

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 2005.

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir S. Martin in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, 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. O' Connell, C. Lynch, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. J. D. Flynn, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. D. O' Mahony, Director of Services, Environment.
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.
Mr. S. Scully, Administrative Officer, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Ms. A. Hennessy, Senior Executive Engineer, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.
Mr. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Crowley, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Scully Family on the death of Bernard Scully.
- The Desmond Family on the death of Eileen Desmond.
- The Holohan Family on the death of Robert Holohan.
- The McDonnell Family on the death of Noel McDonnell.
- The Herley Family on the death of Michael Herley.

- The Healy Family on the death of Nora Healy.
- The Mackey Family on the death of William Mackey.
- The O' Callaghan Family on the death of Pádraig O' Callaghan.
- The victims of the tsunami in South East Asia.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle unanimously extended a vote of congratulations to all the organisations involved in making the Cork 2005 Awakening event a tremendous success.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir C. O' Leary proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O' Brien, that An Chomhairle suspend standing orders to discuss item 19 on the Agenda relating to Standing Order No. 4 before any remaining items.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O' Brien, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, D. Clune, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, C. O' Connell, C. Lynch, J. Buttimer. **(12)**

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. **(15)**

An tArdmhéara declared the proposal lost.

4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings were considered and approved:-

- a) Budget Meeting held on 13th December, 2004.
- b) Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on 14th December, 2004.
- c) Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 14th December, 2004.

5. **QUESTION TIME**

5.1 **FOUR YEAR BUDGET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that in some instances, Central Government is already operating multi-annual budgets. However, this has not been rolled down to Local Government as of yet.

A significant portion of our income is derived from Central Government (i.e. Local Government Fund, Road Grants etc). These are currently only allocated on a year by year basis.

In the absence of reasonable certainty as regards to Central Government Funding, multi-annual budgeting would be premature.

5.2 **OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that Section 75 of the Waste Management Act as inserted by Section 52 of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 governs the levying of charges in respect of waste collection by Local Authorities.

Section 75(2) provides as follows:

A charge made by a Local Authority under sub-section (1) shall be of such amount as the Authority considers appropriate and shall be payable by and recoverable from the person for whom the service is provided, or, where the services in respect of premises-

- (a) *in case the premises are not own by a Local Authority and comprise of more than one dwelling, the owner of the premises, and*
- (b) *in any other case, the occupier of the premises*

Based on this legislation Cork City Council operates the following policy:

1. If the service is provided in respect of a premises, and the premises comprise of more than one dwelling unit, the charge is levied on the owner of the premises.
2. If each dwelling unit within a premises receives an individual service, the occupier is liable for the charge.
3. In all other cases the occupier is liable for the charge.

5.3 **DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Clune, a written reply was circulated which stated that by letter of 22nd December 1999, Cork City Council notified the Department of Sport, Recreation and Amenity at the time, that it wished to formally apply for grant assistance for the refurbishment of both Churchfield and Douglas swimming pools.

In July 2001, the then Environment Committee submitted a copy of its Swimming Pool Report to the Minister, seeking 50% funding towards Phase 1 redevelopment of Douglas Pool, which would include new pool, childrens pool, changing areas and gym.

A delegation from Council met the then Minister on 3rd October 2001 whereupon a Feasibility Study was requested in relation to the proposal. A Feasibility Study was submitted to the Department on 8th March 2002, together with a request for capital assistance. This was followed up with a further letter on 15th April again seeking grant aid and advice in relation to next steps to be taken in the process. By letter of 17th May 2002, the Department advised that the Swimming Pool Capital Assistance Programme was closed, with no date set for a new Programme.

It is not anticipated that there will be a new Programme until 2007 at the earliest, the recent Budget only approving an additional allocation to the existing Programme to help clear the backlog of projects seeking assistance.

