

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2005.

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir S. Martin in the chair, subsequently
Leas Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Shields in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy,
A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace,
P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn,
T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí 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. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. J. O' Donovan, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. P. Casey, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. M. Fanning, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:-

- Eoin English & his wife on the birth of their son.
- Orla & Dave Barry of Sundays Well Swimming Club on winning 10 gold medals and 1 silver medal at the British National Championships on 3rd – 5th March 2005.
- Willie Walsh on his appointment as Chief Executive of British Airways.

2. **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of a Civic Reception for:-

- Irish Prison Officers.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28th February, 2005 were considered and approved.

4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir A. Spillane proposed, Comhairleoir C. O' Leary seconded and An Chomhairle unanimously agreed as follows:-

“That standing orders be suspended to discuss the jobs club in Mayfield at the end of the meeting.”

5. **QUESTION TIME**

5.1 **TOPPING AND PRUNING OF OVER SIXTY FIVE STRONG TREES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, a written reply was circulated which stated that these trees were not covered by a Tree Preservation Order. The City Development Plan recognises the value of trees to the city environment and landscape. The general objective is that existing trees be retained and that additional trees be planted in proposals for new development. However, in exceptional cases it may be necessary to prune or remove trees where there are safety concerns in relation to overhead power lines or traffic movements. These trees were pruned by the ESB as they were felt to be interfering with overhead power lines.

5.2 **CURRENT PLANNING GUIDELINES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated which stated that each planning application has its own particular characteristics and each application is considered on its own merits.

Factors to be considered include the site location and orientation; its access to shops, schools, local facilities, public transport; the topography and gradients on the site; the existing vegetation and trees; the general character of the area and of adjoining properties.

In considering an application the planner will look for compliance with good standards of urban design in relation to overlooking, overshadowing, the effect on adjoining properties, the quantity and quality of private and public open space, the quality of landscaping and boundary treatments etc. The planner will also assess the application on the basis of water and drainage requirements, any road, footpath or traffic issues, depending on the scale of the development including sight lines, access for emergency vehicles, turning circles etc. Where appropriate, reports from the Traffic Department and formal traffic impact assessment will be included as part of the evaluation. The planner will consider general sustainability issues such as access for the disabled, provision of proper waste management facilities, bicycle storage areas, washing and drying facilities, car parking etc.

The planner will take into account government guidelines, including the guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to promote higher residential densities in September 1999. Compliance with minimum

standards in relation to room size, garden size etc. will be considered in the context of the Department of the Environment and Local Government Guidelines (Residential Developments in Urban Renewal Designated Tax Incentive Areas 1995). Requirements regarding the carrying out of Environmental Impact Assessment, depending on the scale and impact of the proposed development, will also be considered.

In general terms planning applications are assessed by planners based on their professional expertise and training and various standards and guidelines available.

Developments are refused where they fail to meet a range of criteria and are not considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of an area.

Provision exists in the planning legislation – Article 34 of the Planning and Development Regulations – for the Planning Authority, where it is disposed to grant a permission subject to any modification of the development to which the application relates, to invite the applicant to submit revised plans modifying the development. When the latter arises the Planning Authority would normally agree an extension of time with the applicant so as to enable further consideration of the application and of the modified drawings if same are submitted. All third parties who originally objected to the application are notified of any modified drawings formally resubmitted. If the Planning Authority considers the modifications to be significant then it can request the submission of a new site and press notice from the applicants at the time of the resubmission

5.3 **SPORTS OFFICER**

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

1. The Sports and Community Facilities Development Officer post is funded by the Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund(Dept of Community , Rural, and Gaeltacht Affairs). The Officers role is to work with youth at risk, particularly 10 to 21 year olds to encourage greater participation in sport . His/her role is also to assist community groups in encouraging greater usage by young people of existing facilities, and to help identify opportunities to meet needs which may not be currently met. Since her appointment 6 months ago, the S&CFD Officer has initiated various projects such as After Schools Tae Kwon Do in Knocknaheeny, Midnight Basketball in Mayfield, Schools Orienteering in the Glen Amenity Park, a cross border Sports Exchange Programme , various meetings with sport and community groups etc.
2. A small operational budget in the region of €15k per annum is directly available for project specific work. However, the Officer can also make recommendations to the Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund under a Small Grants Scheme available for clubs/groups targetting youth at risk in the City.

Most of the work does not involve direct funding but rather co ordinating activities, liaising with community and key local partners to advise on sporting and funding issues.

3. This matter is due to be discussed at the next Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee meeting.

5.4 **INSTALLATION OF GREEN ROUTE IN THE KNOCKNAHEENY/CHURCHFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Part 8 planning process for the Green Route for the northside section of the No. 2 City Bus Service has just started. If the various proposals, which include:

- Upgrading of bus stops and bus shelters
- Improved footpaths and cycling facilities
- Traffic calming at junctions with minor roads
- Road lining & signage
- Junction improvements
- Bus priority systems at traffic signals
- Upgrading of public lighting along the route.

are approved, detailed design work will commence immediately.

If funding is made available from the Department of Transport, work on the project will start early next year and it is anticipated that the contract period will be 12 months.

5.5 **OPENING AND CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GREEN GARDENS PARK AT SHANDON STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Green Gardens at Shandon Street are accessed via a narrow path from Shandon Street leading to a small open space, away from the public road. The Gardens were upgraded by Cork City Council a few years ago, and because of safety concerns, discussions ensued with both Shandon Street and Blarney Street Community Associations with a view to opening the Gardens for certain hours on a weekly basis. No workable solution has been agreed to date, however further meetings will be held again in the coming weeks to see if the matter can be resolved to all parties satisfaction.

The area adjoining the Gardens is privately owned land developed by Miranda Properties in 1993, comprising of apartments, underground car park, and surface car park.

