

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH APRIL, 2004.

- PRESENT:** An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir C. Burke in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, L. Burke, J. Kelleher, E. Nelson.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, M. O' Connell, J. O' Brien.
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan, D. O' Flynn, T. O' Brien.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, Chris O' Leary.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, P. J. Hourican, F. Dennehy.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Ms. E. Kidney, A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Crowley, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- To the Bruton Family on the death of Mary Bruton.
- To Betty Dillon Hall on the death of her husband, Dave Hall.
- To the Fitzgerald Family on the death of Noreen Fitzgerald.
- To Jack O' Leary on the death of his wife, Maureen Potter.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd March, 2004 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **BUNGALOW IN COURTTOWN DRIVE**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir D. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that proposals with regard to the site and bungalow at Courtown Drive are currently under consideration and plans with regard to same will be brought before the Housing Committee in June.

3.2 **APPOINTMENT OF SPORTS OFFICER**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir M. Quill, a written reply was circulated which stated that the City Council recently received confirmation of funding from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund) to employ a Temporary Sports and Community Facilities Development Officer. The post was advertised in March, with a closing date of 26th March 2004 for those wishing to apply. Interviews will be held shortly.

The Sports and Community Facilities Development Officer will work intensively with young people to encourage and develop their participation in sport. His/her duties will also involve working with local communities to assist in the development and management of their facilities and seek ways to increase usage by young people of such facilities.

3.3 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON RINGMAHON ROAD AND AVENUE DE RENNES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Clune, a written reply was circulated which stated that funding has been provided for the above two crossing facilities and they have been inputted into this year's roads programme.

Due to a very large workload it is anticipated that they will be installed in the second half of this year.

3.4 **EMERGENCY SANDBANKS BORDERING ROADS OF A STEEP DECLINE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir E. Nelson, a written reply was circulated which stated that the provision of emergency sandbanks to stop vehicles on steep inclines is mainly used on rural road networks where space for sandbanks is available (up to 200 linear metres) and pedestrian movement is minimal.

Within urban areas land availability and/ or pedestrians using pathways adjacent to roads curtail the installation of sandbanks. In the case of Silversprings Hill, it would not be safe practice to construct such a facility, due to possible dangers to the high volumes of pedestrians using the pathways.

3.5 **DISPOSAL OF "COMPANY CARS"**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, a written reply was circulated which stated that Cork City Council has a system in place for the disposal of Abandoned Vehicles. Under the current system any vehicle that is burnt out is removed immediately. In all other cases, the vehicle is inspected to determine if it is abandoned and if deemed to be abandoned, removed and disposed of.

From time to time, initiatives are undertaken by Cork City Council to encourage owners of cars of very low value to dispose of their vehicle legitimately. Informal discussions with the Gardai take place when difficulties arise.

3.6 **COST OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR SCHOOLS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn, a written reply was circulated which stated that having regard to the polluter pays principle, it is the policy of Cork City Council not to grant waivers or reduced charges to schools. Advice on waste minimisation, which includes recycling of cardboard and paper is available if requested. Payment by instalments, including a standing order facility, may also be made.

It should be noted that schools are charged for the school year only, so that they are already in receipt of a partial discount.

3.7 **GRASS MARGINS ADJOINING ILEN COURT, ARGALEN COURT, LEAMLARA CLOSE AND OWENABUE CLOSE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, a written reply was circulated which stated that contact has been made with the ESB on the above, who in turn have directed their contractor, Manning Construction Ltd, to expedite these works as a matter of urgency.

Site inspected on Monday 5th April by Cork City Council Inspector where preliminary works had commenced. Further inspections will be initiated post the Easter Holiday period.

3.8 **MOUNT EDEN RISE, BLARNEY STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that

Mount Eden Rise

The following summarises the history of this estate.

Permission was granted for the development on 21st January, 1972.
A condition of permission required a bond of £18,000.

The Bond, which was a personal surety, **expired** on 18th February, 1982.
The Development Co. – M.F. Holdings Ltd./Healy Homes **was struck off** the Companies Officer Register in 1993. Information from the Companies Office is that the Company never filed accounts.

There have been several previous reports on this estate, all of which referred to the extremely poor standard of construction and all stated that this estate should never be taken-in-charge.

The Assistant City Manager approved works in 2000 on a list of essential priority drainage works at a cost of £ 8,800 & public lighting £1,500.

Other remedial works were needed as follows:

Environment

- (1) The planter between footpath, Blarney Street and car park be capped. The walls in the car park planter be raised and capped similar to the adjoining walls.
- (2) Landscaping, planting ground cover on small sloping green areas, removing small green opposite house no. 23 and planting of trees and shrubs.

- (3) Safety handrails be erected at sloping footpath at back of house no. 268 Blarney Street and also at steps in front of house no. 7.
- (4) Remedial works to hard surface areas not quantified.

Roads

At various locations replace precast concrete covers with heavy duty covers, remedial works to pavements, remedial works to tarmac, improve surface water drainage, re-plaster walls abutting footpaths, remedy steps and retaining walls.

This development is over 25 years old and these issues remain unresolved over that period, also a considerable number of the houses have changed ownership in that time.

The current value of remedial works is of the order of Euro 50,000 which is not provided for in this years budget.

