

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26TH APRIL, 2004.

- PRESENT:** An tArd-Mheara, Comhairleoir C. Burke in the chair, subsequently
Leas Ard-Mheara, Comhairleoir D. Cregan, 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.
Mr. J. Flynn, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. J. O' Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Scully, Administrative Officer, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
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 Dundon Family on the death of Bridget Dundon.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13th April, 2004 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **BOLLARDS AT ENTRANCE TO PEARSE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that any bollards missing from the above location will be replaced.

3.2 **RENOVATION COSTS TO THE ASSUMPTION CONVENT**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn, a written reply was circulated which stated that no development works are currently planned for the above project. Any works to be carried out will be of a maintenance nature and will therefore not require Part 8 Approval as set out in Section 179 (6) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 2001. A detailed analysis of the costs are not yet available.

3.3 **WAIVERS OF REFUSE CHARGES**

In response to question submitted by Seanoir C. O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that waivers of refuse charges are now automatically granted to customers in certain circumstances.

Principally these are Old Age pensioners and some other long term social welfare recipients who have no other income and with no other household members and whose circumstances are therefore unlikely to change from year to year.

4625 such waivers have been granted in the current year.

A further **7000** waivers approximately were granted in 2003 but in situations where circumstances might change (e.g. other income, other residents or short term Social Welfare) and therefore these customers must reapply giving their up to date situation before a waiver can be granted.

3.4 **PLANS FOR CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Ahern, a written reply was circulated which stated that it is hoped to develop a new playground at Murphys Farm, on the Curraheen Estate side, early next year. Draft plans will be prepared later this year for public consultation purposes.

City Council officials recently met with representatives of Cork AUL, and the 5 clubs using the playing pitches at Murphys Farm to finalise details regarding building of purpose built changing facilities. Funding of €80,000 has already being confirmed from the Dept of Arts, Sport and Tourism for the project, with Cork AUL and the clubs contributing €40,000, the City Council paying the balance. Plans will be available within the next few weeks, with Part 8 Report due to Council in July, works to commence in early Autumn.

3.5 **DANGEROUS JUNCTION**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir E. Nelson, a written reply was circulated which stated that it is assumed that the question relates to the steepness of the gradient of the North Ring Road/Silversprings Lane as it approaches the junction with the Silversprings Flyover. The gradient is obviously determined by the topography of the area and there is no practical means of changing this. There are of course, many other roads in the northside of the City with similar or even steeper gradients.

The North Ring Road, which carries strategic traffic between national routes, is a matter of concern because of the high content of heavy goods vehicles using it. There was a serious incident recently where brakes failed on a large truck going downhill.

The Traffic Division will have discussions with the National Roads Authority in order to identify possible measures to improve the road safety in the area. An option to be examined will be the provision of dynamic signs in the vicinity of

Mayfield Church advising drivers of large vehicles approaching Silversprings Lane to test their brakes.

3.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ST. RITA’S AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that St. Rita’s Avenue was converted to one-way routing last year as a result of requests from the local residents. This was despite advice that one-way systems can result in increased traffic speeds in the direction of traffic flow.

No requests for traffic calming had been received for St. Rita’s Avenue and it is not listed in this year’s roads programme’s traffic calming schemes. However, it will be added to the list of areas where requests or traffic calming requests have been received.

It should be noted though that we have over two hundred such requests and it may be some time before funds are available for traffic calming measures in St. Rita’s Avenue.

4. **FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Burke, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle unanimously adopted the following resolution:-

“That the Freedom of the City of Cork be conferred on John Hume MP., M.E.P.

In recognition of his exceptional commitment to the cause of reconciliation on this island and for being a living testament to that fundamental principle of peace – respect for diversity. In recognition of the pivotal role he played in securing the historic Good Friday Agreement of 10th April, 1998 and his unwavering commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy. In admiration of his qualities as a man of honour, generosity, integrity and courage, but above all in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the cause of lasting peace.

For his exhortation that we spill sweat together, instead of blood and his conviction in the futility of violence; As a token of the high esteem and affection in which he is held by the people of Cork; For all this and more, The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Cork City Council consider him worthy to be enrolled in the Roll of its Honorary Citizens and so direct.”

5. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2003**

An Chomhairle approved the Draft Annual Report 2003.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager on the Financial Statement to 31st March, 2004.

6.2 **ERECT STRUCTURE ON PENROSE QUAY TO CORKONIANS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion which was referred to the Corporate Policy Group from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd March, 2004:-

‘On behalf of the people of Cork and our exiled brethren I move that the following motion be adopted:

‘That the members of the Cork City Council erect a permanent structure on Penrose Quay as a fitting tribute to the thousands of Corkonians, men and women who were compelled through the scourge of unemployment, economic problems, war and circumstances not of their making to board the immigrant ships to England and other points of the compass to find employment in those countries in order to provide the basic needs for the family members left behind.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cregan 04/129)

The report recommended that a suitable piece be commissioned by competition to reflect the requirements of the motion. The Group also agreed that the commissioning of a new art piece for the Lee Tunnel should be looked at.

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

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

An Chomhairle noted the quarterly report on leisure and library facilities.

7.2 **PART 8 REPORT ON MAHON SPORTS PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development of 5 no. grass pitches, 4 no. All Weather Pitches and associated changing facilities as advertised on the 29th January 2004, and approved the report of the Director of Services on Part 8 Planning Process in relation to Mahon Sports Project.

The report stated that two submissions were received in relation to the proper planning and development of the area, whilst a further 4 submissions were received in relation to allocation of pitches.

The Director recommended that the Part 8 Report be approved, work to commence in mid-summer.

7.3 **BYE-LAWS ST. MARY’S CHURCHYARD, SHANDON**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services in relation to proposed Bye-laws for use of the former Churchyard at St. Mary’s, Shandon, commonly known as the Green Gardens.

The report of the Director of Services stated that in accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1994, a notice was published in the Examiner on the 7th November 2003 notifying the public of the Council’s intention to make Bye-Laws and allowing for submissions in relation to same. No submissions were received.

In accordance with Article 5 of the Local Government Act 1994 (Bye-Laws) Regulations 1995, a copy of the public advertisement and proposed Bye-Laws was sent to the Minister for Heritage, Environment and Local Government, and the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana in whose district the Bye-Laws would apply.

In his reply, Superintendent Shanahan complimented the Bye-Laws and suggested one amendment to Article 12, to ensure that dogs which are required to be muzzled by regulations under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 are not allowed into the amenity area. This amendment will be made.

7.4 **TRISKEL REFURBISHMENT GRANT**

An Chomhairle approved the Director of Services report in relation to major refurbishment of the Triskel Arts Centre at Tobin Street, primarily to create user friendly access and multidisciplinary facilities for persons with disabilities.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the work entails: - creating equitable access for disabled users, installation of new disabled toilet facilities, and new heating and sanitary system, creation of user friendly multi-disciplinary artist's spaces, creation of a new downstairs café together with work on Tobin St., to create a safer and friendlier environment.

The full cost of the works is estimated at €330,000 with Triskel seeking a grant from Cork City Council of €160,000 and intending to fund the balance from its' own resources by way of mortgage and other fundraising activities.

Triskel is proposing that this work be carried out before 2005.

The report stated that there is provision in the estimates for loan payment of a previous grant approved by Council in 1999 and if the request is approved it will entail continuing the same rate of payment as current for a further six years without increasing the budget.

In view of the nature of the works and their specific purposes, the Director of Services was recommending that Council approve a grant of €160,000 toward the project.

7.5 **CASTLE ROAD AREA**

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

‘That in order to enhance the Castle Road area at Sandy Lane & Gate Lodge Estates, the following items be put in place:-

1. Removal of surplus top soil at car park in Castle Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/141)

The Director of Services report stated that topsoil has been deposited adjacent to the car park for use in reinstating the grass areas adjacent to the car park, and that the work was ongoing.

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

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

‘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)

The report of Director of Services stated that an application would be made shortly to the Dormant Accounts Fund by the Rapid Area Implementation Team and Cork City Council for funding to carry out a study into the recreational and community needs of the Fairhill/ Farranree area.