5.6 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn, a written reply was circulated which stated that illegally dumped refuse is being removed on a continuous basis to a secure location for the purpose of obtaining evidence for action under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 and 2003. Where such evidence is found, litter fines are issued and followed up as appropriate.

The aim is to have illegally dumped refuse removed for examination within one week and I am satisfied that this objective is being achieved.

In these circumstances a health hazard does not exist in the City.

The situation is being monitored continuously.

The anti-social behaviour mentioned is being tackled by a number of strategies. The purpose is to assign responsibility and consequences to those whose actions adversely affect others and their neighbourhoods.

5.7 **MAKE AVAILABLE A MOBILE PHONE NUMBER TO FACILITATE CORK CITIZENS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that Cork City Council offices are open daily to the public from the hours of 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. continuously Monday to Friday. Staff are also contactable by phone during these hours.

Telephone contact numbers are published in the telephone directory and the many other publications produced and distributed to households in the city. There is an emergency telephone number in operation for matters that arise outside of normal working hours. This number is also published.

An email address corporateaffairs@corkcity.ie is available for persons wishing to contact the Council about any matter. This email address can accommodate photographs and is checked regularly and any mail dealt with accordingly.

I consider that the current contact arrangements for customers of Cork City Council are satisfactory.

5.8 **WHEN WILL PUBLIC LIGHTING BE RESTORED TO POLES – GLANMIRE ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Quill, a written reply was circulated which stated that the public lighting in the vicinity of no. 28 Lower Glanmire Road has been out of action for some time. The power supply to the lights had been eliminated because of development works in the area.

Another source of power supply has to be found. In the meantime, a temporary power arrangement is being put in place and the lighting will be back working in the coming days.

The public lighting on Lower Glanmire Road, particularly between Kent Railway Station and Water Street is in need of attention. A survey and design is being carried out to identify the measures required to bring the lighting up to modern stands. When the new scheme is designed and costed, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5.9 **ROOF OF DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the roof of the Gus Healy Pool is in a bad state of repair. The roof structure is made up of pre-cast concrete beams, concrete purlins, covered with rigid metal sheeting and finished with a felt and tarry substance adhesive.

The felt and tar finish has broken down and is in the process of separating from the metal. The remainder of the roof structure is in a reasonably good condition.

The roof in its current position does not pose a danger to users of the pool, but however with the felt continuously peeling off the metal, there is a risk that the metal will in time corrode and disintegrate.

5.10 **ISSUING OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CITY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the kerbside collection of dry recyclables has been introduced on a phased basis. The third and final phase will be in operation by the end of April. Householders who do not yet have this facility are only required to put a €3 tag on their wheel bin, when presented for collection. The charge for all other areas is €5.

5.11 **RUBBISH DUMPED IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that the provision of a pay-per-use system of refuse collection by 2004 was set out as City Council policy in the Corporate Plan 2000-2004. The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government required Local Authorities to introduce a pay per use system by January 2005 , accordingly, the current pay-per-volume system, using stickers and tags, was introduced.

Bins with slightly open lids are being collected.

Illegally dumped refuse is being removed on a continuous basis with the objective of obtaining evidence for action under the Litter pollution Acts 1997 and 2003. To the end of February 37 fines have been issued for illegal dumping and these will be processed fully.

5.12 **DOMESTIC REFUSE CHARGES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that approximately 37,000 from a total of 43,000 dwellings have been issued with valid stickers for eligibility for refuse collection.

The remaining 6000 may be availing of an alternative service or presenting their waste at the Landfill.

No study of the arrangements in place at these dwellings has been carried out.

5.13 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttiner, a written reply was circulated which stated that the arrangements for collecting refuse are monitored on a continuing basis to ensure, as much as possible, the optimum service for customers. Refuse collection starts at 7.15 a.m. The Cork Corporation (Presentation of Waste in Wheel Bins) Bye Laws, 2000 require *inter alia* that bins be presented for collection not earlier than 9.00 p.m. on the evening before collection day.

The "sticker" system for wheel bins was introduced last year and this was extended with the introduction of the pay-per-use system in January of this year. The sticker issued to Old Age Pensioners was changed to facilitate the collection of their bins without a tag.

As a matter of policy wheel bins are presented for collection either at the gate or at a designated collection point, generally in a public area.

6. **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ALBERT QUAY, CORK**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the consideration of this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

7. **JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir D. Wallace to the Joint City / County Committee.

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

8.1 **TO REVIEW "IMAGINE OUR FUTURE"**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise which was referred to An Chomhairle for information.

8.2 **TO DISCUSS PROGRESS IN RELATION TO AREA ACTION PLANS AS FOLLOWS:**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/ Director of Services, Planning & Development regarding the following Area Actions Plans:-

- Update on Cornmarket Street Action Plan
- North Docks Local Area Plan

8.3 **VARIATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN RE. RETAIL WAREHOUSING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 in relation to the variation of Development Plan re Retail Warehousing and agreed that a special meeting should be held to discuss, debate and explore the issue in fuller detail.

8.4 **BLACKPOOL RAILWAY STATION BRIEF**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development in relation to the Blackpool Railway Station Brief. An Chomhairle also agreed that the City Manager would forward a letter of invitation to Mr. John Lynch, Iarnród Eireann Chief Executive, requesting him to address council regarding their plans for the area.

8.5 **AREA OF SPECIAL CHARACTER INFORMATION LEAFLETS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development on Area of Special Character Information Leaflets.

8.6 **URBAN RENEWAL SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Development on the Urban Renewal Scheme Annual Report.

8.7 **LOCAL PLAN FOR THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF ST. LUKES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

“That the long promised local plan for the historic village of St. Lukes be developed, in consultation with the traders and the residents and implemented without any further undue delay”.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 04/453)

The report of the Director of Services stated that St. Lukes Cross is within the St. Lukes, Montenotte Area of Special Character (ASC) as identified in the City Development Plan. Information leaflets to promote the special character of the area and to explain the implications of the designation will be launched shortly. This will include an information meeting and workshop with local residents and businesses.

