

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004.**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir S. Martin in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy,  
A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace,  
P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell,  
T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn,  
T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O'Connell, C. Lynch, T. O' Driscoll,  
D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields,  
B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. J. D. Flynn, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. D. O' Mahony, Director of Services, Environment.  
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. J. O' Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.  
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. M. Fanning, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

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 Hassan Family on the death of Margaret Hassan.
- The Donegan Family, Glounthaune on the death of Jim Donegan.
- To Con Riordan and his family on the death of his brother Denis Riordan.
- The Devine Family on the death of Joe Devine.
- The Walsh Family on the death of their mother.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations to:-

- Comhairleoir D. McCarthy on his award from the Irish Water Safety Association.
- Cork City Football Club and their manager Pat Dolan on their success in the Eircom league.
- City Manager and City Officials on the recent awards won by the City in the City Neighbourhoods competition.
- Meridian Theatre on their recent production in English Market.

### 3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 were considered and approved.

### 4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir C. O' Leary proposed, Comhairleoir J. O' Brien seconded the suspension of Standing Orders in order to discuss the Budget Committee.

A vote was called for where there appeared:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O' Brien, C. O' Leary, C. O' Connell. (5)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, P. Gosch, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern (21)

An tArdmhéara declared the motion defeated.

### 5. **QUESTION TIME**

#### 5.1 **LITTER WARDEN SECTION IN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Con O'Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Litter Warden Service commenced in 1982 to coincide with the introduction of the 1982 Litter Act. This Act was replaced by the 1997 Litter Pollution Act.

#### **Details of fines**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fines Issued</b>	<b>Number of Litter Wardens</b>	<b>Fines Paid</b>
2004 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	313	4	111
2003	594	4	238

2002	634	4	291
2001	802	4	341
2000	634	4	338

Fines may be cancelled for a variety of reasons e.g. incorrect name or address given to Litter Warden, change of ownership of vehicle not being notified to Motor Taxation Office, person may have left address to which fine has been issued, incorrect details recorded by Litter Warden, etc.

### **Photographic costs**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount €</b>
2004 to 15 <sup>th</sup> November	743.57
2003	1207.48

The accountability of all staff is a matter for management.

### **5.2 STREET CLEANING MACHINE LAUNCHED ON NORTH MAIN STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Dara Murphy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the existing Aquazura street vacuum scrubber is scheduled to operate on St. Patrick's Street and Emmet Place. Funding has been requested in the 2005 Budget for the provision of a second machine and driver. This machine will allow for the extension of this service to other high-quality paved areas in the City Centre

### **5.3 RAMPS ON THE ROAD IN LARCHFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Dave McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the traffic calming scheme for Larchfield is in our 2004 roads programme and will be completed before the end of the year.

### **5.4 DRIVEWAY AND FOOTPATH RENEWAL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that where a footpath renewal scheme is taking place along a stretch of roadway, footpath dishing for a driveway entrance is carried out in accordance with the following criteria:-

1. Where an existing entrance already has a footpath fully dishd, the dish is replaced free of charge.
2. Where the existing footpath is not fully dishd, a dish is constructed where the property owner requests it and pre-pays a reduced fee equal to 50% of the full-charge set fee. This reduced fee is usually €400. The entrance gateway should conform to planning requirements.

Otherwise the footpath is constructed to the full height similar to the status quo already existing.

### **5.5 STUDY BY THE BRITISH DEPT. OF HEALTH**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir John Kelleher, a written reply was circulated which stated that enquiries will be made with the Department of Health and Children and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to the issues raised.

5.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR LOVERS WALK AND SILVERHEIGHTS DRIVE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Traffic Calming Measures for Lovers Walk and Silverheights Drive are on the 2004 Roads Programme. Due to the exceptionally large Roads Resurfacing Programme, the Traffic Calming Schemes have been pushed back towards the latter end of the year. However they will be done in the 2004 Roads Programme.

5.7 **HALTING SITES IN CORK CITY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Michael O'Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that the current position is as follows.

- (a) 37
- (b) 47
- (c) 80 on Halting Sites.
- (d) 13
- (e) €6300
- (f) These are unsecured personal loans
- (g) No
- (h) Yes.
- (i) The legal process is followed to pursue defaulters.
- (j) €275,000.00.

