

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2004.

- PRESENT:** An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir C. Burke in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Seanoir M. Quill, Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, E. Nelson.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn.
- NORTH WEST** Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí T. Falvey, J. O' Brien.
- SOUTH EAST** Seanoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoirí D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Counihan
D. O' Flynn, T. O' Brien.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, 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.
Mr. J. Flynn, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. J. O' Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Crowley, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.
- Apologies:** Comhairleoir L. Burke

An tArd-Mheara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- To the Murray Family on the death of John Murray
- To the O' Mullane Family on the death of Roisín Davis
- An Chomhairle also offered a gesture of support to the victims of the Dublin Bus crash.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations:-

- To the Newtownshandrum Senior Hurling Team on reaching the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Club Final.

3. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of Civic Receptions for:-

- Blue Demons Senior and Junior Basketball teams on winning the National Basketball Cups.
- Co-operation Ireland to Commemorate Programme Activity in Cork in Recent Years Creating a Shared Future for our Young People North/South to be held on 10th March, 2004 at 7.30pm.

4. **MINUTES**

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

5. **QUESTIONS**

5.1 **VACANT SITE NEAR MOUNT BROSNA, MAYFIELD (FORMERLY A GARAGE)**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir John Kelleher, a written reply was circulated which stated that the former Maxol Garage site at Old Youghal Road was declared derelict on the 17th June 1997 and was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on the 29th December 2000.

Compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 is not considered appropriate at this time, as the site has recently been sold and the new owner is in the process of obtaining planning permission for the redevelopment of the site.

A planning application for a proposed development on this site by Jadehall Ltd., c/o Wilson Architecture, 4 Cook Street, Cork...." *to construct a two storey building comprising a supermarket on the ground floor, storage, offices and medical centre on the first floor and associated site works , car parking and signage on the former Maxol petrol station east of Mayfield Sports Centre , west of Donatellos Pizza and directly opposite Knights Court , on the Northside of Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork"* was registered on the 10th September 2003 (TP 03/27624).

A request for the following Further Information " Given the location of the proposed development, please submit a retail impact assessment, showing the impact on the nearby retail neighbourhood retail centres " was issued on the 14th November 2003. A response to same was received on the 2nd January 2004 and was considered acceptable by the Planning Policy Section. Following consideration of the application, which included the removal of a derelict site in this predominantly residential area, a Planning permission, subject to 11 no. conditions, was granted on the 26th January 2004. The statutory 4 week period, from the issue of the decision on the 26th January 2004, for lodging an appeal with An Bord Pleanála on the determination of the Planning Authority, has not yet expired.

5.2 **BUNGALOWS IN FOYLE AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Dave McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the bungalows at Foyle Avenue form part of the area of Block D, Knocknaheeny in respect of which Part 8 Planning was approved by Council at its meeting held on February 9th, 2004. Block D proposals include for the demolition of the six bungalows in question and arrangements are now being made for the vacation of the last two occupied units with a view to demolishing the six bungalows. It is anticipated that the houses will be demolished late March/early April, 2004.

5.3 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANT UP TO 31/12/03**

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

- (a) How many applications have been made to council vis a vis the disabled persons grant up to 31-12-2003?
Ans: During 2001, 2002 and 2003, 1199 applications were made.
- (b) What percentage has been assessed?
Ans: All have been assessed.
- (c) Name and number the various types of applications.
Ans: Applications on hands: High Priority 145
Medium/Low Priority 409
- (d) What is the cost in work to service all applications up to 31-12-2003?
Ans: High Priority: private houses €1,325,000 and LA houses €400,000.
- (e) How much is in the present funding allocation for 2004?
Ans: High Priority Local Authority houses: €400,000
High Priority private houses: €800,000
- (f) What is the monetary value in outstanding work?
Ans: High Priority applications is €1,725,000.
- (g) Will any application made and assessed in 2003/2004 actually have works carried out in the present year?
Ans: This is dependent on Councils determination of distribution of funds.
- (h) How many high priority cases cannot be done due to lack of funding?
Ans: This is dependent on Councils determination of distribution of funds.

5.4 **FLOODING AT MARINA VIEW AND VICTORIA ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Deirdre Clune, a written reply was circulated which stated that the main trunk sewer serving the City is laid from Kennedy Quay, along Victoria Road and Monahan Road to the Atlantic Pond Pumping Station and from there to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at Carrigrenan, Little Island. This new system is operational since August of last year.