The estate would need to be upgraded as outlined above before it could be taken in charge.

3.9 LOSS OF WATER PRESSURE IN ESTATES

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

- (a) The City Council operates a policy of water pressure management throughout the city in accordance with best water conservation practice and National Training Group Guidelines. The Council's policy is to ensure that water pressures are not excessively high or excessively low for the consumer to conserve water and to reduce water leakage and wastage. The Council's policy standard is to maintain a residual pressure of 15 meters minimum in watermains.
- (b) There are no repercussions for health and safety vis a vis fire.
The quantity of water carried by fire appliances is sufficient to deal with in excess of 90% of all calls attended by the brigade. In relation to the supply of water from fire hydrants, provided the necessary water flow is available in the water mains, the brigade can increase the pressure using the fire hydrant pump.
- (c) The last recorded minimum pressure in the watermains in Clarke's Road was 17 meters, which is greater than the minimum level of service pressure per City Council policy. The main pressure occurs circa breakfast peak only. Otherwise, pressures up to 28 meters are available in Clarke's Road.

3.10 INTRODUCE DISC PARKING

In response to question submitted by Seanoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Council recently approved a proposal to carry out a major extension of the disc parking zone (DPZ). Areas (a) Douglas Road to Bellair, and parks and estates off, (b) Lower Ballinlough Road to Bellair, and parks and estates off and (c) Boreenmanna Road and parks & estates off, are in the newly extended DPZ. (d) Old Blackrock Road was in the last scheme and has disc parking controls in place.

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

The process includes:

- Drawing up parking control proposals for each area.
- Meetings and liaison with local residents. This usually means meeting on site to discuss the various proposed parking controls.
- Consultation with the Gardaí
- Installation of parking poles and signs
- Issuing of residents permits
- Enforcement of parking controls

3.11 **REFURBISHMENT WORKS IN THE GLEN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that at the time Part 10 Planning approval was granted for The Glen Regeneration Project, Phase I, all legal requirements/Building Regulation requirements were adhered to. Part M (Level Access for the Disabled) of the Building Regulations were not in existence at this stage and therefore do not apply to the works included at No.'s 109 – 120 Comeragh Park and No.'s 49 to 66 Arderin Way. However, the City Architect will review the works and where possible accommodate disabled access.

All up-graded Public Areas, in Phase I, will be accessible to the disabled.

The Part M requirements of the Building Regulations that are now in existence will be incorporated in the design plans for Phase 2 and subsequent phases.

4. **AMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the following amended schedule of meetings for April, May & June 2004.

19 th April	Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee	5.30pm
	Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee	3.30pm
	Corporate Policy Group	4.30pm
26 th April	Ordinary Council Meeting	5.30pm
4 th May	Housing & Community Functional Committee	5.30pm
	Roads & Transportation Functional Committee	5.30pm
	Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee	12 noon
10 th May	Ordinary Council Meeting	5.30pm
17 th May	Planning & Development Functional Committee	5.30pm
	Environment Functional Committee	5.30pm
	Corporate Policy Group	4.30pm
24 th May	Ordinary Council Meeting	5.30pm
31 st May	No Meeting	

8th June No Meeting

14th June No Meeting

21st June Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle 7.30pm

Schedule of Meetings for remainder of June and July to be approved by An Chomhairle at Annual Meeting.

5. **ELECTION 2004 - POLLING CARDS**

An Chomhairle agreed to issue polling cards to the approximate 474 persons on the Electoral Register who will not receive such cards in conjunction with the European Election.

6. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

6.1 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Community and Enterprise regarding the grant applications under Assistance to Community Associations, which was approved by the Community Development Sub-Committee.

7. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

7.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

7.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services for the quarter ended 31st March, 2004.

7.3 **SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION PLANS 2004-2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Circular Letter HPS 2/04 – Social and Affordable Housing Action Plans 2004-2008.

7.4 **SOCIAL HOUSING AT PARK OWEN, QUAKER ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take immediate steps to build some social housing for the elderly on the waste land adjacent to Park Owen, Quaker Road’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 03/65)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the land owned by the City Council at Parkowen is in public use as an informal recreation area. There is no suitable land in Council ownership at Parkowen available for housing purposes.

7.5 **FUTURE USE OF THE ASSUMPTION CONVENT, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I have submitted a motion to Cork City Council in relation to the future use of the Assumption Convent. In response to many local representations I have asked that Council would designate the convent as a unit for the care of the elderly. The Assumption Convent will then continue to serve the community in its traditional role of care.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/51)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Integrated Homelessness Strategy adopted by Cork City Council at its meeting held on 9th April, 2001 had the provision of a Foyer as one of its core Projects. The concept, first developed in France and now adopted by many European Countries is broadly based around the principle of providing an integrated approach to the accommodation of young people (18-25 Yrs.) and also an opportunity for training to enable the person to move on in life. This intervention during the transition from dependence to independence is aimed at preventing young people at risk from entering the cycle of homelessness by equipping them with the skills for independent living.

The Assumption Convent in Blackpool was purchased by the City Council and funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government under the Housing Programme to meet the specific need of the provision of a Foyer in accordance with the City Council’s policy. The Convent, as a Foyer, will continue to serve the Community in its traditional role of care.