5.4 **DANGEROUS CORNER AT JUNCTION**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Counihan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the widening of this section of Ballinlough Road would include the acquisition of property which may involve the compulsory purchase of private gardens. This may involve a public enquiry if there are objections from the owners.

The costs involved in this work which would include the construction of new boundary walls and possible diversion of services would be significant. A new length of road and footpath would also need to be constructed.

There are no funds in the 2005 Roads Programme for this work.

5.5 **CLEANING SCHEDULE AT WEEKENDS AND NIGHTLY BASIS**

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

(a) The weekend and evening street cleaning schedule is as follows:

St Patrick's Street, Grand Parade and Daunt Square

Monday –Friday, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Saturday, 7.00am – 4.30pm, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Sunday, 7.00am – 9.00am

Oliver Plunkett Street

Saturday, 7.00am – 4.30pm

Sunday, 7.00am – 9.00am

Litter bins are emptied in the above areas as follows:

Monday –Friday, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Saturday, 7.00am – 4.30pm, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Sunday, 7.00am – 9.00am

(b) (c) The 2005 budget includes a sum of €30,000 for removal of chewing gum. Investigations are taking place to identify the most appropriate method for the removal of chewing gum within the budget provided.

5.6 **REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O' Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that from 1st January 2005, Government policy requires that charges for Refuse Collection reflect the Polluter Pays principle. Cork City Council's charges are as follows:

There will be a fixed charge of €255 per annum per household. In addition a tag charge of €5 for standard/large wheel bins will be required each time it is presented for collection. For small bins there will be a €3 tag charge. There will be no separate charge for materials presented for recycling in the recycling bags. Two recycling bags per fortnight will be made available to households.

Experience has shown that in the case of waste destined for landfill, a fortnightly collection is sufficient, and in many cases households present such waste for collection less frequently than this. With the opportunity to recycle large volumes, households find that they can greatly reduce residual waste for landfill.

Cork City Council will operate a Waiver Scheme in 2005 whereby households of limited means may be granted a full or partial waiver of the charge for the collection and disposal of household waste.

Waivers will be granted on a case by case basis but the following general guidelines will apply:

1. Old Age Pensioners relying solely on Social Welfare with no other household income will be granted a full waiver of both the fixed charge and the charge per use. (referred to as the tag charge).
2. Single person households with an income less than €175.00 per week and other households with an income less than €300.00 per week will in general be granted a full waiver of the fixed charge but will be required to pay the tag charge when they present a bin with waste for landfilling.
3. Marginal Relief will apply to households whose incomes are marginally greater than at (2) above.

In general the following marginal relief will apply to the fixed charge:

	WEEKLY INCOME	
	<u>Single Person Household</u>	<u>Other Households</u>
50% Waiver	€175 - €200	€300 - €340
25% Waiver	€200 - €215	€340 - €360

The tag charge will apply to bins with waste for landfill.

4. Particular cases of hardship will be considered for relief beyond the above limits at the discretion of the Head of Finance.

5.7 **DERELICT SITE AT GRATTAN STREET**

In response to question submitted by An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that the site in question is the property of Cork City Council and is currently used as a car park.

Options for development of this site are currently under consideration.

5.8 **WAIVER SYSTEM**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated which stated that from 1st January 2005, Government policy requires that charges for Refuse Collection reflect the Polluter Pays principle. Cork City Council's charges are as follows:

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5.9 **DRY RECYCLABLES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that during the past 5 months Cork City Council has been collecting household dry recyclables from its customers whose domestic refuse collection account are in order. The scheme was introduced in phases with Phase 1 (approx. 17,500 households) commenced on 16th August 2004 and Phase 2 (approx. 17,500 households) commenced on the 11th October 2004. The remaining 25% is included in the final phase which is due to commence in early April 2005 (approx. 9,000 households).

The household dry recyclables are collected from households in large, clear branded plastic bags every fortnight by Cork City Council and segregated by Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Ltd. (who were successful contractors following a public tendering procedure) at their EPA licensed facility at Sarsfield Court Industrial Estate, Glanmire, Co. Cork (Waste License Register No 136-2).

