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s Budget Estimates for the works referred to in this motion. It is noted that a similar sum was included in the 2004 Budget Estimates but was deleted during the Estimates process.

11.9 **ROAD RESURFACING – CONNOLLY PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Connolly Place be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/68)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Connolly Place will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

11.10 **ROAD RESURFACING – ALLEN SQUARE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurface Allen Square as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/237)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface in Allen’s Square is in reasonably good condition and was recently attended to. It does not require a full resurfacing at this time. However, the Roads Maintenance will examine it for minor defects and will rectify these where necessary.

11.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ST. ANTHONY’S RD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 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 St.

Anthony’s Road, Gurranaברה, Cork as a matter of urgency to alleviate the traffic problems in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/261)

The report of the Director of Services stated that St. Anthony’s Road will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

11.12 **CONTROLLED CROSSING BE INSTALLED ON THE CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That because of the fast moving traffic and the danger to persons crossing to the Curraheen and other Estates, a controlled crossing be installed on the Curraheen Road adjacent to the last outward bus stop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/314)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a new pedestrian crossing facility is being installed at the location referred to in the above motion, as part of the current Green Route project in the area. The pedestrian lights here will be commissioned and made operational in the coming weeks.

11.13 **ROAD RESURFACING – SOUTH LODGE GROVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the road at South Lodge Grove would be include in the road resurfacing programme for 2005, as it is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/346)

The report of the Director of Services stated that South Lodge Grove will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

11.14 **ERECT FOOTPATH OUTSIDE ST. VINCENT FIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a footpath be erected outside St. Vincent Field.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/367)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the construction of a footpath outside and along the length of St. Vincent’s Field would cost in the region of € 20,000. Road Maintenance does not have the finances for this single operation in 2004. There is a footpath on the other side for most of this length. This footpath will cater for the very occasional heavy pedestrian traffic that may arise.

11.15 **TIMES FOR REMOVAL OF FURNITURE ON LICENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the times for removal of furniture on licences issued by City Council revert back to 11.30 p.m. with immediate effect.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 04/373)

The report of the Director of Services stated that all existing Licences for the placement of Tables and Chairs on a Public Road or Footpath fall due for renewal on the 1st January 2005. In the interim period a review of the current procedures and conditions will be undertaken.

11.16 **BUDGET 2005 – CURRAHEEN ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To ask the City Manager to ensure that sufficient money is provided in the Budget for 2005 to close off all alleyways in Curraheen Estate, Bishopstown. Because of crowds gathering and anti social behaviour taking place in these areas it is appropriate that they are closed off as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/374)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Curraheen Estate is currently on the list of requested laneway closures in the South West Ward. The estimated cost for the permanent closure of all pedestrian laneways throughout the estate is in excess of €450,000. Given the limited annual funding available, prioritised locations will be completed on a phased basis.

11.17 **FOOTPATH ON GARDINERS HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate reinstatement of the footpath on Gardiners Hill from The Crescent south to the junction with Ballyhooly Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/375)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Roads Maintenance Division will consider this section of footpath for its Programme of Footpath Renewals.

11.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MAHONEY’S AVENUE & LOWER GRATTAN HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make financial provision in the 2005 Estimate of Expenses for the provision of Traffic Calming Measures on Mahoney’s Avenue and Lower Grattan Hill in accordance with the wishes of residents and local councillors and that the Roads dept would arrange for appropriate signs and road markings to be reviewed/enhanced to reflect the Inner City Residential Neighbourhood status of the area including Grattan Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/376)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mahoney's Avenue is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming measures has been received. Lower Grattan Hill will be added to the list. Surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures.

The results will be assessed and any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in next year's roads programme. The area will also be examined for the need to upgrade and review the signage and road markings.

11.19 **SURVEY IN BISHOPSTOWN**

'That Cork City Council would undertake as a matter of priority/immediately:-

1. A survey of the Drainage – storm, sewer drains in the Bishopstown Area
2. An immediate cleaning of all gullies and drains in the locality.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/380)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Environment Directorate (Drainage Section), in conjunction with Roads Maintenance, is currently reviewing the recent flooding in the Bishopstown area with a view to establishing the causes and formulating a plan to alleviate incidences of local flooding. The critical sewers will be assessed for siltation by CCTV and cleaned if required.