7.7 **FUNDING TO GOVERNING BODIES IN SPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

7.8 **CULTURAL & HISTORICAL ORGANISATIONS**

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 04/56)

The report of the Director of Services stated that two separate but linked websites are currently being developed in this area was also considered. One website is a database of individual artists and cultural and arts organisations in the city and county and this is a joint project with Cork County Arts Office and Cork City Council Arts Office. A separate web based project has secured Interreg III Atlantic Space Funding. Cork City Council together with its partners The Atlantic Arc, will create a website which lists all the cultural and heritage facilities in our cities.

7.9 **ROCKWOOD, SKEHARD RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services 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 of the Director of Services which stated that the works in question would be carried out in conjunction with the nearby park developments works which have just commenced.

7.10 **PALLISADE FENCING BETWEEN CLOVER LAWN AND CLOVER HILL**

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

‘That Palisade Fencing be erected across the Green open space between Clover Lawn and Clover Hill Est., Skehard Rd., where regular incidents of anti-social behaviour occur to the detriment of local residents.’

(Proposer:- Ald. T. Shannon – 04/142)

The report of the Director of Services stated that arrangements are on-hand to repair the existing damaged pallisade fencing at Clover Lawn.

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

8.1 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR**

An Chomhairle discussed and noted the Cork Economic Monitor April, 2004.

8.2 **REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES**

An Chomhairle discussed and noted the report of the Director of Services on the Regional Planning Guidelines dated 20th April, 2004.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy 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.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Seanoir D. McCarthy, Comhairleoirí L. Burke & S. Martin at the Local Authority Members Association – 21st Annual Conference held on 15th – 16th April, 2004 in the West County Hotel Conference & Leisure Centre, Ennis.

10.3 **TIPPERARY PEACE CONVENTION**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Burke at the Tipperary Peace Convention held on 16th to 18th April, 2004 in Tipperary Town.

10.4 **EUROPEADE CONFERENCE 2004**

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

10.5 **‘PROTECTING OUR NATURAL HERITAGE – WHAT WILL BE OUR LEGACY?’ CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the ‘Protecting our Natural Heritage – What will be our Legacy?’ Conference held on 22nd & 23rd April, 2004 at the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Cork.

10.6 **THE BALLYMOTE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Burke at the Ballymote Conference to be held on the 28th & 29th May, 2004 in the Coach House Hotel, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.

10.7 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1999-2004 CONFERENCE – HOW DID WE DO?**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Local Government 1999-2004 Conference – How Did We Do? to be held on 7th – 8th May, 2004 in the Clonea Strand Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **MOUNT CARMEL RD BE INCLUDED IN ROAD & FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘That Mount Carmel Road be included in next years Road and Footpath Renewal Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 03/260)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 FOOTHPATH RESURFACING – UPPER FRIARS ROAD

‘That the footpath on upper Friars Road be included in next years Footpath Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 03/342)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 TRAFFIC CALMING – CUSHING ROAD & CUSHING PLACE

‘That traffic calming measures be immediately be put in place in Cushing Road and Cushing Place owing to the increasing volumes of traffic that pass through this narrow thoroughfare at high speed every day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/95)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 TRAFFIC CALMING – BANTRY PARK ROAD

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at Bantry Park Road to prevent rat racing by motorists using Bantry Park Road as a short cut and “Go Slow” signs be erected immediately as an Interim measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/97)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.5 TRAFFIC CALMING – CUSHING ROAD & CUSHING PLACE FARRANREE

‘That Cork City Council would put in place traffic calming measures as a matter of urgency in Cushing Road and Cushing Place, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/103)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 REPAIR WALL AT TOP OF HAWTHORN MEWS

‘That Cork City Council would repair the wall at the top of Hawthorn Mews adjacent to No. 33.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/104)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 ALBERT ROAD WORKS

‘That the following much needed work be carried out at Albert Road:-

1. Resurfacing of the Road Carriageway of Kingston Avenue.
2. A red stop light pelican crossing be installed at Albert Road and Victoria Road,

and in the meantime the present zebra crossings at these locations be repainted as promised to me over two years ago.