Further consideration of issues and possible actions relating specifically to St. Lukes Cross will be considered as a follow-on to this.

8.8 **AREA ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In view of the recent development of student accommodation in the area immediately adjacent to University College Cork that Cork City Council would draft an Area Action Plan, which would encourage and facilitate the reversion of the area to family type residential development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 05/44)

The report of the Director of Services stated that officials from the Planning Department met with the Residents Association in this area recently and discussed some of their concerns and their hope that reversion of housing back to family use would occur as purpose built student accommodation increases. It will be some time before a clear trend emerges as to if, or how quickly this happens. The City Council does not have the power to control whether properties in private ownership are rented or owner occupied. Similarly if houses were converted to flats a considerable time ago as is the case here, then we do not have the power to intervene. The City Council does have a role however in improving the attractiveness of the area as a place for families and others to live, for example by improved traffic calming and pedestrian facilities and provision of high quality amenity areas and these issues could be addressed in an Action Area Plan. An Area Action Plan for the area around UCC will be included in the programme of Action Plans and prepared as resources permit.

9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

9.1 **CORK AREA STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN ROUTES NETWORK**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd March, 2005 on the Cork Area Strategic Plan – Development of the Green Routes Network.

9.2 **PRESENT POLICY ON THE USE OF PARKING BAYS BY DISABLED DRIVER PERMIT HOLDERS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 10th February, 2005, regarding the present policy on the use of Parking Bays by Disabled Driver Permit Holders.

9.3 **REPORT ON ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 2004 - GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION OF SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 3rd March, 2005 regarding the Road Traffic Act 2004 – Application of Special Speed Limits.

9.4 **CHARGING FOR THE DISHING OF FOOTPATHS**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer on the following motions to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

'That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency would revise its policy in respect of charging for the dishing of footpaths'.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/323)

'Where a planned footpath renewal is to take place under the direction of the Roads department, that residents should not be charged for the dishing of footpaths'.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/451)

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended February 2005.

10.2 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, regarding draft roadworks programme 2005.

10.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 97-114 ARDERIN WAY, THE GLEN.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, regarding extinguishment of right of way at 97-114 Arderin Way, The Glen and on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Public Right of Way running from North to South for a length of approximately 70 metres and extending from Arderin Way at eastern end gable of flat block 97 – 114 to it’s junction with Glen Avenue, shall be extinguished forthwith

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

10.4 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 78 ARDERIN WAY, THE GLEN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, regarding extinguishment of right of way at 78 Arderin Way, The Glen and on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Public Right of Way running from the Eastern Boundary of No 78 Arderin Way for a length of approximately 80 metres to the South, including it’s extension under Glen Avenue and turning East and ascending to Glen Avenue for a length of approximately 40 metres, shall be extinguished forthwith

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

10.5 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 96 COMERAGH PARK, THE GLEN.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, regarding extinguishment of right of way at 96 Comeragh Park, The Glen and on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Public Right of Way running East to West for a length of approximately 155 metres extending from the Eastern Boundary of No 96 Comeragh Park, fronting No 91 – No 96 Comeragh Park and 79 –96 Arderin Way, to the north running branch-off of Arderin Way, shall be extinguished forthwith

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

10.6 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 55-72 COMERAGH PARK, THE GLEN.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, regarding extinguishment of right of way at 55-72 Comeragh Park, The Glen and on the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Public Right of Way running from East to West for a length of approximately 170 metres from the Western Gable of Flat Block 55 – 72, Comeragh Park, fronting blocks 73 – 90 , Comeragh Park , 79 – 96 , Aderin Way & 97 – 114, Arderin Way, to the North branch off of Aderin Way, shall be extinguished forthwith

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

10.7 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 73-90 COMERAGH PARK, THE GLEN.**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, regarding extinguishment of right of way at 73-90 Comeragh Park, The Glen and on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Quill, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Public Right of Way running from East to West for a length of approximately 135 metres from the Western gable of flat block 55 – 72, Comeragh Park and running parallel to Glen Avenue along the Southern Face of flat blocks 73 – 90, Comeragh Park, 79 – 96, Arderin Way and 97 – 114 Arderin Way, to the intersection with the Eastern Gable of flat block 97 – 114, Arderin Way. The Right of Way includes 2 No flights of steps ascending to and linked along Glen Avenue, adjacent to the Southern face of Flat Block 79 – 96, Arderin Way, shall be extinguished forthwith

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

10.8 **WEED ERADICATION PROGRAMME – GREENMOUNT CRESCENT & AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Greenmount Crescent and Greenmount Avenue be included in the Weed Eradication Programme.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/251)

The report of the Director of Services stated that both Greenmount Crescent and Greenmount Avenue have been included in this years Weed Eradication Programme. The Contracts for 2005 are currently being awarded and treatment will commence early in April throughout the city.

10.9 **ROAD RESURFACING – COVE STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cove Street be resurfaced from the Tax Office to Barrack Street.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/252)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cove Street has not been included in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Programme.

10.10 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT FITZ’S BOREEN / OLD MALLOW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City introduces public lighting at the junction of Fitz’s Boreen with the Old Mallow Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/379)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Fitz’s Boreen with the Old Mallow Road will be examined in order to determine the quality of the public lighting in the area. Any identified upgrading or improvement measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

10.11 **QUAY WALLS TO BE CLEANED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Roads Maintenance Division has carried out significant investigations into the best method of cleaning quay walls of the build up of algae and seaweed that has amassed over the years. As the cost of executing a full scale programme of cleaning is prohibitively high, Roads Maintenance Division is now proceeding with a programme of cleaning which includes both power washing and spraying of the build up at the following locations - McSwiney Quay, Lapp’s Quay, Saint Patricks Bridge and the walls on the southern channel from Sullivan’s Quay to Parnell Bridge. Once these works are carried out by the respective contractors, the results can be analysed with a view to a carrying out a programme of further work in stages within available budget.