The existing drainage system in the Victoria Road area is now being connected to the new system. The drainage system is complex and connections are being made at numerous locations to the new system. A new collector sewer has also to be laid along a portion of Victoria Road. It is expected that this work will be completed over the next number of weeks and that any problems that may have arisen during the change over period will be resolved.

5.5 **SHIPMENTS OF WASTE BEING EXPORTED**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Patricia Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that in October 2003 a total of thirty four containers of municipal waste were impounded by the Dutch Authorities in Rotterdam. The waste was from seven counties in Ireland, and had been collected by various contractors.

The Environmental Protection Agency referred this issue to all the local authorities concerned for their attention, and requested that the Agency be kept informed.

Two agents were involved in the shipping arrangements. One agent was responsible for four containers and the other for thirty. Five of the containers were from one contractor with a waste facility Cork City. Of these five, the first agent was responsible for three and the second was responsible for two.

The waste was not collected by or on behalf of Cork City Council. It was comprised of mixed recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic paper, and plastic bottles. It was miss-classified by the two agents for the contractors, and should have been shipped under Transfrontier Shipment Procedures.

On or around 21st November 2003 Cork City Council directed one of the agents to return the four containers for which he was responsible. These were returned to Tivoli on 15th January 2003, and were inspected by the Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Division at the contractors facility on 4th February 2004.

On 5th January 2003 the Dutch authorities made a formal request to the second agent to return to Cork the thirty containers for which he was responsible. In addition all the local authorities concerned formally directed the waste contractors to return the thirty containers of waste from Rotterdam.

The containers of waste were returned to Cork, and arrived in Tivoli on 05/02/04. They are currently being collected by the relevant contractors. The two containers from Cork were collected, and were inspected at the contractors facility on 16th February 2004 by the Senior Executive Engineer, Environment.

The waste in all five containers was in good condition, suitable for further recovery and recycling. The contractor has re-shipped the waste to Germany, for further recovery and recycling, using the correct classification and procedures. This is acceptable to Cork City Council, which is the competent authority in relation to the export of waste. The Environmental Protection Agency have been kept informed on the actions taken and are in agreement with them.

5.6 **TWO DERELICT BUILDINGS NEXT TO O' CONNOR'S FUNERAL HOME, NORTH GATE BRIDGE, CORK**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Catherine Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that an application for planning permission (TP 02/25945) was registered on 27/02/2002 and granted on the 03/07/2002, and was made by R.Cronin & Sons Ltd., 66 Shandon Street, Cork. This planning permission was for the demolition of the existing shop/offices over & to construct a ground floor shop, extension to existing funeral home & offices block overhead at 67/68 Shandon Street.

As planning permission had been issued it was not proposed to pursue under Derelict Sites legislation. However, it would now appear that the property is subject to conflicting ownership claims which is hampering the carrying out of development proposed.

Ownership of the properties at 67 and 68 Shandon Street is currently under investigation including the service of a notice under Section 29 (1) of the Derelict Sites Act.

As soon as a definitive ownership investigation is completed, it will then be possible for the City Council to either:

- (a) issue Notice of Intention to Enter the site on the Register; or
- (b) issue Notice of Intention to Compulsorily Acquire the site under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

5.7 **PLANS TO BUILD HOUSES ON THE LANDS NORTH OF BOHERBOY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that Cork City Council has identified lands in it's ownership at Boherboy Road, Mayfield as being suitable for the development of housing. The site measures approx.4 acres. Consultants are to be appointed to arrange for the design and planning of the scheme. It is intended that the proposed dwellings will be predominantly affordable units with some social houses being provided. Issues of density, tenure and access are matters to be addressed in the design of the scheme and through the formal planning process which will entail a planning application being made to Cork County Council in whose area the site is located.

5.8 **GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LANE LINKING DOUGLAS STREET TO PARK OWEN**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tom O' Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that the gate is presently opened and closed by a private security company on contract to the City Council.
Morning opening at 7.30am – 8.00am. Evening closing before 10.00pm.