The nearby Blackpool Flats are currently being re-developed by the Respond! Voluntary Housing Association to include for the provision of sheltered accommodation and day centre facilities to meet the needs of the elderly.

The City Manager informed members that an information leaflet in relation to the foyer will be distributed to all elected members and to the residents of the Blackpool area within 2 weeks.

The Manager also confirmed that the Blackpool Community Association has been invited to send three representatives to see an existing Foyer in operation.

7.6 **FUSE BOXES IN HOUSES AT FAIRHILL DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Following a number of incidents which have seen the fuse boxes in houses at Fairhill Drive catching on fire and melting, an immediate inspection of all fuse boxes in this estate as well as those in St. John’s Well and Bride Valley View (which were built by the same builder and at the same time) take place to be certain that they pose no danger to the tenants of these homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 04/85)

The report of the Director of Services stated that all electrical installation work to City Council properties is carried out by certified, registered electrical contractors. The electrical work would have been approved by the E.S.B. before the power supply was connected to each property.

The report also stated that records indicate 3 no. instances of problems with fuseboards (other than replacing of fuses) over the past 2 years in the 121 no. houses referred to in the motion and it is not considered that there is any cause for general concern. However, as a precautionary measure, fuseboards in these houses will be inspected to ensure that there is no underlying problem. These inspections will be carried out in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

7.7 **INFILL HOUSING BETWEEN MOUNT BROSNA AND AVONMORE PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services indicated that a decision was made by the City Council on January 16th, 2004 to grant planning permission for the re-development of the Maxol Garage site at Old Youghal Road. This decision has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála and An Bord's determination on the appeal is awaited.

The possible provision of infill housing between Mount Brosna and Avonmore Park will require to integrate with whatever development may be granted by An Bord Pleanála. The feasibility of building houses at this location will be assessed once the outcome of the planning appeal is known and a further report will issue to members once this assessment is complete.

7.8 **BACKLOG OF HOUSING APPLICANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 04/109)

The report of the Director of Services referred to the new Regulations introduced by the Minister for Social and Family Affairs which provided for changes in the SWA rent supplement allowance scheme. These regulations, the Social Welfare (Consolidated Supplementary Welfare Allowance) (Amendment)(No. 4) Regulations, 2003 came into effect on 31st January, 2004.

Subject to a number of exemptions, the Regulations provide that new applicants, at the time of application, will have been in rented accommodation for a period of at least 183 days within the preceding 12 month period. One of the exemptions covers persons assessed by a housing authority as having a housing need. The existence of this exemption obviously places an imperative on housing authorities to process new application in a speedy manner.

The report of the Director also stated that at present, the numbers awaiting assessment for eligibility for local authority housing is 709 compared to 1,006 on 1st January, 2004. Cork City Council employ three staff to assess applicants' eligibility for local authority housing and have now put extra resources in place to ensure applicants are not unreasonably delayed in their rent allowance application and have their housing applications assessed as quickly as possible.

7.9 **CENTRAL HEATING IN PROPERTIES AT SUNVIEW**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would install central heating as a matter of urgency in the remaining properties at Sunview, Fairhill particularly in view of the fact that many of the tenants are elderly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/79)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council are currently in discussion with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to the installation of central heating in all housing stock with an initial focus on old persons dwellings.

The Director stated that he would report back to Members in the coming months regarding progress in relation to this issue.

7.10 **CENTRAL HEATING IN FLATS IN TOGHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That, given the fact that the flats in Maple Place, Hazel Road, Togher Road and Sycamore Place are extremely cold with only one fireplace in each, funds be sought to install central heating in each flat thereby bringing them to the minimum standard that is acceptable in 2004.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/133)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council are currently in discussion with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to the installation of central heating in all housing stock with an initial focus on old persons dwellings.

The Director stated that he would report back to Members in the coming months regarding progress in relation to this issue.

7.11 **DISPOSALS**

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

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

- a) Disposal of sites: site (a) 1851.00 sq. metres (below ground/street level), site (b) 28.4 sq. metres approximately (at ground level) and site (c) 93.9 sq. metres approximately (at first floor level and above) to Kilquane Limited, c/o O'Flynn, Exhams & Partners, Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €80,000 subject inter alia as per the attached report which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- 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 Maser Developments Limited, c/o Nulty Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork, for the sum of €11,000, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- c) Disposal of sites: site (a) 23.7 sq. metres approximately, site (b) 23.1 sq. metres approximately and site (c) 100.4 sq. metres approximately located at Andersons Street/Lapps Quay, Cork to Kilquane Limited, c/o O'Flynn, Exhams & Partners, Solicitors, 58 South Mall, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 150 years at an annual rent of €10.00, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- d) Disposal of site 3237.6 sq. metres approximately in area situated at The Orchard, Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork, to KSC Trust No. 5 Limited, c/o Murphy & English & Co., Solicitors, Cook Street, Cork, for the sum of €100.00.
- e) Disposal of Leasehold interest in Stall No. 1, Princes Street Market, Cork to Donal O'Callaghan, c/o Noonan, Linehan, Carroll and Coffey, Solicitors, 54, North Main Street, Cork, at an annual rent of €1,099.60.
- f) Disposal of Leasehold interest in Stall No. 12, Princes Street Market, Cork to O'Donovans (Cork) Ltd., c/o Eoin C. Daly & co., Solicitors, 38, South Mall, Cork, at an annual rent of €1,667.16.
- g) Disposal of Leasehold interest in Stall No. 21, Grand Parade Market, Cork, to Kathleen Noonan, c/o Stall No. 21, Grand Parade Market, Cork, at an annual rent of €1,191.00.
- h) Disposal of site, 0.048 hectares approximately at 74A Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork, to Michael and Kevin Corbett, c/o PRC Architects (Ireland) Limited, Unit 14, Penrose Wharf, Cork, for the sum of €85,000.