10.12 **CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That this Council will consider the need, feasibility, design etc and report on the construction of a bridge over the Jack Lynch Tunnel and Dunkettle Roundabout by 2010 to complete the South Ring Road with continued access to the Cork-Dublin N8 motorway as promised by 2009”

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/09)

The report of the Director of Services stated that congestion does occur at the Dunkettle Roundabout on the approaches to the Jack Lynch Tunnel, and this has been noted by the National Roads Authority. Cork County Council have received funds this year to undertake improvements to the Dunkettle Roundabout. These improvements will include many of the approaches to the roundabout, particularly from the Eastern side. It will also include the introduction of traffic lights to the Dunkettle Roundabout. These improvements will contribute significantly to easing congestion at this junction. As to the question of constructing a bridge over the Jack Lynch Tunnel and Dunkettle Roundabout, there are no plans to undertake this work in the medium term, however the situation will be monitored and further improvements if necessary will be carried out.

10.13 **30 KM/HR SPEED LIMIT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That this Council would consider the immediate introduction of a 30 Km/hour speed limit in all areas that have requested the introduction of traffic calming measures”.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 05/15)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of Transport are in the process of drawing up guidelines for the introduction of special speed limits in the country. 30km/hr is one of these special speed limits, others are:

- 120km/h in respect of a dual carriageway on a national road;
- 100km/h in respect of a motorway, a non-urban regional or local road, or a road in a built up area;
- 80km/h in respect of a motorway, a national road or a road in a built up area;
- 60km/h;
- 50km/h in respect of any road other than a road in a built up or urban area;

A consultation process is currently being carried out and the guidelines will be published in the near future. A full report on the guidelines (which are 23 pages long) is being submitted to this month’s Roads & Transportation SPC meeting.

10.14 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – MARIAN PARK ON POULADUFF RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines be put in place as a matter of urgency at the entrance to Marian Park on the Pouladuff Road. At present motorists who are commuting to the City Centre are parking at the corner of this junction and creating a danger to both pedestrians and other motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/17)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Marian Park with Pouladuff Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí. If it is deemed appropriate and agreement is reached, the provision of double yellow lines at the junction will be inserted into this year’s road painting programme.

10.15 **RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reviews the charges for Residents Parking Permits where there is more than one car in the family.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 05/22)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in areas outside the city centre, residents are allowed up to a maximum of four residents parking permits per household. In the commercial area of the city centre, only one permit per household is allowed.

Restrictions have to be put on the number of permits issued, otherwise the availability of on-street parking would be greatly reduced for those with legitimate business or social reasons for visiting an area.

The cost of resident parking permits is now reduced to €10 per annum which is a very insignificant charge when compared with the annual cost of owning and running a car. The residents permit allows the holder to park on-street for a year without the need to purchase and display parking discs, and even in the case of multi permits in a household, the charge per car is not onerous and the same charge should apply for each permit.

10.16 **FOOTPATH OUTSIDE TREETOPS IN FAIRHILL ACROSS FROM ST. VINCENT’S HURLING AND FOOTBALL CLUB BE REINSTATED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath outside Treetops in Fairhill across from St. Vincent’s Hurling and Football Club be reinstated while work is being done putting in footpaths outside St. Vincent’s Hurling and Football Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/23)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this footpath is being included in the 2005 Roadworks Programme.

10.17 **SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT OF 30 KM PER HOUR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in association with the Gardai, and the National Roads Authority will apply the special speed limit of 30 km per hour on roads adjacent to schools and install appropriate and sufficient pedestrian crossings, “school ahead” signs and “slow down” signage on all approach roads to schools in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/25)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of Transport are in the process of drawing up guidelines for the introduction of special speed limits in the country. 30km/hr is one of these special speed limits, others are:

- 120km/h in respect of a dual carriageway on a national road;
- 100km/h in respect of a motorway, a non-urban regional or local road, or a road in a built up area;
- 80km/h in respect of a motorway, a national road or a road in a built up area;
- 60km/h;
- 50km/h in respect of any road other than a road in a built up or urban area;

A consultation process is currently being carried out and the guidelines will be published in the near future. A full report on the guidelines (which are 23 pages long) is being submitted to this month’s Roads & Transportation SPC meeting.

10.18 **PRICE OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Council agrees to reverse the recent increase in the price of a residential parking permit by reducing the price from 20 euro to 5 euro and to organise a 15 euro refund for everyone who purchased one at the 20 euro price since January 1st.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 05/27)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the resident parking permit charge of €20 has been reduced to €10 per annum.

All residents who have paid the €20 fee will be issued with a 2 year permit.

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed, Comhairleoir C. O’Leary seconded the rejection of the report of the Director of Services.

A vote was called for where there appeared:-

In Favour of the Report of the Director of Services:

Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, J. Corr, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham (9)

Against Report of the Director of Services:

Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern (10)

A vote was called for on the motion where there appeared:-

In Favour of the Motion:

Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, C. Burke, D. Clune, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern (14)

Against the Motion: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, J. Corr, B. Bermingham (7)

10.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MERCIER PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Traffic Calming Measures be put in place in Mercier Park.’

(Proposer: An tArdmhéara S. Martin 04/253)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mercier Park is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

10.20 **ROAD RESURFACING – BOTANIC ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Botanic Road be included in next years Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: An tArdmhéara S. Martin 04/254)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Botanic Rd. has not been included in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2006 Programme.