The range of dry recyclable materials collected includes:

- ⇒ Clean Mixed Paper, Newspapers & Telephone Directories
- ⇒ Magazines and Brochures
- ⇒ Clean Cardboard
- ⇒ Washed Drink Cans (Aluminium)
- ⇒ Washed Food Cans (Steel)
- ⇒ Washed Tetrapaks (Milk & Juice Cartons)
- ⇒ Washed Plastic Bottles / Containers

Each of the items mentioned above are segregated by Greenstar Recycling Ltd.

A detailed breakdown of the quantity of each dry recyclable stream is provided by the company. There is full traceability of all waste segregated and sent for recycling. The recyclers currently includes companies in both Ireland and the U.K. The only waste sent to landfill by Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Ltd. is the residual remaining after segregation.

Since the scheme was introduced approximately 1100 tonnes of recyclables have been collected. Estimated collection for a full year is 5,000 tonnes.

5.10 **PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O' Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that we are in the process of finalising our accounts for 2004. It is anticipated that the final cost of public liability for 2004 will be €4.75m.

6. **CORNMARKET STREET DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the consideration of the Draft Cornmarket Street Action Plan to facilitate further discussions with interested parties.

7. **NEW SWIMMING POOL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES AT DOUGLAS**

An Chomhairle considered proposals for the provision of a new swimming pool and ancillary facilities at Douglas.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cregan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Quill, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that a delegation representing An Chomhairle would discuss with relevant Government Ministers in Dublin regarding the approval of 50% grant aid and the sanction of 50% borrowing to fund the provision of a new swimming pool and ancillary facilities at Douglas.

An Chomhairle then considered recommendation from Recreation, Amenity & Culture Committee regarding Douglas Swimming Pool.

Comhairleoir M. O' Connell proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O' Leary, that An Chomhairle reject the Swimworld proposal for Douglas Swimming Pool.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, J. O' Brien, C. Burke, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, D. Clune, J. Corr, D. Cregan, B. Bermingham. (8)

An tArdmhéara declared the proposal passed and that the Swimworld proposal for Douglas Swimming Pool be rejected.

8. **ETHICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – PART 15**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager on the Ethics provisions of Local Government Act 2001.

9. **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the nomination of one member to the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir G. O'Flynn to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 31st January, 2005.

10 **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Sanitary and Other Schemes for the year to 31st October 2004.

10.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to the 31st October 2004.

10.3 **LITTER**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Environment Committee to approve the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

A vote was called for on the approval of the report of the Director of Services where there appeared:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. **(20)**

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O'Brien. **(2)**

An tArdmhéara declared the report of the Director of Services approved.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Centre and suburbs are swept and the litter bins are emptied on a scheduled basis. This schedule is monitored on a continuing basis to ensure maximisation of resources. Unauthorised road signs are removed in accordance with the terms of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 and 2003.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Clancy, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to adopt the following motion:-

“That An Chomhairle request the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to amend Section 75 of the Waste Management Act to ensure owners of rented accommodation pay refuse charges in accordance with polluter pays principle and that the extra charge for collection be paid by the occupier.”

10.4 **WATER PRESSURE**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 04/249)

The report of the Director of Services stated that complaints regarding poor pressure in part of Mervue Estate were addressed and resolved in June 2002 and that the mains pressure throughout the estate is now satisfactory.

10.5 **GRAND PARADE**

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

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that on foot of numerous complaints from traders in relation to bad odours in this locality, the Drainage Section met with the traders and agreed to carry out an investigation into the public sewers on Grand Parade, Oliver Plunkett Street and Market Avenue in August/September this year was also considered. The section of sewer pipe on Market Avenue had a restriction which was obstructing normal flows. This was repaired and the traders also undertook work privately on their own drains to seal the system. Since this work

there has been no complaints that the Council is aware of from the traders. It may well be possible that this odour be from another source.