DERELICT SITE REPORT

An Chomhairle approved the report by City Manager dated 1st April, 2004, regarding derelict properties at 20/21, Thomas Davis Street, Cork.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 5A, Deanrock Terrace, Deanrock, Togher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 25th August, 2000, to John Landers and Bernice Landers (nee Foley), for the sum of €76,304.12.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 34, Farranferris Place, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared

Ownership Lease dated 16th April, 2003, to Brian O’Leary and Michelle Hegarty, for the sum of €2,787.16.

- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 113, Farranferris Avenue, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 11th June, 2001, to Gerard Barrett and Caroline Aherne, for the sum of €72,429.52.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 39, Plunkett Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 17th December, 1993, to William Bermingham, for the sum of €16,650.31.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 23, Fairfield Square, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 7th November, 2001, to Edward O’Donovan and Fiona Kenneally, for the sum of €80,689.52.
- (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 4, Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 19th August, 2002, to Michelle O’Connor and James Lynch, for the sum of €86,977.32
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 47, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 9th April, 2002, to Mark Hurley and Melissa O’Sullivan, for the sum of €98,799.98.
- (h) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 221, Cathedral Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 12th September, 1995, to Eamonn O’Brien and Noreen O’Brien, for the sum of €28,068.71.
- (i) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 232, Cathedral Road, Gurranabraher, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 16th May, 1995, to Eric Walker and Maria Walker, for the sum of €30,866.89.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Freehold interest in “Villa Maria”, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork, (otherwise Site E10, Sli Garten, Mayfield) to Michael McCarthy, “Villa Maria”, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork, for the sum of €76.18, plus costs of €25.39.

8. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

8.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle noted the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended March 2004.

8.2 EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT FAIRFIELD GREEN/FAIRFIELD ROAD

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, regarding Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Fairfield Green/Fairfield Road and adopted the following resolution:-

“An Chomhairle HEREBY RESOLVES that the Public Right of Way extending over the pedestrian laneway connecting Fairfield Road and Fairfield Green running in a North Westerly Direction from it’s junction with Fairfield Green, for a distance of approximately 44 metres , to it’s junction with Fairfield Road, between 42 and 43 Fairfield Road, shall be extinguished forthwith

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

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would look at the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures at Derrynane Road, Doyle Road, Fr. Matthew Road, Friars Road, and O’ Connell Avenue’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 03/86)

The report stated that O’Connell Avenue is listed in this year’s roads programme for traffic calming measures. Detailed design on the measures is being carried out and the public consultation process is due to take place over the summer months.

Derrynane Road is already listed for consideration for traffic calming measures and Fr. Matthew Road and Doyle 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.

Parts of Derrynane Road and Friar’s Road are on a bus route (no. 4 City Bus Service), and ramps cannot be installed here. Any identified measures will however, be included for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

It should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in various areas in the City and only a small proportion can be done each year.

8.4 **ROAD RESURFACING – MCDONAGH ROAD AND PLUNKETT ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That McDonagh Road and Plunkett Road be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme’.

(Proposer: Cllr. Sean Martin 03/97)

The report stated that these roads will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

8.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that Blarney Street is already on the list of areas for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures. Any identified measures will be included for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

It should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in various areas in the City and only a small proportion can be done each year.

8.6 **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT THE JUNCTION OF POPHAM’S ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/72)

The report stated that the junction of Popham’s Road and Common’s Road is a very busy traffic signalised junction. It is adjacent to the junction on the national primary road (N20) with the link road to Blackpool Shopping Centre. Similar to many junctions in the City, queuing occurs at these junctions during peak traffic periods. The situation at this location is exacerbated by the two junctions being very close to each other with a short storage link between.

Both junctions are continuously being monitored to check for possible improvements and better co-ordination between the two set of signals. In the next few weeks an indicator right turning arrow will be introduced for the traffic from the Mallow direction turning right at the main junction on the N20. This should improve safety and efficiency at this junction, which will also help efficiency at the adjacent junction.

The issue of traffic moving from the Common’s Road even when Popham’s Road has priority is a matter for the Gardaí. This ‘red light breaking’ and the overall working of the two junctions will be discussed with the Gardaí to determine if further improvements can be made.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 04/78)

The report stated that the 30 mph speed limit is in force throughout Cork City with the exception of sections of Lower Glanmire Road, South City Link and Carrigrohane Road. Except for these three roads, the 30 mph speed zone is signposted at the City Boundary or in the ‘built up’ county areas on the approaches to the City. Speed limits are designated by “zones”, i.e. a speed limit sign identifies the start of the zone and motorists must assume the relevant speed limit applies until a speed limit sign with different information is encountered. Motorists in the City, or in built up areas outside the City should be well aware of the 30mph speed limit in operation.