5.9 **LAND AT CHAPEL FIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Jonathon O' Brien, a written reply was circulated which stated that

- (a) The value of the land will be determined when the site is offered for sale on the open market.
- (b) The City Development Plan allows for the development of some housing on part of the Chapel Field. The number of units to be provided will be determined by the design of the scheme having regard to the City Development Plan standards and the proper planning and development of the area.
- (c) The proposed housing units are intended as private dwellings.
- (d) The site is not required for social housing purposes having regard to the achievement of a balanced tenure profile in the area. There is adequate land in the City Council's ownership to provide for the demand for Affordable Housing in the area. The provision of private housing in this location is therefore desirable. It has been confirmed that proceeds from the sale of the site will be used towards covering the shortfall in the funding required for the re-development of Churchfield Swimming Pool. It is an objective of the City

Development Plan that part of the Chapel Field is to be developed for housing “to provide overlooking and supervision and make the remaining open space safe and attractive for recreational use.”

5.10 **PUMPING STATION IN GREENHILL ESTATE, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir Terry Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that difficulties arose with the effective operation of the Greenhills Estate drainage pumphouse at the end of January/ start of February. These were caused by the buildup of grease which interfered with proper working of the control probes. A de-sludging and cleanout of the wet well has been carried out and the pumphouse has been restored to normal working.

The underground pumphouse has had pumps replaced in recent times. As part of a project to introduce remote monitoring of our drainage pumphouses, it will be necessary to upgrade some of the control equipment at this location. These proposals are presently being prepared with execution of the work planned for later in the year.

Heatherton Estate has not as yet been adopted and the drainage network or pumphouse are not being maintained by the City Council. I am not aware of reports of specific difficulties at this location.

6. **RENNES ANNUAL FAIR 2004**

An Chomhairle agreed to nominate Comhairleoirí Catherine Clancy and Ernie Nelson to travel to Rennes for the 2004 Annual Fair.

7. **RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

7.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LEISURE AND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle discussed the quarterly report on leisure and library facilities, and the report of the Director of Services on Capital Projects.

7.2 **PART 8 REPORT ON NEW CITY ARCHIVES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Part 8 Planning Process in relation to New Archives at Great William O’Brien Street. The Director of Services report stated that members were aware that the present Archives were located on a temporary basis in Christchurch, South Main Street which has a very restricted use as an Archive.

A Notice regarding the new building was advertised in the Examiner on the 7th November 2003 in accordance with Part 8 Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 2001. No submissions or observations were received in relation to the proposal by closing date 22nd December 2003.

7.3 **YOUTH FACILITIES AND FAMILY CENTRE AT KNOCKNAHEENY
PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
REGULATIONS 2001**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services in relation to the development of Youth Facilities and Family Centre in the grounds of the Terence McSweeney College, Knocknaheeny. The Youth element of the project costing €1.2m is funded in the main from Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with the Southern Health Board also confirming their interest in locating a Springboard Project on the site. In addition, the Daughters of Charity have requested approval to develop a new Family Resource Centre and Crèche on the site.

7.4 **ADDITIONAL PITCHES AT SAM ALLEN SPORTS CENTRE,
CHURCHFIELD PART 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the provision of two additional pitches at Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield. The proposal was advertised in the accordance with Part 8 Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations in the Irish Examiner on the 10th December 2003 with no observations or submissions being received by closing date 23rd January 2004.

7.5 **ARTS GRANTS 2004**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Seanoir M. Quill, An Chomhairle approved the recommendations of the Arts Committee in relation to Arts Grants 2004.

7.6 **FENCING WALL BETWEEN ROWANVILLE AND ONSLOW GARDENS**

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

‘That fencing be put on the wall between Rowanville in Onslow Gardens and the field adjacent to St. John’s Well.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Michael O’ Connell 04/004)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a security fence would be placed on the wall within the next two months.

7.7 **PLAYING PITCHES ON KILMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Service on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the playing pitches on Kilmore Road be fenced off to stop joyriders from dumping and burning out cars.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 03/409)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a metal fence barrier was erected on the boundary of the playing pitches 18 months ago. This measure worked for a

period, however in the recent past it has been cut and sections removed on numerous occasions. A barrier of earth and trenches to prevent vehicular access has been put in place and seems to be working at present but will be monitored in association with the clubs involved.

7.8 **PARKS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – TORY TOP ROAD**

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

‘That Tory Top Park be upgraded as part of the parks development strategy in view of its amenity value to the people of Ballyphehane, Turners Cross and Pouladuff.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 03/445)

The report of the Director of Services stated that substantial improvements works costing €300,000 have been carried out at Tory Top Park in the past four years. The report also stated that repair works would be carried out to the existing Bandstand during 2004 and the provision of additional items of play equipment for the playground was also under consideration.