As with all areas of the city, the Bishopstown area is being cleaned on an ongoing basis as per programmed works. Regular maintenance is carried out on priority gullies. Programmed maintenance is also carried out on remaining gullies elsewhere. All requests and complaints concerning blocked gullies are attended to immediately. The roads gully unit has carried out substantial works in Bishopstown during 2004(34 working days in the west side of the city including Togher) and will continue for the remainder of the year with its programme of works in the area as well as responding to requests.

11.20 **PROSPEROUS PLACE, THOMAS DAVIS STREET, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council will take action to implement the following measures at Prosperous Place, Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool, viz:

1. The erection of an entrance gate.
2. The paving of that section of Prosperous Place underneath its arch.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/384)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the 2004 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways was approved by Ward Members at a meeting in January. The erection of gates at the entrance to Prosperous Place, Thomas Davis

Street, is not included in the list of prioritised locations. Prosperous Place will be added to the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

Roads Maintenance Division will repair the access road into Prosperous Place.

11.21 **INSTALL RAMPS AT SPRING LANE BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will install ramps at Spring Lane, Blackpool, as a traffic calming measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/385)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Spring Lane, Blackpool will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in next year’s roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

11.22 **SPECIAL PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for a more comprehensive report.

‘That Cork City Council provides Special Parking Permits at reduced cost for people visiting their families in disc parking areas, and also for trades people going about their business in disc parking areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/386)

11.23 **GULLIES & STORM DRAINS IN SOUTH LODGE/GROVE, LAKE LAWN AND ARD MAHON EST**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That all Gullies and Storm Drains in South Lodge/Grove, Lake Lawn, Ard Mahon Est. be cleared and there after be included in a regular rota for cleaning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 04/389)

The report of the Director of Services stated that gullies throughout the city are cleaned on an ongoing basis as per programmed works. Regular maintenance is carried out on priority gullies. Programmed maintenance is also carried out on

remaining gullies elsewhere. Generally, requests and complaints concerning blocked gullies are attended to within 1-3 days.

The gullies at South Lodge/Grove, Lakelawn and Ardmahon Est. will be examined and if necessary cleaned out as per request.

There has been cleaning work carried out at some of these locations recently, Subsequent maintenance will be as per works programme/ rota as mentioned above.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the A/Director of Services for the month of September, 2004.

12.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services for the quarter ended 30th September, 2004.

12.3 **DEVELOPMENT OF DERELICT SITES AT 298 & 338 BLARNEY STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the proposed re-development of derelict sites at 298 Blarney Street and 338 Blarney Street.

12.4 **HOUSES AT NO.'S 1 TO 5 MURPHY'S GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council allow the tenants in numbers 1 to 5 Murphy’s Gardens purchase their houses if desired.’

(Proposer: Cllr S. Martin 04/48)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operates a Tenant Purchase Scheme by which houses are offered for sale to tenants of one years standing or more and that members were aware that it has been City Council policy not to make available for tenant purchase houses that are suitable for the accommodation of elderly persons, ie. houses in schemes such as Murphy’s Gardens, Maddens Buildings, Kellehers Buildings, Roches Buildings, O’Growney Crescent, etc . The Red-Brick Buildings have in recent years been the subject of major refurbishment and substantial capital investment aimed at providing quality accommodation suitable for elderly persons.

The report also stated that it is important as a policy measure that dwellings to meet the demands of elderly are retained within the rental stock to ensure the continuation of a supply of appropriate accommodation to meet the needs of an ageing population but also to ensure that the controls remain with the City Council

to safeguard the living environment within these schemes as a safe and attractive one conducive to supporting peaceable living for their elderly residents.

12.5 **REFURBISHMENT OF FLATS AT BOYCES STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“I would ask that the Director of Housing advise me as to what plans are in place for the refurbishment of the flats in Boyces Street and the provision of gardens for the residents of Boyces Street. This work was requested several years ago when the new scheme of houses was being built.”

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 04/236)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated there are no plans in place at this time for the refurbishment of the flats at Boyces Street. The design and layout of these flats was originally undertaken to integrate with and retain the existing pedestrian laneways onto Blarney Street. The blocks of flats are fronted by pathways which link to these laneways, maintaining pedestrian access to Blarney Street from Boyces Street and other residential areas to the north. A number of infill dwellings were built by the City Council in 2000, with the objective of securing the rear boundaries of the flats and dealing with difficult areas of open space.