10.21 **CONTRACT FOR THE CLAMPING & TOWING AWAY OF VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I wish to propose a motion that the present contract for the clamping and towing away of vehicles parking in places, by contractors of Cork City Council not be renewed or renegotiated with the present contractors or any other potential contractors when this contract comes up for renewal. I also propose that the practice of clamping and the towing of vehicles in public places by Cork City Council must be prohibited after the present contract runs its course.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/381)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current clamping & towing contract is a 3 year contract with an option for extending it for a further two years. This option was made available because of:

- a. The costs & resources involved in carrying out a tendering procedure and
- b. The large start up costs for any contractor can be spread over a longer period. This should result in saving to the City Council

The current contract has started its third year and the 3 year period will end at the end of December 2005. A full review is due to be carried out later this year in order to determine if is appropriate to renew the contract (with possible changes in requirements and conditions), or to advertise the contract for tender again. It is too early to carry out this assessment at this stage in the contract.

10.22 **PARKING PERMITS FOR RESIDENTS IN LANDSDOWNE COURT, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will issue all residents in Lansdowne Court, Old Youghal Road with parking permits when disc parking is introduced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/435)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the residents of Lansdowne Court, Old Youghal Road are due to have a meeting to discuss the installation of disc parking controls in their estate. If agreement is reached, the controls will be provided in the relatively near future as the area is in the current Disc Parking Zone extension scheme.

As is normal practice in these situations, all residents in the estate will then be offered resident parking permits.

10.23 **ST. PATRICK STREET TO BE CAR FREE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders put forward the proposition that Patrick Street be car free on agreed high pedestrian times i.e. Saturday afternoons, Sundays etc to further enhance an atmosphere that is more people friendly and facilitating musical and artistic creativity in the City Centre, ongoing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/19)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the St. Patrick’s Street Refurbishment Scheme is almost completed except for the works on Daunt’s Square and on the Grande Parade end. The street is now reduced for most of its length from a four lane to a two-lane roadway with widened areas for pedestrians. It will also includes a service bay on each side of the street to facilitate bus stops, taxi ranks and loading areas.

There is a proposal that St. Patrick’s Street be restricted to Public Transport and Taxis from 11.00 – 19.00 for certain days during the week. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Gardaí and the Central Business Association and initial reaction has been positive. The traffic restriction is to be carried out in conjunction with the proposal to prohibit all traffic from Oliver Plunkett Street and adjoining streets from 11.00 – 19.00.

Further discussions will now begin with the various city centre stakeholders on the traffic management proposals and a further report will be made to Council when a set of proposals will be drawn up and recommendations made on their implementation.

10.24 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the standard of public lighting at the Lough be upgraded in view of its popularity as an amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/30)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a scheme for the upgrading of the public lighting at the Lough has been designed and source of funding for the work is now being sought. There is no money in the roads programme budget for such a scheme.

The Lough is a public park and the maintenance of which is the responsibility of the Recreation & Amenity Directorate. Discussions will be held with officials from this directorate in order to examine a possible source of funds in order that the public lighting improvements works can be carried out.

10.25 **CROSSING ON THE WELL ROAD TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIANS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would provide a crossing on the Well Road to facilitate pedestrians wishing to cross to the bus stop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 05/33)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Well Road adjacent to the bus stop location will be surveyed in order to determine if the necessary warrants exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility in the area. Traffic and pedestrian counts will be carried out and if it is deemed that a pedestrian crossing is required at the location, the proposal will be put forward for consideration in the road programme

10.26 **UPGRADING THE NORTH RING ROAD TO NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would again impress upon the National Roads Authority the urgency of upgrading the North Ring Road to National Primary Route status in the interests of the safety of residents living in Parks along the route as the upgrading would also involve the upgrading of pedestrian traffic safety measures along the route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/36)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the North Ring Road at present is a Non-National Road and funding to undertake significant works on this must come from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, rather than the National Roads Authority. However in recent times the National Roads Authority recognising that it is a link between two national primary roads i.e. the N20 and N8, have provided funds for upgrading the signposting on the route.

At the present time the NRA are funding the Feasibility Study into the provision of a Northern Ring Road which will link the N22 to the N20 and the N8 to the North of city. It is on this route that the National Roads Authority are concentrating their efforts.

10.27 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would draft an immediate plan for the upgrading of the roads and footpaths and introduce an overall traffic management program for the

area adjoining U.C.C. and that the necessary work would be carried at an early date in view of the fact that Cork City Council has received over €1million in planning contributions from developments which are presently being carried out in this area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 05/43)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council Roads Design/Construction Section at present are considering works required to the College Road Area. These works will include upgrading the roads and footpaths, traffic calming, etc. It is hoped to move forward the design of this work during this year.

10.28 **REVIEW ROAD LAYOUT FROM CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ON TO BISHOPSTOWN AVE, LABURNUM DRIVE AND PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would carry out a review of the road layout at the rear exit from Cork University Hospital on to Bishopstown Ave, Laburnum Drive, and park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/45)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road layout at the rear exit from Cork University Hospital on to Bishopstown Ave, Laburnum Park and Drive will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any necessary improvements to road markings and signage will be carried out.

Any changes required in the road geometric layout will be designed and costed, and included for consideration in the roads programme.

10.29 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CHURCH ROAD/BLACKROCK ROAD JUNCTION**

'That this Council would ensure that a pedestrian crossing is provided at the Church Road/Blackrock Road junction'.

(Proposer Cllr. D. Clune 04/506)

The Report stated that In order to provide pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Blackrock Road/Church traffic signals will have to be provided. These are required in order to:

- a) manage the increasing volumes of traffic negotiating the junction and to
- b) provide pedestrian crossing facilities in the area.

A planning condition on the proposed major residential development in the Ursuline Grounds specifies that this development must pay for the cost of installing traffic signals at the junction of Church Road and Blackrock Road to cater for the increased traffic volumes in the area. It is likely that this housing development will go ahead, and the installation of the traffic signals at the junction will occur in due course.

The traffic signals will have full pedestrian crossing facilities for both Church Road and Blackrock Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/507)

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

11.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the monthly report of the Director of Services for the month of February, 2005.

11.2 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BALLINURE ROAD, MAHON, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Ballinure Road, Mahon, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 prepared under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 thereon and agreed to approve the Report of the Director of Services.