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

11.1 **CORPORATE PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 2nd December, 2004 regarding the Planning & Development Corporate Plan 2005 – 2009.

11.2 **LOCAL PLANS**

An Chomhairle discussed and noted the position regarding the delay on the redevelopment of the CIE lands in the North Docklands Area.

11.3 **CYCLE STANDARDS POLICY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development on Cycle Standards Policy dated 2nd December, 2004.

11.4 **CONSERVATION GRANTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 2nd December, 2004 on Conservation Grants.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

12.2 **DEVELOPMENT AT GREAT WILLIAM O'BRIEN STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at 36 Great William O' Brien Street, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2004 thereon and agreed to approve the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council advertised the proposed development as required by Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions/objections were to be made ended on the 14th day of October 2004. No submissions/ observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development.

There is substantial demand for social housing across the entire city. The proposed schemes will provide much needed accommodation and will help to meet the demand for housing and is consistent with the current policy to encourage and promote downsizing within the housing stock.

The report also stated that the proposed developments are considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan. The proposals have been considered by the Planning & Development Directorate, Roads & Transportation Directorate, Environment Directorate & Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorate and all are supportive of and consider the proposed development to be acceptable.

12.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT BARRACK VIEW UPPER, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at 10 Upper Barrack Street View, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2004 thereon and agreed to approve the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council advertised the above proposed development as required by Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions/objections were to be made ended on the 14th day of October 2004. No submissions / observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development.

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12.4 **ACQUISITION OF 28 NO. DWELLINGS AT HOLLYHILL LANE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the acquisition of 28 no. dwellings at Hollyhill Lane, Cork and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2004.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution.

“RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government (No. 2) Act 1960, Cork City Council is to borrow a sum not exceeding 5,016,060 to cover costs associated with the acquisition of 28 no. dwellinghouses at Hollyhill Lane, Cork.”

The report of the Director of Services stated that Part 8 Planning Approval has now been given for the construction of 28 no. dwelling houses at Hollyhill Lane, Cork.

These dwellings are proposed to be made available for sale to eligible applicants under the Affordable Housing Scheme.

The report also stated that negotiations on acquisition terms are now taking place. In anticipation of terms being agreed and to enable contracts to be entered into, funding now needs to be put in place to finance the construction of these dwellings (including site acquisition, building contract, contract supervision, legal and technical fees etc.).

12.5 **DISPOSALS UNDER TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2004 on the proposed disposal of 3 no. properties under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

12.6 **DISPOSALS**

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

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- a) Six sites situated at Lapps Quay/Andersons Street, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 150 years at an annual rent of €1.00 plus payment of €20,000, to Kilquane Limited c/o O'Flynn, Exhams & Partners, Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- b) Lease of lands approximately 4108 sq. metres, situated at Tank Field, Mayfield, Cork to the Trustees of Brian Dillons Hurling & Football Club, Cork for the period of 125 years subject to an annual rent of €500.00 and the surrender of the existing leases, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- c) Sites approximately 3,955 sq. metres in area, situated at Mardyke Gardens, Mardyke, Cork, to University College, Cork, in exchange for two sites approximately 4,935 sq. metres and 2,950 sq. metres together with right-of-way, in favour of Cork City Council, which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 15, Killeens Place, Farranree, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 10th March, 2004, to Jennifer Walsh and Christopher Cullinane, for the sum of €2,435.20.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 59, Avonmore Park, Mayfield, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 16th August, 2002, to John Wiseman and Maureen Geary, for the sum of €77,419.71.
- (c) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 90, Nun's Walk, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 26th March, 2004, to Margo Mullins and Ray O'Connell, for the sum of €123,445.72.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Freehold interest in premises at 'Sonas', 8A, Lower Friars Walk, Cork, for the sum of €101.58 plus costs of €460.00.
- (b) Freehold interest in premises at 18, Murmount Road, Montenotte, Cork (formerly Site C14, Mayfield), for the sum of €127.00 plus costs of €460.00.
- (c) Freehold interest in premises at 'Sorrento', Togher Road, Cork, for the sum of €101.58 plus costs of €460.00.

13. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

13.1 DRAFT ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2005

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 17th November 2004, regarding the Draft Roadworks Programme 2005.

13.2 REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated 17th November 2004, regarding the Draft Roadworks Programme 2005.

13.3 CORPORATE PLAN – ROADS SECTION

An Chomhairle noted the Roads and Transportation section of the Corporate Plan.

13.4 ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN WORK PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle noted the topics for inclusion in the Work Programme of the Roads and Transportation SPC.

14. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

14.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2004, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended November 2004.

14.2 GREEN ROUTE NETWORK – GURRANABRAHER TO CITY CENTRE (NO. 2) AND FARRANREE/KILBARRY TO CITY CENTRE (NO. 3), PART 8 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December, 2004, regarding Green Route Network – Gurranabraher to City Centre (No. 2) and Farranree/Kilbarry to City Centre (No. 3), Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members are now being advised that detailed documentation is now being prepared for the implementation of further

elements of the Green Route Network. These routes are key parts of the CASP strategy for Green Routes.

These Green Routes will be high quality, high profile public transport corridors and the planning for each route will incorporate improved footpath space and safety for pedestrians as well as the provision of improved cycle facilities.

The routes now being brought forward to the planning stage are:

Gurranabraher to City Centre
Farranree/Kilbarry to City Centre

In order to advance the above proposals, it is proposed that the procedures in accordance with Part 8 Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001 be undertaken. These procedures include a public consultation process.

14.3 **ROAD RESURFACING - UPPER TOWER STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Upper Tower Street be included in next years road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/120)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Upper Tower St. will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

14.4 **ROAD RESURFACING – HIGH STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That High Street be included in next years road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/121)

The report of the Director of Services stated that High St will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

14.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – THE GROVE, DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduces traffic calming measures in The Grove, Dublin Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/257)

The report of the Director of Services stated that yield right of way signs be erected between The Grove and Kilbarry Cottages showing which traffic has the right of way when entering and exiting the estate.

14.6 **PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKING IN MARIAN PARK, DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide additional parking in Marian Park, Dublin Hill by reducing the grass area of the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/258)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Roads & Transportation Directorate has no objection to the reduction of the green area in Marian Park, Dublin Hill for the purpose of increasing the supply of parking in the estate.

However, green areas can be very important for environmental and aesthetic reasons and are often used for play areas by children. It also has to be established that a large majority of the residents in the estate are in favour of the reduction in the green area.

This motion will be referred to the Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorate for comments and any agreed works will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

14.7 **CLOSE LANEWAY BETWEEN GLENTHORN & GLENHEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would examine the laneway between Glenthorn and Glenheights with the view to closing it as it is a source of huge nuisance in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/295)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the 2004 budget for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways in the North Central Ward has been expended. The laneway at Glenthorn/Glenheights is included in the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for future prioritisation subject to funding.

14.8 **DISC PARKING – BARRETT'S BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Disc Parking would be extended to Barretts Buildings as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/311)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current disc parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme was approved by Council earlier this year. The scheme involves extending the zone by approximately 66%, which is a very big undertaking. The programme for the installation of disc parking controls for the extended zone is currently being implemented and it is hoped to complete the scheme early next year.

A new DPZ extension scheme will then be put forward to Council for approval, after necessary consultations with the Gardaí, etc. Barrett’s Buildings is outside the current DPZ extension scheme, however it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the new zone extension scheme.

14.9 **REPAIR WALL AT THE ENTRANCE TO MERRION COURT, MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That in the interests of safety for everyone, the wall at the entrance to Merrion Court, Montenotte be repaired as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/410)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the entrance wall to Merrion Court, Montenotte has been repaired.