The report also stated that the provision of gardens for the residents would in the first instance require the extinguishment of the existing public rights-of-way and would also need to be considered in the context of a reduction in the overall amount of public open space in the area. Whilst there are no funds available for such works in the City Council’s Budget, these matters will be considered in the context of preparing an overall plan for the environmental enhancement of the area with a view to developing proposals for submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. A further report will issue to Members in this regard in due course.

12.6 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME – BOHERBOY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th September, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That taking into account the overwhelming need for more affordable housing in the Northside of the City, that City Council would move without delay to develop an affordable housing scheme for the site at Boherboy Road, Mayfield.”

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 04/363)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the future use of lands owned by Cork City Council at Boherboy Road, Mayfield has been considered. The lands in question are located in the County area and are zoned in the current County Development Plan for residential purposes.

The report also stated that preliminary site investigation work has been undertaken in advance of preparing detailed plans for a housing development on the site. Affordable housing units will be provided in the proposed development scheme, which will be the subject of a planning application to Cork County Council. Members will be kept informed of progress in relation to the proposed scheme in due course.

12.7 **DISPOSALS**

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

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

- a) Disposal of site situated at rear of 16, McSwiney Villas, Gurranabraher, Cork, to Anthony O'Leary, c/o McNulty Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork, for the sum of €250.00 plus costs, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- b) Disposal of easements, rights and privileges in respect of lands at situated at Rose Cottage, Boreenmanna Road, Cork, to Mr. Philip Cogan, c/o P.J. O'Driscoll, Solicitors, 73, South Mall, Cork.
- c) Disposal of land approximately 1315 sq. m. together with right-of-way and wayleave at Thomas Davis Street, Cork, for the total sum of €90,000 plus costs to Spring Lane Developments Ltd., c/o O'Flynn, Exhams & Partners, Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork.

DERELICT SITE REPORT

- a) To consider report by City Manager dated 30th September, 2004, regarding derelict property at 11, Lancaster Quay, Cork.
- b) To consider report by City Manager dated 30th September, 2004, regarding derelict property at Keohane's Lane/Cattlemarket Street, Cork.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 103, Glenheights, Park, Ballyvolane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 12th September, 2000 to Catherine O'Connell, for the sum of €58,544.24.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 226a, Shanakiel Place, Old Blarney Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 15th August, 2002, to Linda Cronin, for the sum of €75,505.49.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 49, Fairfield Green, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 1st September, 2003, to Sean Healy and Vicki Forde, for the sum of €99,347.21.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 4, St. Michael's Drive, Mahon, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 1st March, 2001, to Anne Marie Goggin, for the sum of €52,184.24.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 27, Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a

Shared Ownership Lease dated 3rd September, 2001, to Grace McGlynn, for the sum of €7,223.97.

- (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 33, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 17th October, 2001, to Dermot Donovan and Mandy O'Connell, for the sum of €106,611.21.
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as "St. Senan's", Clifton Road, Montenotte, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 24th April, 2001, to Brian Marshall and Aline Marshall, for the sum of €121,344.63.
- (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 16, Nutley Road, Mahon, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 13th December, 2002, to Trevor McCarthy and Amanda Flannigan, for the sum of €70,432.99.
- (i) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as "Ceann Mara", Ballinure Road, Blackrock, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 15th May, 2002, to Michael Madden and Jean O'Mahony, for the sum of €7,345.47.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Freehold interest in site at rear of premises at No. 5, Old Friary Place, Shandon Street, Cork, to Derry Hayes, c/o Fitzgerald & O'Leary, Solicitors, 70, Shandon Street, Cork, for the sum of €250.00, plus costs.
- (b) Freehold interest in site at rear of premises at No. 6, Old Friary Place, Shandon Street, Cork, to Muriel Howard-O'Leary, c/o Francis C. Kelleher & Co., Solicitors, 1, Pearse Square, Cobh, Co. Cork, for the sum of €250.00, plus costs.
- (c) Freehold interest in premises at 15/16 Washington Street, Cork, to Bainswood Limited, c/o Philpott, Creedon & Co., Solicitors, 43, Grand Parade, Cork, for the sum of €3,500.00, plus costs of €650.00

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

14. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

14.1 **PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY VS PRIVATISATION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the La Touche Legacy Committee Conference – Public Service Delivery v Privatisation held on the 1st – 3rd October, 2004 at the La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

14.2 **IPA INDUCTION SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, F. Dennehy & J. Buttimer at the IPA Induction Seminar to be held on 9th October, 2004 at the Metropole Hotel, Cork.