11.3 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT SUSIE'S FIELD, GLEN AVENUE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 regarding the proposed development at Susie's Field, Glen Avenue, Cork and the prepared under Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 thereon and agreed to approve the Report of the Director of Services.

11.4 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 26-28 THOMAS DAVIS STREET, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director dated 3rd March, 2005 on the proposed development at 26-28 Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool, Cork.

11.5 **OLD SCOUT HALL SITE, HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Houses be built on the old scout hall side on Hollyhill Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/31)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members would be aware of previous plans by the City Council to construct an infill housing scheme on what is known as the Scout Hall Site, Hollyhill Lane. The area of ground in question is a derelict site and has been problematic for some considerable time from the point of view of anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, etc. Plans for the construction of housing were abandoned following objections from adjoining residents to the proposed access to the development through the neighbouring estate.

The recent and proposed developments on Hollyhill Lane Lower represent an opportunity to re-examine the housing proposals for the upper section of Hollyhill

Lane. Accordingly, the Housing Directorate is now reviewing plans for housing at this location, including the Scout Hall Site. Discussions have taken place with the Inspectorate in the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government with a view to advancing proposals for the site.

The report also stated that a further progress report will issue to Members in due course.

11.6 **THE GLEN REGENERATION PROGRAMME –PHASE 2: YOUTH FACILITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Housing Directorate would include provision for a dedicated youth facility in the Plans for phase 2 of the Glen Regeneration Programme as previously requested by myself and as now also requested by City of Cork VEC.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/35)

The report of the Director stated that Members would be aware that there are a number of organisations operating in the Glen delivering various community services including youth services.

Discussions are ongoing with these groups with a view to accommodating their services in Phase 2 of the Glen Regeneration Project.

11.7 **HOUSES AT BROGUEMAKERS HILL, SHANDON STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I would ask the Director of Housing to advise me if he would look favourably on installing heating and replacing the windows in the five houses at the end of Broguemakers Hill.

These houses are extremely cold and in need of the above works to be carried out.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/452)

The report of the Director stated that Cork City Council currently owns 4 properties at Broguemakers Hill.

The current central heating scheme, as approved by City Council in accordance with Department of the Environment guidelines, prioritises installation in favour of designated elderly person dwellings and other dwellings where the tenants are elderly.

The report also stated that whilst all properties have already been selected for the current allocation of funding granted in late 2004, a further assessment of properties will be made in 2005, based on the level of funding to be allocated by Department of Environment. The Cork City Council properties at Broguemakers

Hill will be considered for inclusion in the scheme at that stage based on the agreed scheme priorities. In relation to replacement windows, the properties are scheduled for inspection in 2005 with a view to inclusion in the 2006 Planned Maintenance Programme if the windows are deemed to be in need of replacement.

11.8 **INFILL HOUSING AT MAYMOUNT, BOYCES STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd March, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would look at the area of land adjoining no. 5 Maymount Boyce’s Street for infill housing and also remove the stepped area in front of these houses which has become an eyesore and a source of nuisance to the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/34)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council have recently engaged the National Building Agency with a view to preparing an overall plan for the environmental enhancement of the area with a view to developing proposals for submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

A further report will issue to members in this regard in July of this year.

11.9 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

- (a) Property approximately 747 m² in area situated at Fitzgerald Park, Mardyke Walk, Cork, to Sunday’s Well Boating and Tennis Club, Mardyke, Cork, for the sum of €400,000, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- (b) Land approximately 7,800 m² in area, situated at Tank Field, Mayfield, Cork, to George McDonnell, Paul. O’Dea, Patrick Keenan, Donal Ó Niallain and Prionnsias Ó Murchú, Trustees of Brian Dillons Hurling & Football Club, c/o George Mills & Co., Solicitors, 27, Washington Street, Cork, at an annual rent of €500.00.
- (c) Land approximately 9,600 m² in area, situated at Murmont Road, Mayfield, Cork, to The Minister for Education and Sciences/The Commissioners of Public Works, 51, St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2, for the sum of €875,000, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- (d) Land approximately 12.52 m² in area, situated adjacent to the old Blackpool Fire Station, Great William O’Brien Street, Blackpool, Cork, to Mr. Declan Corcoran, c/o P.J. O’Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, 73, South Mall, Cork.

DERELICT SITE REPORT

- (a) Members considered the report of the City Manager dated 3rd March, 2005 regarding derelict property at Langford Row, Cork.

- (b) Members considered the report of the City Manager dated 3rd March, 2005 regarding derelict property at Lavitts Quay/Half Moon Street, Cork.
- (c) Members considered the report of the City Manager dated 3rd March, 2005 regarding derelict property fronting Springville House, Blackrock Road, Cork.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 47, Hillside Road, Glasheen, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 23rd July, 1993, to Elizabeth Doolan, for the sum of €40,660.71.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 3, Lee Cottages, Lee Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 3rd March, 1999, to Sarah Lee, for the sum of €44,724.54.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 10, Iona Green, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 3rd December, 2000, to Robert Scott and Bernadette Scott, for the sum of €25,097.50.
- (d) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 24, Glencree Crescent, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 3rd November, 2003, to Christine O'Donnell, for the sum of €74,655.19.
- (e) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 23, Ashburton Row, Gardiners Hill, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 4th January, 2002, to Janet McCarthy, for the sum of €73,626.24.
- (f) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 47, Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 2nd November, 1993, to Pascal Casserly and Mary Casserly, for the sum of €36,316.87.
- (g) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 23, Lotabeg Green, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 29th April, 1994, to David Smith and Margaret Smith, for the sum of €29,486.00.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

13. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

13.1 **GENERAL COUNTY OF COUNTY COUNCILS – ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy & T. Shannon at the General County of County Councils Annual Conference 2005 held on 3rd – 5th March, 2005 at the Johnstown House Hotel, Enfield, Co. Meath.

13.2 **CARLOW TOURISM NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Carlow Tourism National Conference held on 24th – 25th February, 2005 at the Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow.