7.9 **TREE CUTTING ON PEARSE ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council immediately institute a programme of tree cutting on Pearse Road from Ballyphehane Church to the Lough’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/235)

The report of Director of Services stated that tree pruning and removal where required had been carried out on trees at Pearse Road during the past number of years.

7.10 **OLD RESERVOIR, HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

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

‘That the green area around the old reservoir between Harbour View Road and Ardculen be closed up.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Michael O’ Connell 04/007)

The report of the Director of Services stated that appropriate measures to restrict access to the green area around the Old Reservoir would be carried out within the next two months.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

8.1 **WORKS PROGRAMME 2004**

An Chomhairle discussed and noted the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development, dated 13th February, 2004 on the Works Programme 2004.

8.2 **PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development, dated 12th February, 2004 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“An Chomhairle HEREBY RESOLVES that the following properties be included in the Cork City Council’s Record of Protected Structures in accordance with S.55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000:

1. 1 Sydenham, Wellington Road.
2. 2 Sydenham, Wellington Road
3. 1 Lincoln Place, Grattan Hill.
4. 2 Lincoln Place, Grattan Hill.
5. Station View House, Grattan Hill.
6. North Cathedral Presbytery, Roman St.
7. 27 Grattan Hill
8. Glenvera, Wellington Road
9. 3 Victoria Road”

8.3 **2002 CENSUS**

An Chomhairle discussed and noted the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Development, regarding the 2002 Census.

8.4 **MOTION PROPOSED BY COMHAIRLEOIR B. BERMINGHAM**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise, dated 16th February, 2004 on the following motion which was considered by the Committee.

Motion

‘That this Council aware that 2003 is designated ‘European Year of the Disabled’ agrees to motions received 2003:

1. Adapt/confirm as its goal to achieve the highest standards and facilities for the disabled within the City of Cork in the shortest possible time.
2. Audit in full the measures it has taken over the years in improving and facilitating persons with disabilities.
3. Determine following consultation, what needs are now required to facilitate independent and usability living for all.
4. Enumerate and cost the type of service, facility and location of proposed improvements it intends to undertake in the short term 2003/2004, medium

term 2005/2006 and long term to 2009.

5. Agree to identify in the estimates specific funding per usability project per annum.
6. Agree to identify structures in developing overseeing and updating this ongoing work i.e.
 - (a) Within an SPC with rights to call on all other departments
 - (b) A continuing ad hoc committee with representatives from appropriate organisation inputting ideas advice and recommendations.
 - (c) Reporting back to An Chomhairle on a quarterly basis.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir B. Bermingham 03/01)

The Director of Services report stated that Cork City Council is committed to achieving the highest standards for People with Disabilities and adopted the Barcelona Declaration in 2002. Social Inclusion was included as a core value in the Council's Corporate Plan 2001 – 2004 and in December 2003, Council adopted a Social Inclusion Audit and Action Plan which outlines proposed actions by all Departments in all areas of Social Inclusion including meeting the needs of People with Disabilities.

The Director of Services report also outlined specific measures that have been carried out by the City Council.

8.5 **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEMES (CORRECTION)**

An Chomhairle agreed that a correction be made to the Cork City Council Development Contributions Schemes adopted by An Chomhairle on 12th January, 2004.

Exempted and Reduced Contributions, Table 5, as adopted was:

“First time buyers purchasing dwellings (other than affordable dwellings where a 50% reduction applies) not exceeding 108 square metres, will be entitled to a refund of 64% of the General Development Contributions applicable.”

The correct Exempted and Reduced Contributions, Table 5, is:

“First time buyers purchasing dwellings (other than affordable dwellings where a 50% reduction applies) not exceeding 111.5 square metres, will be entitled to a refund of 64% of the General Development Contributions applicable.”

9. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2004**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 9th February, 2004 be referred to the Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee:-

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL OF MUSIC

‘That this Council and the Lord Mayor, having requested a meeting with An Taoiseach, the Minister for Education and Science, and having received a non response and or a negative reply by Monday 9th February, 2004 determines to assert Cork City Council's view that the commitment of funding for the

construction of a new School of Music must be made forthwith and to advance this view and demonstrating Cork City Council's determination agrees that Cork City Council in robes, travel to Dublin at a day and time when An Taoiseach is in Leinster House and or Dublin Castle and directly seek a meeting, failing which, to hold a full Council meeting in Dublin to propose a resolution again calling for a positive decision now by the Government ensuring the continuing growth and development of the great work of this musical academy down the years and as essential development to the City of Cork in its year as European Cultural Capital 2005.'