14.3 **LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch and D. Murphy at the Local Political Leadership.....The Magic Ingredient for “Real” Community Development to be held on the 14th – 16th October, 2004 at the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork.

14.4 **SUICIDE PREVENTION; WHAT CAN YOU DO**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Suicide Prevention; What Can You Do Conference held on the 29th September – 1st October, 2004 at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **ROAD RESURFACING – INTERSECTION OF LORETTO PARK AND NUN’S WALK**

‘That the section of road at the intersection of Loretto Park and Nun’s Walk be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/71)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **RAMPS BE INSTALLED ON FRIAR’S STREET**

‘That two ramps be installed on Friar’s Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/119)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.3 **NAMEPLATE FOR KEMPTON PARK**

‘That Cork City Council erects a nameplate for Kempton Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/250)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **IMPROVE GREEN AT MAHONY’S SQUARE OFF GERALD GRIFFIN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council’s, Park Department draw up a plan to improve the green at Mahony’s Square, Off Gerald Griffin Street, Cork. This square is in urgent need of up-grading and this has been requested on numerous occasions by the residents of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/256)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MERVUE LANE, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to put in place Traffic Calming Measures at Mervue Lane, Ballyvolane as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/287)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **REPAIR ROAD SURFACE ON BUNKERS HILL**

‘That Cork City Council would repair the road surface on Bunkers Hill as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/293)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **RECEPTION OF SATELLITE TELEVISION SERVICES**

‘That in order to prevent the fires “smoking” within the houses and in order to improve the reception of satellite television services, the trees behind house numbers 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 be trimmed and topped.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/393)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.8 **IN-FILL HOUSES BE BUILT BETWEEN AVONMORE PARK AND MOUNT BROSNA**

‘That a small number of in-fill houses be built between Avonmore Park and Mount Brosna, in conjunction with the re-development of the former Maxol Garage at Old Youghal Road, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/394)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.9 **FOOTPATHS RESURFACING PROGRAMME – BURLINGFORD DRIVE**

‘That the footpaths in Burlingford Drive would be included in the resurfacing programme for 2005, as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/395)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **FOOTPATHS RESURFACING PROGRAMME – WOODVALE ROAD**

‘That the footpaths in Woodvale Road, would be included in the resurfacing programme for 2005, as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/396)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **GATES BE ERECTED AT KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE & FAIRFIELD GREEN**

‘That gates be erected to close off the alleyway between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/402)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **NAME THE NEW BRIDGE ‘THE COAL QUAY BRIDGE’**

‘That Cork City Council name the new bridge between Cornmarket Street and Popes Quay The Coal Quay Bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/403)

Committee of Whole Council

15.13 **ROAD RESURFACING - ARD NA RÍ, POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That the road be resurfaced at Ard Na Rí, Pouladuff Road, as a matter of priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 04/411)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.14 **SPEED RAMPS/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SCHOOL AVENUE & LIMA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install speed ramps/traffic calming measures on School Avenue and Lima Lawn due to the speed of cars using this routeway as a short cut from Glasheen Road to Magazine Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/412)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.15 **ROAD RESURFACING – BENVOIRLICH ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would resurface as a matter of priority, immediately, Benvoirlich Estate onto Halldene Grove and as it forms a T junction onto Curraheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/413)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.16 **QUAY WALLS TO BE CLEANED**

‘The Quay walls are in very bad state and an eye sore. These walls should be cleaned urgently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/414)

Environment Functional Committee

15.17 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF THE COMMONS INN**

‘That the City Council put in place a right hand turning arrow on the traffic lights at the junction of the Commons Inn. The light in question needs to be put in place on the traffic lights approaching the Commons Inn from the Limerick Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 04/415)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.18 **ROAD RESURFACING & PAINTING WORKS AT 3 ROUNDABOUTS**

‘That road surfacing and painting works be carried out at roundabouts at:-

- Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny.
- Knockpogue Avenue / Fairfield Avenue.
- Colmcille Road / Gurranabraher Avenue.