13.3 **NUCLEAR ENERGY: DOES IT HAVE A FUTURE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Nuclear Tourism National Conference held on 10th – 11th March, 2005 at the Westcourt Hotel, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

13.4 **DIGGING WEXFORD CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Cregan, G. O'Flynn, M. O'Connell, C. Clancy & M. Ahern at the Digging Wexford Conference held on 11th – 13th March, 2005 at the Riverbank Hotel, Wexford.

13.5 **4TH ANNUAL CLONMEL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at the 4th Annual Clonmel Conference held on 4th – 5th March, 2005 at Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

13.6 **GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy at the Genealogical Conference 2005 held on 19th & 20th March, 2005 at Oranmore Lodge, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

14. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2005**

14.1 **REALITY ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

"That Cork City Council calls on the Minister For Communication, Terrestrial and extra Terrestrial Television stations and the Broadcasting regulator to restrict and regulate number and timing of reality entertainment programmes such as for example "The Swan", "Desperately seeking surgery", to a slot more suitable for adults i.e. after the watershed."

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/25)

14.2 **ALCOHOL FREE FLIGHTS ON AIRLINES DEPARTING & ARRIVING TO IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to encourage Aer Lingus, Ryan Air, and other carriers departing from and arriving into Ireland, to operate alcohol free flights henceforth to avoid air rage and over exuberance putting hundreds of lives in acute danger’.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/11)

14.3 **GRANT AID FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Sport to make available grant aid for sports equipment & gear to sporting organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. D. McCarthy & Jerry Buttimer 05/41)

14.4 **SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

‘That this Council informs the Government of its view that the SDLP [Social Democratic and Labour Party] be facilitated as of right with equal access and consideration, as other political parties, henceforth in the formulation of a resolution to the good governance of Northern Ireland.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/20)

14.5 **AIRBRIDGES AT THE NEW TERMINAL AT CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the Dublin Airport Authority to honour its commitment to provide airbridges at the new terminal at Cork Airport so that passengers will be in a position to board aircraft in comfort and safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/37)

14.6 **FUNDING TO COMMUNITY WORKERS CO-OPERATIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Taoiseach Deputy Bertie Ahern, to resolve the current cut off from funding to the Community Workers Co-operative, which

was implemented by Minister Deputy Ó'Cuív and has deprived the Community Workers Co-operative of funding for the first time since 1993.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Leary 05/47)

14.7 **STAFFING GRANTS TO AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

'That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform Mr. Michael McDowell T. D. to rescind the recent decision to withdraw staffing grants to affordable child care community providers. With the risk of losing up to 400 childcare places and 200 childcare workers in the Cork area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O' Leary 05/52)

14.8 **FUNDING OF CHILDCARE ORGANISATIONS IN CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

'That Cork City Council wishes to express its concern to the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform, regarding the present uncertainty in relation to the ongoing funding of childcare organisations in Cork City. In expressing its concern, Cork City Council request that the Minister clarify for the Cork Early Years Network a definition for the term 'Most Disadvantaged' and that the childcare organisations associated to the network be issued with new funding application forms immediately.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/54)

14.9 **IRAQI PEOPLE KILLED**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was deferred from the last meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th February, 2005:-

'Cork City Council agrees to send correspondence to the US Ambassador and the British Ambassador expressing outrage at the number of Iraqi people killed as a result of the US/British invasion/occupation (100,000 according to the British medical journal 'The Lancet' late last year) and urging the immediate withdrawal of US and British troops from that country. Council also agrees to send correspondence to the Irish Government stating its opinion that facilities currently provided at any Irish airport for the transportation of US military personnel and equipment to Iraq should be withdrawn.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 05/64)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:-

"Cork City Council agrees to send correspondence to the US Ambassador and the British Ambassador expressing outrage at the number of Iraqi people killed".

A vote was called for where appeared as follows:

Infavour of Amended Motion: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, D. Wallace, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, M. Shields, M. Ahern (10)

Against Amended Motion: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, C. Clancy, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, C. Lynch (5)

Abstain: Comhairleoir M. Barry (1)

15. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Under Suspension of Standing Orders, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:

“That Cork City Council calls on the Government not to discontinue funding of the Job Centre in Mayfield”.

(Proposer: Comhairleoir A. Spillane)

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **PARKING FACILITIES THROUGHOUT ESTATES**

‘That a Budget be put in place in this years Estimates to be divided on a Ward basis to allow Council develop parking facilities throughout estates in the city where space is available example No. 1 to 49 Connolly Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/279)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

16.2 **FULL SET OF LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED**

‘That a full set of lights be installed at the Green Lawn / Kinsale Road / Pearse Road / Tory Top Road junction. The funding for this project to be obtained from the Airport Green Bus Station.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/280)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.3 **DISC PARKING AT GREAT WILLIAM O'BRIEN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council introduces disc parking in Great William O' Brien Street, as the residents are no longer able to find a parking space due to displacement of cars from the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O' Flynn 04/493)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.4 REGENERATION SCHEME IN DIFFERENT AREAS

‘That Cork City Council would examine the areas of Our Ladys Well, Fever Hospital Steps, Leitrim Street, Devonshire Street, Coburg Street with the view to putting in place a regeneration scheme similar to the Shandon Renewal Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/39)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

16.5 SHARE HOUSE PURCHASE

‘That this Council considers it urgent and informs the Government that the system of share House Purchase be reviewed and updated ensuring that those families who otherwise are unable to enter the tenant purchase scheme and or the affordable house purchase scheme be facilitated within their means and over time to acquire share ownership in the homes as it is in my opinion a right which should be effectively extended to those who desire it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/62)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

16.6 SITE AT LEE FIELDS / FITZGERALDS PARK

An Chomhairle agreed to amend wording of motion as follows:-

‘That this Council identify & prepare a site (or sites) to accommodate those keen to engage and develop the art/skill of skating, roller blades, and such like sporting activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/63)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.7 CLEANING OPERATION ON SOUTH LINK ROAD