5.8 **LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SCHOOLS IN THE PLANNING OF THE NO. 8 BUS GREEN ROUTE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Jerry Buttimer, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- (i) The construction of the Green Route for the No. 8 City Bus Service from Curraheen to the City Centre was the subject of the Part 8 Process of the Planning & Development Regulations. These procedures included:
  - Public notices along the route
  - Public notice in the press
  - Maps on display for 4 weeks for viewing by the general public.
  - Opportunity by general public and interested bodies to make submissions on proposals.
  - After the consultation process, proposals submitted to Council for approval.

In addition to the above there were public exhibitions held in Curraheen Road, Jury's Hotel Western Road and in City Hall where members of the public could examine details and discuss issues with City Hall personnel or with the design consultants.

- (ii) The Green Route has not been opened or implemented yet. Parking enforcement will mainly be carried out by Cork City Council. The Gardaí, who can also enforce the parking regulation, will concentrate on driving offences such as driving in a bus lane or cycle tracks.
- (iii) As well as the consultation processes outlined above, meetings were held with the school authorities along the route. The proposals were the subject of an external safety audit and are according to best practice.
- (iv) Green Routes are part of the integrated CASP strategy and the long-term target is that 29% of all commuter trips that have a destination in the city center will be done by bus. There are no targets for individual Green Routes but with improved speeds and frequencies, there will be a significant increase in bus passengers along each route.

#### 5.9 **THE POLICY/INTENTION ON TRAFFIC IN PATRICK STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- (a) The traffic management proposals for St. Patrick's Street were presented in the details accompanying the Part 8 Planning application for the refurbishment scheme. The proposal envisaged two-way traffic running on only two lanes from St. Patrick's Bridge to Daunt's Square. This is the proposal now being implemented.

Traffic modeling studies for the new regime have been completed and an urban freight management study to examine best practice in other cities and prepare proposals for loading/unloading to the street and adjoining areas is now being undertaken.

A full public consultation process including the general public, Gardaí, Cork Business Association, other traders, etc will also be undertaken before final proposals are presented. At that stage the final proposals will be submitted to Council for approval.

- (b) It is intended to implement the scheme early in 2005 when the remaining roadworks from Daunt's Square to Washington Street are fully completed.

#### 5.10 **EMPLOYEES OF CORK CITY COUNCIL EMPLOYED ON TEMPORARY CONTRACTS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mick Barry, a written reply was circulated which stated that the total numbers employed on non-permanent contracts are given in the table hereunder.

employed for a total of less than one year	68
employed for a total of 1 – 2 years	48
employed for a total of 2 – 3 years	37
employed for a total of 3 – 4 years	22
employed for a total of 4 – 5 years	36
employed for more than 5 years	17

<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>228</b>
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The above totals include the following:

FÁS Job Initiative Scheme	50.
Specified Purpose Contracts	41.
Student Placements	16.
Part-Time Staff (Occasional Relief))	<u>16.</u>
	121.

Of the balance of 107 are generally employed to provide:

- a. Cover for sick leave/absenteeism,
- b. Cover for maternity leave
- c. Cover for family friendly work policy schemes whose participants (though permanent staff) are effectively part-time workers.
- d. Seasonal Workers.

6. **DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2004 – 2009**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to adopt the Draft Corporate Plan 2004 – 2009.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

**‘RESOLVED** pursuant to section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 Cork City Council hereby approves the Draft Corporate Plan 2004 – 2009 as submitted by the Corporate Policy Group and the City Manager, subject to the addition of the following amendment on Page 67 of the Plan – “That Cork City Council will pursue the provision of a modern leisure facility, including swimming pool in the Douglas area.”’

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the City Manager on the Financial Statement for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2004.

8. **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2005**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle approved the Report of the City Manager on the Bank Overdraft for Half Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and adopted the following resolution:-

**‘RESOLVED** that Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the first-half year to the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.’

9. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the Schedule of Meetings for 2004/2005 as circulated.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

10.1 **INTEGRATED HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on the Integrated Homelessness Strategy 2004-2006.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the report is the product of the review process undertaken by the Cork Homeless Forum of its first strategy published in 2001.”

The strategy will be used to inform and shape the development of homeless policies 2004 – 2006. It will be the aim of the Homelessness strategy to be proactive rather than reactive, and to build on the work that has already been done in order to provide a holistic approach to the many complex issues that surround homelessness.