As they are in a poor state and in urgent need of repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 04/416)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.19 **PLACE BOLLARDS AT NO'S 1 & 50 HORGAN'S BUILDINGS**

‘To safe guard the concerns of older people in Horgan’s and reduce traffic that; Cork City Council place Bollards at the Gable End House of No. 50 Horgan’s Buildings and at the entrance of No. 1 Horgan’s Building which will provide a better quality of life for all residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 04/417)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.20 **YELLOW JUNCTION BOX AT DEANROCK ESTATE AND TOGHER ROAD JUNCTION**

‘That a yellow junction box be put in place at the Deanrock Estate and Togher Road junction.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. C. Lynch & M. Ahern 04/422)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.21 **FLOODING PROBLEMS AT ALLENDALE AVENUE & MELBOURNE AVENUE BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately address the flooding problems at Allendale Avenue and Melbourne Avenue, Bishopstown, which are ongoing for many years and particularly bad in the past few weeks. I would also request that adequate resources are made available and sanctioned to investigate and remedy the situation as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/423)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.22 **MEN'S TOILETS ON MERCHANT'S QUAY**

‘To ask the Manager to remove one of the biggest eye sores in the City – the men’s toilet on Merchant’s Quay and to install a modern Automatic Public Convenience in its place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/424)

Environment Functional Committee

15.23 **REMOVE GRAFFITI AT NO'S 37 & 42 MOURNE AVE**

‘That Cork City Council remove the graffiti from the gable ends of nos. 37 and 42 Mourne Avenue and that the Council take such measures to ensure further graffiti cannot be put there again.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/426)

Environment Functional Committee

15.24 **CUT BACK BUSHES & SHRUBBERY AT THE CORNER BY NO. 6 CORRIB LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council cut back the bushes and shrubbery at the corner by no. 6 Corrib Lawn as it is in a disgraceful condition having been neglected by the Council for years and now is a danger to health and safety of children and adults alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/427)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.25 **AREA FOR RECREATIONAL & AMENITY PURPOSES FOR MIDDLE PARISH**

‘That an area for recreational and amenity purposes, serving the needs of the local community, be developed for the residents of the Middle Parish as a matter of priority.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Lynch & An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/429)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

15.26 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS FROM BLACKPOOL SIDE OF THE JUNCTION OF NORTH RING ROAD**

‘That this City Council would put in place a right hand turning arrow on the traffic lights as you approach from the Blackpool side of the junction of North Ring Road and Ballyhooley Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 04/430)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.27 **THREE IRISHMEN BEING HELD IN COLOMBIA**

‘That this Council support the calls of the families of the three Irishmen being held in Colombia, as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs, for their immediate release and safe passage home. The Council notes that these three men were found not guilty of the principle charges against them by a Colombian court in April of this year. Their sole conviction was on the charge of travelling on false passports, one which is normally a deportation offence. Given the nature of the charges against them and the high profile of the case, the three have been under constant

threat from right wing paramilitaries. In the interests of justice and the men's safety, the Council requests the Colombian government to allow Martin, Jim and Niall's immediate return to be reunited with their children.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 04/431)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

15.28 **PLACES TO BE SWEEPED MANUALLY**

'That Council will arrange for the following places to be swept manually on a weekly basis: (a) St. Mary's Avenue, Gurranabraher (b) the steps from the end of St. Mary's Ave to the flats at Sun Valley Drive (c) the steps from the end of St. Mary's Ave to Spriggs Rd flats (d) the steps from the end of St. Mary's Ave to Churchfield baths.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/432)

Environment Functional Committee

15.29 **AMENDMENT TO THE UNFAIR DISMISSALS ACT**

'Cork City Council would support an amendment to the Unfair Dismissals Act to allow a worker lodge a claim for unfair dismissal after 3 months service instead of the 12 months service currently required.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/433)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

16. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 6 no. tenders for the distribution of on-street parking discs to retail outlets.
- 3 no. tenders for Mayfield to City Centre Green Route.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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