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

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

11. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

11.1 **AMAI – SPRING SEMINAR 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O' Flynn at the AMAI – Spring Seminar 2004 held on the 13th & 14th February, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

11.2 **GROWING TOURISM TOGETHER CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O' Flynn and D. Cregan at the Growing Tourism Together Conference to be held on 26th & 27th February, 2004 at the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy and M. Ahern at the Kerry Environmental Recognition Centre, 13th Annual Environmental Conference to be held on 3rd – 6th March, 2004 in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, C. Clancy, M. Ahern, T. Falvey and D. Counihan at the General Council of County Councils Annual Conference 2004 to be held on 11th – 13th March, 2004 in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, C. Clancy and J. Kelleher at the Partnership – The Possibilities and the Perils Conference to be held on the 25th & 26th March, 2004 at the Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare.

11.6 **L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, E. Nelson and J. Kelleher at the L.A.M.A. Conference to be held on the 15th & 16th April, 2004 at the West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare.

11.7 **EUROPEADE CONFERENCE 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir E. Nelson at the Europeade Conference 2004 to be held on the 22nd & 23rd April, 2004 at Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo.

11.8 **CLARE TOURIST COUNCIL & ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL – OUR TOURISM, NEW OPPORTUNITIES OR NEW THREATS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. Ahern and J. Corr at the Clare Tourist Council & Antrim Borough Council – Our Tourism, New Opportunities or New Threats Conference to be held on 27th – 29th February, 2004 at the Dunadry Hotel & county Club, Muckamore, Dunadry, Co. Antrim.

11.9 **THE DUHALLOW CONFERENCE**

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

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Falvey at the BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference – Developing Infrastructure in the BMW Region to be held on 4th March, 2004 at the Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

11.11 **COLMCILLE HERITAGE TRUST**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Colmcille Heritage Trust to be held on 27th – 29th February, 2004 at the Gartan, Churchhill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **WATER PRESSURE ON ST. PATRICK’S ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to rectify the water pressure on St. Patrick’s Road’.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir S. Martin 02/251)

Environment Functional Committee

12.2 **SOCIAL HOUSING FOR ELDERLY – PARK OWEN, QUAKER ROAD**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.3 **RE-DEVELOPING GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL INTO A MODERN LEISURE CENTRE**

‘That this Council agree to allocate the capital sum necessary to re-develop the Gus Healy Swimming Pool, into a modern leisure centre, from the proceeds of the sale of the Mahon Land, and that no allocation of these funds be made to other projects not already agreed by An Chomhairle, until the Manager reports to Council on how he proposes to spend these funds, and it is fully debated and agreed by An Chomhairle.’

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon & Cllr. S. Martin 03/460)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.4 **ROAD RESURFACING – LANDSDOWNE COURT**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **ERECT STATUE OF JACK LYNCH IN PATRICK STREET**

‘That a statue of Jack Lynch would be erected in Patrick Street.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 04/24)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.7 **RECREATIONAL & COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR FARRANREE & FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a study as to the recreational and community needs for the Farranree and Fairhill areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/41)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **ASSUMPTION CONVENT – UNIT FOR CARE OF THE ELDERLY**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

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

‘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)

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12.14 **CLOSING OFF OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**

‘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)

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

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

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

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12.16 **RESURFACING OF BRIAN DILLON PARK**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEME**

That Cork City Council hereby amends the General Development Contributions Scheme such that existing householders in the City who apply for Planning Permission to extend their homes by less than 100 sq. metres should be exempt from having to pay any development contribution.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/82)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

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

‘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)

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12.19 **FUSE BOXES IN HOUSES AT FAIRHILL**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.20 **FUNDING TO GOVERNING BODIES IN SPORT**

‘That the Minister for Sport gives funding to Governing Bodies in Sport, to give to the local clubs for sporting equipment.’

(Proposer: Ald. D. McCarthy 04/80)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.21 **CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004**

‘That having inserted into the City Development Plan 2004 the desirability as high priority, this Council 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)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.22 **ADVERTISING ALL PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

‘This Council, having regard for transparency and good communications between developers and residents. Cork City Council will henceforth in the public press advertise all planning applications each month.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/87)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

13. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss Disabled Person’s Grant Scheme. It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Committee of Whole Council be held on Monday, 1st March, 2004 at 6.30pm to consider the Disabled Person’s Grant Scheme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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