10.2 **SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION PLAN 2004 – 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on the Social and Affordable Housing Action Plan 2004-2008. The report was broadly welcomed by the Members.

Comhairleoir M. Barry asked that his opposition be noted.

The report of the Director of Services stated that The Plan envisages Capital Expenditure of €632 million over a five-year period with the delivery of approximately 3000 no. units of accommodation for both Social and Affordable Housing. During the same period it is anticipated that approximately 3,924 families will be housed by the City Council.

Major refurbishment of Housing Stock in Knocknaheeny and The Glen, Sunvalley Drive and Cushing Place is catered for in the Plan. The decanting and re-development of Deanrock Flats is also included.

A shift from Response to Planned Maintenance is provided for also. The strengthening of Estate Management with an emphasis on dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour and other Housing Management issues will be undertaken during the lifetime of the Plan.

10.3 **REVIEW OF THE SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services, dated 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on the Review of the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the purpose of the scheme is to provide a means for determining the order of priority to be afforded in the letting

of council dwellings to persons whose need for accommodation has already been established by the council through their inclusion in the most recent assessment of housing needs or their acceptance afterwards for inclusion in the next such assessment.

A review of the existing scheme has been undertaken and Cork City Council has amended the scheme to include granting of tenancies under the downsizing scheme for the elderly.

#### 10.4 **ROLE OF CITY COUNCIL AS HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

‘That Cork City Council carry out a thorough review of our role as Housing Authority and as a landlord and in particular the operation of housing allocation/maintenance/scheme design and refurbishment. In addition, that we review how we are in fact responding to anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/331)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the matters outlined in the above motion are currently under review. The various reports before the committee at present deal with the issues.

### 11. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

#### 11.1 **TWINNING PROPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004, regarding twinning proposals with Shanghai, China.

Comhairleoir C. Burke proposed, Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded that the Report of the City Manager be approved and the following resolution be adopted:-

**“RESOLVED** that Cork City Council hereby agree that pursuant to Section 75 (Subsection 1) of the Local Government Act 2001, Cork City shall formally enter into a twinning arrangement with the city of Shanghai, China.”

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary proposed, Comhairleoir D. O’ Flynn seconded that Cork City would not enter into a twinning arrangement with Shanghai.

A vote was called for Comhairleoir C. Burke’s proposal, where there appeared:-

#### **IN FAVOUR OF THE RESOLUTION:**

Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (18)

#### **AGAINST THE RESOLUTION:**



Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn. (5)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the City Manager's report approved and the resolution adopted.

#### 11.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services on Housing Estates October, 2004 dated 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.

#### 11.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on Planning Statistics 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2004 – 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2004.

#### 11.4 **URBAN RENEWAL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on Urban Renewal.

#### 11.5 **LIVING OVER THE SHOP SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on Living Over the Shop Scheme (LOTS) 2001-2004 annual report.

The report of the Director of Services stated that this scheme aims at promoting the rehabilitation of buildings and increasing the supply of residential units within the City Centre. The emphasis is on refurbishment rather than demolition.

The Living Over The Shop (LOTS) Scheme has been extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2006.

#### 11.6 **ENFORCEMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 on planning enforcement.

#### 11.7 **PLANNING PERMISSION FOR OFF-LICENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council directs the City Manager not to grant any further Planning Permission for Off-Licenses pending a thorough investigation by An Chomhairle of the impact off-licenses are having on local communities”.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/354)

The report of the Director of Services stated that where the Local Authority receives a planning application for an off-license regard shall be had in the decision – making process to the potential impact the development might have on the residential amenities of the surrounding area. Attention however is drawn to

the fact that based on current planning legislation that the change of use of an authorised shop premises to an off-license is exempt from the requirement to obtain planning permission under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. An off-license would have to comply however with the requirement to obtain a license from the Courts under the licensing legislation at which stage third parties can make observations.

#### 11.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – NEW HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Director of Services on the following motion.

“As part of planning permission for new housing estates that developers would put in place traffic calming measures from the outset”.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 04/368)

The report of the Director of Services stated that where planning permission for development is applied for and it is perceived that there may be a “traffic problem” in the future a condition usually is included requiring the provision of traffic calming measures.

Each case should be examined on its own merits and dealt with, by condition, if the need arises.