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with NRA carry out a major cleaning operation on the south link road from Kinsale Road roundabout to Bishopstown roundabout on both sides of the carriageway in both directions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/66)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.8 **FOOTPATH RESURFACING – GLENHEIGHTS PARK**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would exam the footpaths in Glenheights Park with a view to resurfacing as they are in poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/67)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **“STOP” SIGNS AT JUNCTION ON BURKE’S HILL ROAD**

‘In order to improve safety and to prevent the likelihood of further accidents at the junction of Burke’s Hill Road and the Ashmount Estate in Boherboy, Mayfield (near the G.A.A. Club), that “STOP” signs and extra road markings be put in place, and that the level of the boundary ditch of the “Cornfield” be reduced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/68)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.10 **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

‘That Cork City Council set up a sport committee which would operate and carry out its function much in the same manner as the Arts Committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin & M. Ahern 05/69)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.11 **ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS IN BALLINLOUGH**

‘That City Council place the following Road Traffic signs at both ends of the narrow stretch of Roadway in Ballinlough stretching between Bellair Estate and Bernadette Way – ‘Road Narrows’ and ‘Road not suitable for heavy vehicles.’ These signs are urgently required in order to eliminate persistent damage being caused to residents’ parked cars on this narrow roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 05/71)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.12 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS- 4-8 MAYFIELD PARK**

‘That the footpaths outside numbers 4 – 8 Mayfield Park be repaired.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Muphy 05/72)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.13 **SKATE PARK AT KENNEDY PARK**

‘That Kennedy Park be chosen as the location for a skate park in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 05/73)

Motion deleted and amalgamated with 16.6

16.14 **REDUCE SPEEDING TO 30 K.M.H. IN AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce the necessary bye law under the 2004 Road Traffic Act to reduce speeding to 30 k.m.h. in the following areas:

Onslow Gardens, Larchfield, Parklands, Templeacre Avenue, Colmcille Road, Presentation Road, Mount Eden Road, Killala Gardens, Ardmore Avenue, Fota Lawn, Courtown Park, Hillcrest Estate, Laural Ridge, Hollywood Estate, Hollymount Estate, Briars Court Estate, Farranlee Park, Horgan’s Buildings, McCurtains Villas, Mardyke Walk, Hollyville, Ardcullen, Farranree.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/75)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.15 **EXTENDING DISC PARKING**

‘That disc parking is extended from Baker’s Road end of Blarney Street to College View on Blarney Street this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 05/76)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – EDWARD WALSH ROAD, TOGHER**

‘That traffic calming measures are put in place on Edward Walsh Road, Togher, as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/78)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.17 **NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1916 EASTER RISING**

‘That Cork City Council will commission a feature to be put in place at Tory Top Park to commemorate the ninetieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising which will take place in 2006. In doing so the commissioned feature will give prominence to the signatories of the Proclamation after whom many of the road names in Ballyphehane are called.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/79)

Corporate Policy Group

16.18 **BISHOPSTOWN LEISUREWORLD BOARD**

‘That the Bishopstown Leisureworld Board be no longer responsible for the management of the Sam Allen Sports Complex and the new Churchfield swimming pool but instead a new Leisureworld Board be set up to manage those complexes representative of Councillors from the North City Wards and representatives from organisations in that area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 05/80)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.19 **FOOTBRIDGE BE ERECTED ON THE LEE FIELDS**

‘That a Footbridge be erected on the Lee Fields to Lee Road near Mount Derest.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/81)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.20 **RESURFACE MARDYKE WALK WAY**

‘Resurface the Mardyke Walk Way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/82)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.21 **FAIRTRADE PROJECT**

‘Recognising that Council did approve a motion in 2002 supporting the “Fairtrade” Project, which guarantees a fair income to the producers of coffee, tea, bananas, sugar, wine and such products in the Developing Countries, Council now re-affirms its support and pledges to:-

1. Source and Purchase as many as possible of these “Fairtrade” products for our own use;
2. Encourage all local businesses to become involved by stocking and selling “Fairtrade” products.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/83)

Referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

16.22 **REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATHS AT SPRINGFIELD ESTATE, KERRY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out reinstatement of footpaths at Springfield Estate, Kerry Road as they have been subject to wear and tear over time and because of uneven surfaces in parts they now present a hazard to some pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/85)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.23 **REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATHS AT THE ORCHARDS, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate reinstatement of footpaths at the Orchards, Middle Glanmire Road in order to eliminate the hazard of uneven surfaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/86)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.24 **DISC PARKING IN MOTOR VILLAS, POPES ROAD, BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council introduces disc parking in Motor Villas, Popes Road, Blackpool as the residents are no longer able to find a parking space due to displacement of cars.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 05/87)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.25 **EXTRA BINS AROUND THE LOUGH**

‘That extra bins be placed around the Lough in advance of the summer months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/89)

Environment Functional Committee

16.26 **RESURFACE RAISED AREA AT ENTRANCE OT GREEN LAWN**

‘That the raised area at the entrance to Green Lawn be resurfaced as it is in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/90)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.27 **WILTON PARK VILLAS, GLASHEEN ROAD**

‘To request the City Manager to place a preservation order on the terrace of five houses known as Wilton Park Villas, Glasheen Road. They are the oldest houses in the Bishopstown area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 05/91)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

16.28 **ROAD RESURFACING – DUNVILLE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would in light of the road works and developments associated with the Ballincollig By pass and the hardship endured by the residents of Dunville Est. during the construction make provision for the resurfacing of Dunville Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/92)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 2 no. for proposed extension at No. 33 Cushing Place, Farranree.
- 2 no. for proposed extension at No. 45 Churchfield Avenue, Cork.
- 1 no. for proposed extension at No. 8 Inchera Lawn, Mahon.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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