However, we do use repeater signs on some roads in Cork City on a very selected basis, to encourage motorists to slow down. We have to be careful though, that they are not provided in a widespread manner so that ambiguous or confusing messages could be given to motorists on roads, which do not have repeater signs. The issue of speeding on Model Farm Road will be discussed with the Gardai and if deemed appropriate repeater signs will be installed along the roadway.

All speeds signs in the Country are being replaced next autumn with metric versions and the installation of any new signs should obviously wait for then.

8.8 **DIFFICULTY OF REFUSE COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

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

The report stated that car ownership figures have increased dramatically in Ireland over the past ten years with the resultant increase in traffic congestion and parking demand. Most housing estates, particularly those with a high proportion of multi occupancy houses now suffer from parking problems. In order to prevent parking on one side of roadways in estates on the morning of refuse collections, (which changes for many estates as a result of bank holidays, etc.), the following would be required:

- a. Agreement from residents on which side of the roadway the restrictions would apply
- b. Signage and road marking setting out the restrictions
- c. Regular enforcement.

- (a) would be very difficult to achieve and would require a huge amount of consultations/discussions. In the current disc parking extension scheme, obtaining agreement of parking and non-parking areas is very time consuming and it is often very difficult to reach consensus.
- (b) would require a large financial outlay for which there are no funds in this year's road budget.

The Traffic Warden service is already heavily stretched and it would not be able to properly enforce the parking restrictions on the refuse days.

The Traffic division is in continuous contact with the Environment Directorate in connection with areas where refuse trucks have problems with access, and restrictions are installed in areas where the need arises. This is the best approach and accordingly the proposal, as set out in the above motion is not recommended.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that Coach Street and Peter’s Street will be inputted on the list of areas for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures. Any identified measures will be included for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

It should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in various areas in the City and only a small proportion can be done each year.

8.10 **CONSTRUCT ROADWAY AT BRANDON CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that there are no funds in our 2004 Programme to undertake the construction of a vehicular access to Brandon Crescent. It can be put forward for consideration in our 2005 Roads Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

The report stated that Rosegreen Avenue will be inputted on the list of areas for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures. Any identified measures will be included for consideration in next year's Roads Programme.

It should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in areas similar to Rosegreen Avenue and it may take some time before funds are available to carry out traffic calming measures there.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that this involves the renewal of approx. 40 metres of footpath in front of Teschem, east of the Elm Grove junction with Ballinlough Rd. This is not on our Footpath Renewal Programme for the current year. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Programme.

8.13 **CHURCHFIELD WAY UPPER BE CLOSED OFF**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Churchfield Way Upper is closed off.'

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

The report stated that the closing off of Churchfield Way Upper could have a serious effect on access for local residents. Local deliveries, refuse trucks, etc. would also be impacted on. Closing of the roadway at one end or the other would

require the construction of a turning or 'hammer head' area to allow for vehicles to turn. This would have to be designed, costed and funds provided for.

Works of this nature should form part of an overall refurbishment scheme for the area and the motion will be referred to the City Architect's Department for comments and advice in relation to the long terms plans for the area. The Garda Siochána would also have to be consulted on the matter.

A further report will follow when the consultations are completed.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that Menloe Gardens 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.

8.15 **RESURFACING OF WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that resurfacing of Well Road is not part of the 2004 Roadworks Programme, but can be considered for inclusion next year.

Road marking on the Well Road will form part of the resurfacing contract and will be carried out immediately after the new surface is laid.

Yellow boxes can only be provided at road junction and they have no legal basis at entrances/exits to private premises. Providing such yellow boxes would set a huge precedent for others in the City and accordingly the provision of a yellow box opposite 'Hilarion' on the Well Road is not recommended.

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

Members considered the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that the footpaths in Tracton Avenue and Tracton Place are on Cork City Council's Programme of Footpath Maintenance for 2004.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report stated that the renewal of the road markings at the junction of Cahergal Lawn and Cahergal Avenue will be inputted into this year's road marking programme and will be done when the road painting crew is next in the general area.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report stated that Council recently approved a proposal to carry out a major extension of the disc parking zone (DPZ). The actual area of the extended DPZ is nearly two thirds the size of the original zone.

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

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

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

8.19 **WALL & RAILING BE PUT ALONG ROCKWOOD, SKEHARD RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a wall and railing would be put in place along the western side of Rockwood, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork. As the residents feel that this would eliminate antisocial behaviour passing through this area’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 04/65)

The report stated that the length of wall and railing required is approximately 30 metres. Unfortunately there is no funding available for this work at present.

8.20 **ROAD RESURFACING – LANDSDOWNE COURT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would resurface Landsdowne Court, Old Youghal Rd., which is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 03/464)

The report stated that Landsdowne Court, Old Youghal Road, is not programmed for resurfacing in 2004. Consideration can be given to this matter at a future date.