3. Disc parking be extended to Marina Tce and Hiberian buildings as promised.
4. That Double Yellow lines be painted at all corners, to stop motorists parking in a dangerous position, which occurs at present and thus increase the line of sight for motorists exiting onto the main roads.'

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 04/146)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 RED STOP LIGHT PELICAN CROSSING BE INSTALLED ON CHURCH ROAD

'That a red stop light pelican crossing be installed on Church Road, Blackrock at Willow Bank, Blackrock National Hurling Club location, in order to facilitate pedestrians wishing to cross in safety.'

(Proposer: Ald. T. Shannon 04/147)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.9 REPAIRS BE CARRIED ON THE FOOTPATH ON WESTERN ROAD

'That repairs be carried out on the footpath on Western Road from the A.I.B. bank on the left hand side to the roundabout at entrance to U.C.C. as a matter of urgency.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O' Connell 04/161)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.10 REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON HIGHFIELD AVENUE

'That the footpaths on Highfield Avenue be repaired as a matter of urgency.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O' Connell 04/162)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.11 RESURFACE THE STRIP OF ROAD OPPOSITE CORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

'That Cork City Council takes immediate action to resurface the strip of road opposite Cork Institute of Technology.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/175)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.12 **STOP THE FLOODING OUTSIDE 121 TOGHER ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take action to stop the flooding outside 121 Togher Road, by the bus stop. This stretch of road is subject to flooding during bad weather and causes considerable inconvenience to pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 04/176)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.13 **DERELICT TENNIS COURTS IN CLASHDUV PARK**

‘That as a means of lowering the incidence of anti social behaviour the derelict tennis court area in Clashduv Park be examined with a view to converting it to a Basketball Court that would cater for a greater number of users and provide a much needed basketball presence in the Southside of the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 04/181)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.14 **WATER PRESSURE AT TRACTON LAWN, MIDDLE GLANMIRE RD, MONTENOTTE**

‘That the water pressure at Tracton Lawn, Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte be checked and improved as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/185)

Environment Functional Committee

11.15 **DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS AT HOUSES 19 – 36 MANGERTON CLOSE, THE GLEN**

‘That double-glazed windows be provided at house numbers nineteen to thirty six, (three blocks), Mangerton Close, The Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/188)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.16 **LANDS OWNED BY DOMINICAN ORDER OF ENNISMORE BE ZONED AS A PUBLIC PARK**

‘The lands owned by the Dominican Order of Ennismore, Middle Glanmire Road should be zoned as a public park with water features, walkways, shrubbery and trees and held for the people of Mayfield and the city should the Dominicans ever decide to sell or vacate the lands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Nelson 04/192)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.17 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES – ASHLEIGH ESTATES AREA, SKEHARD ROAD

‘That appropriate traffic management measures be put in place in the Ashleigh Estates Area, Skehard Road in order to eliminate speeding traffic through this district and also to facilitate access onto Skehard Road, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/193)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.18 TRAFFIC FLOW ON OLD BLACKROCK RD BE MADE ONE-WAY

‘That the traffic flow on Old Blackrock Road (between Rockboro Estate, and its junction with Victoria Avenue) be made one-way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/194)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.19 FUNDING BE PROVIDED FOR SEVERAL FOUNTAINS IN THE LOUGH

‘That funding be provided in the 2005 estimates for several fountains in the Lough in order to enhance the amenity and to improve the quality of the water.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/195)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.20 ROAD RESURFACING – PEARSE PLACE, BALLYPHEHANE

‘That funding be provided for the resurfacing of Pearse Place, Ballyphehane in the 2005 estimates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 04/196)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.21 TRAFFIC CALMING – SKEHARD ROAD, BLACKROCK

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a traffic calming programme for Ashleigh Drive, Ashleigh Gardens and Ashleigh Rise, Skehard Road, Blackrock. These areas are experiencing increased volumes of traffic travelling at speed throughout their area and the situation is likely to deteriorate with the development of Mahon Point.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Clune and J. Corr 04/198)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.22 **PROVISION OF AN OUTDOOR BOWLING GREEN**