#### 12. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004**

##### 12.1 **CHILD CARE COSTS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2004:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the leaders of all political parties represented in Dail Eireann to between them address the issue of child care costs for working parents as such costs are prohibitive and should be financed by the introduction of a tax free allowance to parents affected.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/457)

##### 12.2 **ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2004:-

‘Cork City Council fully supports Amnesty International’s call for access to appropriate medical care for imprisoned Chinese worker activist Xiao Yunliang who is reportedly currently suffering tuberculosis, pleurisy and hypertension. Cork City Council agrees to send this resolution, if passed, to Amnesty International’s Irish Section, the Governor of the Liaoning Provisional People’s Government, the Director of the Liaoning Provincial Department of Justice, the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland and to the President of the People’s Republic of China.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/462)

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – SARAHVILLE PLACE**

‘That Sarahville Place from 7 to 23 be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/215)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

13.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME – JOE MURPHY ROAD**

‘That Joe Murphy Road be considered in next years Traffic Calming Programme,’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/216)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

13.3 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT PARK COURT ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council erect traffic lights at the entrance to Park Court Estate, Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/284)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

13.4 **SECURITY CAMERAS IN NEW GREEN GARDENS PARK**

‘That security cameras be installed in the new Green Gardens Park at Shandon Street and that children safety play equipment be installed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 04/285)

**- Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee –**

13.5 **PLANNING POLICY WOULD REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED**

‘That Cork City Council Housing and Planning Policy would reflect the needs of the Disabled in so far as any new housing developments would include a minimum of 5% adapted for people with special needs thus helping to meet the demands of the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/324)

**- Planning & Development Functional Committee -**

**13.6 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MOUNT EDEN RD, GURRANBRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place traffic calming measures in Mt. Eden Rd Gurrabraher, to allow families in the area to access their homes in safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/349)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.7 RAMPS IN HIGHFIELD WEST, OFF COLLEGE ROAD**

‘That Ramps be put in place in Highfield West, Off College Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/471)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.8 POT HOLES OUTSIDE MOUNT MERCY SCHOOL**

‘That the pot holes outside Mount Mercy School, Farranlee Road be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/472)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.9 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – BEECHWOOD PARK, BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘Traffic Calming Measures would be put in place at Beechwood Park, Ballinlough Road, to slow down traffic going through this estate, as it is a danger to young children attending St. Anthony’s School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/474)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.10 LIGHTING OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO CITY HALL**

‘That lighting would be put outside the main entrance to City Hall, as there is no lighting there at present and people find it difficult to access entry to City Hall especially at this time of year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/475)

**- Motion Withdrawn -**

**13.11 AMENITY AREA AT CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘As the Castle Road, Blackrock, forms part of the Amenity Route from the Marina to the walkway, that serious consideration would be given to maintaining the amenity value of this area by controlling the amount of traffic on this route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 04/476)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.12 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE – GLENHEIGHTS ROAD, DUBLIN HILL**

‘That Cork City Council would install ramps as a traffic calming measure at Glenheights Road, Dublin Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/477)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.13 SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES**

‘That Cork City Council would review its scheme of letting priorities to take into account the massive increase in applications and in particular from small families and people under the age of fifty.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/479)

**- Housing & Community Functional Committee -**

**13.14 SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES**

‘That Cork City Council review its contributions to Summer Play Schemes in the city in view in particular of the circumstances surrounding the Farranree Summer Play Scheme this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/480)

**- Planning & Development Functional Committee -**

**13.15 ROAD RESURFACING – KERRY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council make provision for the resurfacing of Kerry Road, Mayfield in the 2005 Roadworks Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/481)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.16 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DEERPARK & LOWER MAYFIELD RD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a review of public lighting at Deerpark and Lower Mayfield Road generally as residents and public reps are very concerned at the extent to which unruly youths are using the area as a gathering point with subsequent unacceptable consequences for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/482)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

**13.17 NATIONAL CHILDRENS STRATEGY & EOCP**

‘That this Council, noting that:-

- Over five years since the publication of the National Childcare Strategy childcare provision is still, in the words of the Strategy, “uncoordinated, variable in quality and in short supply”.
- Delivery of childcare places and improved infrastructure under the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme (EOCP) has been subject to long delays due to the protracted review of funding by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform:

Urges the Government to plan strategically up to and beyond the completion of the EOCP in 2006 to enable all parents to reconcile their childcare needs with participation in the labour force, education and training:

And calls on the Government to:-

- Harmonise maternity leave on an all-Ireland basis by increasing maternity leave to 26 weeks paid and 26 weeks unpaid and harmonise paternity leave on an all-Ireland basis by introducing paid paternity entitlements of two weeks per child
- Provide greater assistance to parents, especially those on lower incomes, with the cost of childcare
- Increase revenue for the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme, including capital, staffing and operational funding and immediately expedite all outstanding applications which have been delayed due to the review of the Programme
- Reinstate the Crèche Supplement and the VTOS childcare supports, the cutting of which have caused severe hardship to parents and children in disadvantaged communities
- Review the ‘Childcare Facilities: ‘Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ to assess effectiveness of the guidelines and investigate the possibility of introducing legislation in line with Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to require developers to construct childcare facilities in housing developments and to transfer these to the ownership of the local authority upon completion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 04/483)

**- Referred to next meeting of An Chomhairle -**

### 13.18 **MAINTENANCE WORKERS AT O.P.W.**

‘That this City Council support the Maintenance workers at the O.P.W. and their demand that jobs be kept within Cork City and not be moved to Kanturk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 04/484)

**- Referred to next meeting of An Chomhairle -**

### 13.19 **LANEWAY AT ST. JOSEPHS HARTLAND’S AVE, THE LOUGH**

‘That Cork City Council take in charge, the laneway at St. Josephs, Hartland’s Avenue, The Lough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/485)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

13.20 **BAN SALE OF ALCO POPS, SPIRITS AND 'SHOTS'**

'That Cork City Council would call on The Minister for Health and Children and The Minister for Justice and Law Reform to :-

- a) Ban the sale of "Alco Pops" by all Pubs, Off Licenses, Night Clubs, Restaurants Supermarkets etc
- b) Ban the sale of Spirits and "Shots" to all people under the age of 25.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 04/486)

**- Referred to next meeting of An Chomhairle -**

13.21 **ROAD RESURFACING – FIRGROVE AVENUE**

'That Cork City Council would resurface as a matter of priority Firgrove Avenue.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/487)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

13.22 **INSTALL YELLOW BOX JUNCTION ON VICARS ROAD**

'That Cork City Council would install a yellow box junction on Vicars Road at the entrance to Vicars Court.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/488)

**- Roads & Transportation Functional Committee -**

14. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 13 no. tenders for Cork City Museum Electrical Installation Building.

15. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

**An Chomhairle agreed to defer the Environment Functional Committee items to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2004:-**

15.1 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

Members considered the Report of the Director of Services on Sanitary and Other Schemes for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2004.

#### **Decision of Committee**

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

It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien to recommend the following motion to An Chomhairle for approval:

"That this Council calls on the Government to ensure no payment of charges for water and waste water would be imposed on voluntary groups and sports clubs".

### 15.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Members considered the Report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2004.

#### **Decision of Committee**

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

### 15.3 **LITTER**

Members considered the Report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That this Council agrees, in light of recent reports which described Cork as a seriously littered City, that the resources of the City would be better applied to the cleaning and maintenance of the City and its suburbs, than to the removal of road safety signs.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O'Brien 04/405)

#### **Decision of Committee**

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

### 15.4 **WATER PRESSURE**

Members considered the Report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council take immediate steps to increase the Water Pressure by increasing the size of the water mains supplying Mervue Estate, Ballyvolane with domestic water supply. Numerous complaints have been made regarding the poor and inadequate water supply and pressure in the Estate over the past number of years. Urgent action must be taken by Cork City Council to improve the water supply.'



(Proposer: Cllr. G. O'Flynn 04/249)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### **15.5 GRAND PARADE**

Members considered the Report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That the smell on Grand Parade and at the top of Oliver Plunkett Street be identified and dealt with.”

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 04/461)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of correspondence to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2004.

#### **17. CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the approval of the following conferences to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2004.

##### **17.1 LAMA CONFERENCE, ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham & D. McCarthy at the LAMA Conference, Annual Winter Conference held on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 at the Fairways Hotel, Dublin Road, Dundalk.

##### **17.2 NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the National Tourism Conference to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 at Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

##### **17.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Counihan at the Local Government Management Conference to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2004 at the Kingsley Hotel, Carrigrohane Road, Cork.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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