8.21 **JUNCTIONS BETWEEN THE FRONT & BACK DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

a) That Cork City Council look at all the junctions between the front and back Douglas Road with consideration given to:

- 1) One way systems
- 2) Traffic calming
- 3) Access/exit points
- 4) Adequate public lighting

b) That during construction of the No. 6 Green Bus Route every effort be made to install the bus stops in lay-by’s thus allowing continuous traffic flow.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon & Cllr. S. Martin 04/29)

The report stated that (a) The roads linking Douglas Road and the South Douglas Road have the following traffic management arrangements:

Claremount Avenue:

Ramps plus no exit onto Douglas Road

Belvedere Lawn:	Ramps and no entry from Douglas Road
Tramore Lawn	Ramps
Rhodaville Estate/Rathmore Lawn:	No entry from Douglas Road
Rosebank	Traffic signals at Douglas Road
Cross Douglas Road	Traffic signals at Douglas Road

The various controls on Douglas Road were installed in the late seventies to minimise the disruption to the traffic flows on the main road, which is a major public transport corridor. Any changes in the controls could affect the effectiveness of the road and may transfer traffic volumes from one link road to another.

A preliminary report is now being prepared for the No. 7 City Bus Service Green Route which includes Douglas Road and the design consultants will be requested to include traffic management proposals for the link roads referred to above. Issues such as access/exit restrictions, one-way systems, etc. will be examined. Any Green Route proposals will be subject to a full consultation process and will be submitted to Council for approval.

The question of adequate public lighting on the link roads will be examined separately by the City Council.

There is no room on South Douglas Road for bus lay-bys. However, as one of the main objectives of the Green Route is to provide bus priority measures, the short delays to traffic occurring at bus stops will allow the bus a 'clear' run' when it starts off again thus gaining an advantage for the bus.

8.22 **DISC PARKING EXTENSION TO INCLUDE SUNROW, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD & DILLIONS CROSS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the proposed Disc Parking Extension would include Sunrow, Ballyhooley Road, Dillons Cross – the area on the Western side of the Ballyhooley Road between the traffic lights and the Red Setter Bar.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/43)

The report stated that Council recently approved a proposal to carry out a major extension of the disc parking zone (DPZ). The actual area of the extended DPZ is nearly two thirds the size of the original zone.

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

The area referred to in the above motion on the western side of Ballyhooley New Road between Dillon's Cross and the Red Setter Bar is not in the extended DPZ area and disc parking controls cannot be installed there at present. However it will be put forward for consideration in the next DPZ extension scheme.

8.23 **REPAIR FOOTPATH – MOUNT FARRAN, ASSUMPTION ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpath between houses no: 24 to 30 Mount Farran, Assumption Road, Blackpool as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/52)

The report stated that the footpaths in this area are in relatively good condition. There is no need for urgent repairs at this time. Consideration can be given for remedial work at a future date.

8.24 **TRAFFIC MEASURES – ST. BRIGID’S RD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council would put traffic calming measures in place at St. Brigid’s Road, Gurranaברה as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/59)

The report stated that St. Brigid’s Road will be inputted on the list of areas for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures. Any identified measures will be included for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

It should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in various areas in the City and only a small proportion can be done each year.

8.25 **DISC PARKING BE EXTENDED FROM BAKERS RD. TO MOUNT ST. JOSEPHS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Disc-Parking be extended from Bakers Road on Blarney Street to Mount St. Josephs on the right hand and to College View on the left hand side of Blarney Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/64)

The report stated that Council recently approved a proposal to carry out a major extension of the disc parking zone (DPZ). The actual area of the extended DPZ is nearly two thirds the size of the original zone.

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

The area referred to in the above motion on Blarney Street between Bakers Road and Mount St. Joseph and College View is not in the extended DPZ area and disc

parking controls cannot be installed there at present. However it will be put forward for consideration in the next DPZ extension scheme.

8.26 **CLOSING OFF OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of closing off the pedestrian walkway from the South Douglas Rd. through to Heatherton.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune & J. Corr 04/74)

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 the pedestrian walkway from the South Douglas Rd. through to Heatherton is not included in the list of prioritised locations. This pedestrian walkway will be added to the current list of requested closures and will be available for prioritisation subject to future funding.

8.27 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CLOSE’S GREEN, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That traffic calming measures would be considered for Close’s Green, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 04/76)

The report stated that Close’s Green, Farranree will be inputted on the list of areas for consideration for traffic calming measures. Surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures. Any identified measures will be included for consideration in next year’s Roads Programme.

It should be noted we have well over two hundred outstanding requests for traffic calming measures in various areas in the City and only a small proportion can be done each year.

8.28 **RESURFACING OF BRIAN DILLON PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council resurface Brian Dillon Park as soon as possible and also reinstate footpaths where they pose a danger to pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/81)

The report stated that Brian Dillon Park is not programmed for resurfacing in 2004. Consideration can be given to this matter at a future date. The footpaths will be

inspected and any serious defects will be rectified in the Roads Maintenance Programme.

8.29 **SIGNAL CONTROL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE PLACED ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That a Signal Control Pedestrian Crossing be placed on Togher Road near the Ardmanning Avenue Junction in view of:-

- a) The large number of pedestrians crossing the road.
- b) The volume and speed of traffic on the road.
- c) The lack of an alternative crossing in the vicinity.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/84)

The report stated that surveys will be carried out on Togher Road near the junction with Ardmanning Avenue to measure the extent of the traffic and pedestrian movements in the area in order to determine the need for a pedestrian crossing facility. This area is adjacent to the Ardmanning Shopping Centre.