‘That this Council agrees to the provision of an outdoor bowling green to accommodate six rinks maintained by Cork City Council as suggested in Fitzgerald’s Park, to encourage increased participation in the game.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/199)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.23 **ROAD RESURFACING – MARBLE HALL PARK**

‘That repairs to the roads at Marble Hall Park, be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme as they are in an extremely poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/200)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.24 **ROAD RESURFACING – GREENHILLS ESTATE, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That repairs to the roads in Greenhills Estate, South Douglas Road, be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/201)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.25 **REDUCE SPEED TO 20MPH ZONES IN NEIGHBOURHOOD**

‘That Cork City Council would hand neighbourhoods back to residents by the creation of a number of reduced speed to 20mph zones. The 20mph zones would improve safety for vulnerable road users and encourage more children to walk or cycle. It would help pedestrians and cyclists cross to access paths, bus facilities and other amenities. Such policies would reduce traffic on roads such as Albert Road, and connecting neighbourhood streets. To establish other 20mph zones in neighbourhoods which are currently experiencing isolation, division and vulnerability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Chris O’ Leary 04/204)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.26 **NAME OPEN AREA OF ST. PATRICK STREET IN HONOUR OF WILLIAM THOMPSON**

‘That Cork City Council would honour William Thompson (1775-1833) by naming open area of St. Patrick Street outside Cashes/Browne Thomas as the William Thompson Plaza. This would be a fitting honour to the Cork born intellectual philosopher, moral economist and social scientist. He was born and lived in Patrick Street near this spot.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Chris O’ Leary 04/205)

Corporate Policy Group

11.27 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ST ANNE’S DRIVE**

‘That appropriate traffic calming measures would be put in place at St. Annes Drive, that monies for same would be included in the Estimate of 2005, that residents be consulted about the nature of the measures intended and that the matter be treated with urgency, bearing in mind the fact that the ramps at St. Josephs Drive have added greatly to the volume and speed of traffic that consequently diverted to St. Annes.’

(Proposer: Ald. M. Quill 04/206)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.28 **IMMEDIATE REINSTATEMENT OF STREAM HILL, DILLONS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate reinstatement at Stream Hill, Dillon’s Cross and that both Stream Hill and Gardiner’s Hill Avenue be resurfaced as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/207)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.29 **EXTEND THE CURRENT CENTENARIANS GIFT SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to extend the current Centenarians Gift scheme by also awarding tax free cash gifts to persons on their 66th and 80th birthdays.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/208)

Deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle

11.30 **INTRODUCE LAY JUDGES AT DISTRICT COURT LEVEL**

‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice and Law Reform to introduce Lay Judges at District Court level, enhancing lay involvement in our Legal System the cornerstone of which is the Jury System, resulting in increased lay participation democratising our system of Justice and our way of life.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/210)

Deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle

11.31 **REPORT OF SCHEDULE OF MANUAL SWEEPING / CLEANING AT ST. MARY’S AVENUE, OFF CATHEDRAL ROAD**

‘That a report be given outlining the exact schedule of manual sweeping/cleaning at St. Mary’s Avenue, Off Cathedral Road because the residents of the road state that it is rarely swept.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 04/212)

Environment Functional Committee

11.32 **SAFE ACCESS AND EGRESS FOR VEHICLES**

‘Given the need for safe access and egress for vehicles including ambulances to and from St. Finbarrs Hospital, that Cork City Council takes immediate measures to prohibit parking in the immediate vicinity of the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 04/213)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.33 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – RATHMORE LAWN / RHODAVILLE ESTATE

‘That Rathmore Lawn/Rhodaville Estate be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme. That the footpaths in the area be repaired/replaced as they are in a very poor condition. The footpath levels are incorrect in some places and are allowing surface water to flow into private property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Brien 04/214)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12. TENDERS

The following tenders were opened:-

4. no. tenders for the Street Lighting and Small Powers Electrical Services Sub-Contract for the Western Road.

4 no. tenders for Public Lighting Contract for Shandon Street.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHEARA
CATHAOIRLEACH**