The lack of a footpath on sections of the western side of the roadway makes the selection of a crossing point more difficult and civil works will be required to provide a platform/footpath on that side.

If the necessary warrants exist for the provision of the pedestrian facility, it will be put forward for consideration into next year’s roads programme.

8.30 **CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That having inserted into the City Development Plan 2004 the desirability as high priority, this An Chomhairle will now specifically request the Government to fund the essential road links as outlined this year as an essential item and / or notify its expectations as to when it plans to forward funding to facilitate the construction to start.

1. The construction of the link road between Ardrostig Cross and Curraheen Road facilitating traffic to avoid Hawkes Road Bishopstown.
2. “The Bishopstown by-pass” i.e. a road line from the Carrigrohane Road N22 to the Model Farm Road R608 to the new Ballincollig by-pass (South Ring Road) N28 at a point near Deasy’s Bridge on the Curraheen Road, thereby substantially reducing the excessive traffic build up within estates and local roads in the Bishopstown area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/86)

The report stated that we sought funding from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government towards this road when we were preparing our 2004 Roads Estimates. No funding was forthcoming. We will again forward it to the DOEHLG for consideration when we are putting together our 2005 Roads Programme.

8.31 **YELLOW BOX AT JUNCTION OF CROSS DOUGLAS RD & SOUTH DOUGLAS RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of A/Director of Services dated 1st April, 2004, on the following motion which was held in Committee.

‘That City Council would provide a Yellow Box at the junction of Cross Douglas Road and the Douglas Road to prevent cars blocking the junction at times of heavy traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 03/450)

The report stated that the junction of Cross Douglas Road and Douglas Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed necessary, the provision of a yellow box at the junction will be inputted into this year’s road painting programme.

It should be noted though, that yellow boxes are usually not appropriate at tee junctions unless right turning vehicles leaving the straight or ‘cross bar’ section of the roadway are impeded. In this situation, traffic outbound from the City is not allowed to turn right, and the yellow box will only be required if traffic leaving Cross Douglas Road and turning right towards Douglas is impeded.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE – HEALTH SERVICES IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. O’ Driscoll, M. Ahern and Seanoir D. McCarthy at the Annual Conference – Health Services in Ireland which was held on the 26th – 27th March, 2004 at the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch and S. Martin at the Clonmel Conference – “A Healthy Debate” which was held on 2nd & 3rd April, 2004 in the Slievenamon Golf Club & Fairways Restaurant, Lisronagh, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

10.3 **KNOWLEDGE BASED REGIONS IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Cregan and Seanoir D. McCarthy at the Knowledge Based Regions in the Information

Society Conference which was held on 5th & 6th April, 2004 in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney.

10.4 **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION – 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, T. Falvey, D. Cregan, M. Ahern, T. Brosnan and Seanoir T. Shannon at the Local Authority Members Association – 21st Annual Conference which was held on 15th – 16th April, 2004 in the West County Hotel Conference & Leisure Centre, Ennis.

10.5 **MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the Merriman Winter School Conference which was held on 30th January to 1st February, 2004 in Fitzpatrick's Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare.

10.6 **TIPPERARY PEACE CONVENTION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Tipperary Peace Convention Conference which was held on 16th to 18th April, 2004 in Tipperary Town.

10.7 **EUROPEADE CONFERENCE 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir T. Shannon and Comhairleoir T. Falvey at the Europeade Conference 2004 to be held on 22nd & 23rd April, 2004 in Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo.

10.8 **20TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoirí M. Quill, D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, F. Dennehy, L. Burke, S. Martin, E. Nelson, D. O' Flynn, M. Shields, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, M. O' Connell, J. Kelleher, Chris O' Leary, D. Clune, C. Clancy, C. Burke, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan and T. O' Brien at the 20th Annual Environmental Conference to be held on 22nd & 23rd April, 2004 in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.

11. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND MARCH, 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 22nd March, 2004:-

11.1 **ABOLISH STAMP DUTY FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS FOR SECOND HAND HOUSES**

‘That this Council calls on the government to abolish stamp duty for first time buyers for second hand homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/159)

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – DERRYNANE RD., DOYLE ROAD, FR. MATHEW ROAD**

‘That Derrynane Road, the middle and upper section of Doyle Road and the middle section of Fr. Mathew Road be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 03/245)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK’S ROAD**

‘That the western end of St. Patrick’s Road be included in next years road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 03/259)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.3 **COURTOWN PARK – CONTRACT C: CONTRACTOR TO FINISH WORK**

‘Courtown Park – Contract C: Contractor never finished wall and the gates were never done. That the work be done.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 04/23)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.4 **DISC PARKING – BUCKLEY’S TERRACE**

‘That Cork City Council introduces disc-parking facilities in the Buckley’s Terrace, Off Blarney Street area, as local residents cannot access their homes owing to the parking of non-residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/92)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **DISC PARKING – MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE**

‘That immediate steps be taken to introduce disc parking into the Mary Aikenhead Place area in view of the indiscriminate non-residential parking presently taking place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/93)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **PARK ‘N’ RIDE IN THE NORTHSIDE SIDE OF THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would indentify an area in the Northside of the City to put in place a Park ‘n’ Ride Service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/94)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **FENCING TO BE ERECTED BETWEEN KNOCKPOGUE AVE. AND FAIRFIELD CRESENT**

‘That fencing is erected on the left hand side of the alleyway between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Cresent.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/113)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **NAME PLATES BE PROVIDED AT DEERPARK**

‘That name plates be provided at Deerpark, near ‘The Old Boys School’ in Lower Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/137)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **YELLOW BOX BE INSTALLED ON THE SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That a yellow box be installed on the Skehard Road at Kilbrack Lawn and Clover Lawn, in order to facilitate residents exiting these parks, who wish to turn right.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 04/144)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.10 **ROAD RESURFACING – SOMERTON PARK, BALLINLOUGH**

‘That Somerton Park, Ballinlough be included in the road re-surfacing programme for 2005, that in the meantime, immediate remedial work be carried out on the road carriage way, where major pooling frequently occurs, and where large pot holes are the norm, and that City Council in consultation with local residents would install traffic calming measures such as ramps, in order to slow down speeding traffic.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 04/145)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **FRANK O’ CONNOR LIBRARY**

‘That the signs on the exterior walls of the Mayfield Library, Old Youghal Road, be changed to the official name, “The Frank O’ Connor Library”.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/158)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.12 SURVEY ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

‘That Cork City Council carry out a survey on Pedestrian Crossing lights to make sure that the Audio Signal is working so that people with impaired sight will hear when to cross the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/160)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 “FREE MEN OF CORK CITY” – MR. ROY KEANE AND MR. DENIS IRWIN

‘That Cork City Council honour both Mr. Roy Keane and Mr. Denis Irwin its highest award “Free Men of Cork City” for their recognition, contribution to International Sports and as Ambassador’s of their native Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Chris O’ Leary 04/164)

Corporate Policy Group

12.14 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – RINGMAHON RD., SKEHARD RD., LOUGHMAHON RD.

‘That Cork City Council put in place traffic calming measures in the following areas and streets, Ringmahon Rd, Skehard Rd., Loughmahon Rd, St. Michaels Lawn to the Maples (outside Blackrock Grave Yard).’

(Proposer: Cllr. Chris O’ Leary 04/165)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.15 CROSSING TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIANS IN THE BLACKROCK RD/CHURCH RD. JUNCTION

‘That Cork City Council would provide a crossing to facilitate pedestrians in the Blackrock Road/Church Road junction as it is becoming more and more difficult for pedestrians to cross to Schools, Shops, Bus stops etc. at this busy junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 04/166)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.16 SIGNAGE AT CURRAHEEN ESTATE

‘That (a) Curraheen Estate be examined to ascertain the adequacy of its signage
(b) that particular note be taken of the problems that visitors/taxi drivers have trying to find a particular address.
(c) that consideration be given to erecting more placename signs and adding house number signs also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/168)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **GARDEN ALLOTMENTS**

‘That this council examines the possibility of setting aside some land for rent as garden allotments.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/169)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.18 **PROVISION OF CREMATORIUM FACILITIES**

‘That Cork City Council would approve the provision of facilities for the establishment of a crematorium in at least one of the City Cemeteries.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/172)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.19 **REPAIRS OR REPLACE FOOTPATHS TO GREEN PARK AND WILTON LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council repair or replace the dangerous section of the footpaths to Green Park and Wilton Lawn.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/173)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.20 **REPLACE/REMOVE THE BROKEN BOLLARD ON TOGHER ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council replace/remove the broken bollard on Togher Road, opposite Togher Post Office.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/174)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.21 **GRANTING OF A FULL WAIVER**

‘That Cork City Council grant a full Waiver from Service Charges to persons aged 65 or over who are Exempt from Income Tax.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/182)

Finance Directorate

12.22 **SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on Minister Mary Coughlan to immediately reverse the recently introduced regulation that widows/widowers cannot also receive short term Social Welfare benefits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/183)

Withdrawn

12.23 NO NAME CLUB/FARRANREE SUMMER SCHEME

‘That in the event of negotiation not being successful between Ogra Chorcaí and Farranree. No Name Club / Farranree Summer Scheme. That the Farranree Summer Scheme for 2004 be funded by Cork City Council. To ensure that a Summer Scheme takes place in Farranree this year.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. C. Clancy and Chris O’ Leary 04/184)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.24 CIVIC AMENITY SITE

‘That the Civic Amenity Site be available, free of charge to householders, for the disposal of domestic hedge and grass cuttings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 04/186)

Environment Functional Committee

12.25 REPLACE/REPAIR FOOTPATHS IN HILLGROVE LAWN, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD

‘That the footpaths in Hillgrove Lawn, South Douglas Road be replaced/repaired, as they are in a very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 04/187)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13. TENDERS

The following tenders were opened:-

2 No. tenders for the supply, installation commissioning and maintenance of traffic signal equipment for the Cork City and Cork County Council Green Routes.

4 No. Electrical tenders for Parnell Bridge and South Mall lighting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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