14.10 **FOOTPATH PUT IN PLACE FROM KILLALA GARDENS TO ASCENSION HEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a footpath would be placed from Killala Gardens to Ascension Heights on Knocknaheeney Avenue to ensure that residents from Killala Gardens can safely walk to local facilities and amenities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 04/418)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area of footpath involved is 240 sq. mts. To construct in tarmacadam with outside kerb would cost approximately €15,000 at present costs. The Roads Maintenance Division does not have funds in 2004 to construct this footpath. However, it can be considered in our programme of works for 2005 if sufficient funds were made available.

14.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING STRUCTURE BE REPAINTED ON KILMORE ROAD, KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the traffic calming structure on Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny be repainted and maintained.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 04/419)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the repainting and renewal of road markings/signage at the traffic calming structure on Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny will be inputted into the road painting/signage work programme, and the work will be carried out as soon as possible.

14.12 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ROCKWOOD, RINGMAHON RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place in Rockwood, Ringmahon Road to slow down traffic going through this estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/425)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Rockwood, Ringmahon Road will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.13 **ROAD RESURFACING – BERLINGFORD DRIVE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the roads in Berlingford Drive, would be included in the roads resurfacing programme for 2005 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/428)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Berlingford Drive will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

14.14 **RAMPS ON LOVERS WALK BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE TIVOLI ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the provision of ramps on Lovers Walk be extended to include Tivoli Estate (due to the new development at the top of this estate and the number of small children living at the bottom).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 04/440)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Tivoli Estate, off Lover’s Walk will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN HOUSNG ESTATES THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That extra funding is made available in this years estimates to try and meet the requests for traffic calming measures in housing estates throughout the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 04/443)

The report of the Director of Services stated that extra funding of €100,000 for traffic calming has been included in the draft 2005 road traffic estimates. This figure will be in addition to funding of €200,000, which is expected from the 2005 regional management grant from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

14.16 **ROAD RESURFACING – TRAFALGAR HILL, TIVOLI**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make financial provision in its Estimate of Expenses and its Road Works Programme 2005 for the resurfacing of Trafalgar Hill, Tivoli.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/444)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consideration will be given to the resurfacing of Trafalgar Hill in the 2005 Roads Programme of Works.

14.17 **DISC PARKING – BRIAN DILLON PARK, DILLONS CROSS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduce disc parking immediately at Brian Dillon Park, Dillons Cross as local residents find it impossible to park near or access the park during the day due to indiscriminate parking by non residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/445)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current disc parking zone (DPZ) extension scheme was approved by Council earlier this year. The scheme involves extending the zone by approximately 66%, which is a very big undertaking. The programme for the installation of disc parking controls for the extended zone is currently being implemented and it is hoped to complete the scheme early next year.

14.18 **GAP IN THE BOUNDARY WALL OF WOODLAWN, MODEL FARM RD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council closes immediately and as a matter of priority the gap in the boundary wall of Woodlawn Model Farm Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. J. Buttimer & B. Bermingham 04/447)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the 2004 budget for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways in the South West Ward has been expended. Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, will be added to the current list of requested works and will be available for future prioritisation subject to funding.

14.19 **NAMEPLATE AT ENTRANCE TO CONVENT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a nameplate would be placed at the entrance to Convent Avenue, Church Road, Blackrock, as the original placename has been removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/454)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Roads Control Section intends to place an order for nameplates at the beginning of December.

The nameplate for Convent Avenue will be included in this order.

14.20 **GREEN MAN CROSSING AT TOGHER ROAD AND ARDMANNING AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a Green Man crossing be put in place at the junction of Togher Road and Ardmanning Avenue to facilitate pedestrian access to the shopping centre.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/122)

The report of the Director of Services stated that surveys have been carried out on Togher Road near the junction with Ardmanning Avenue to measure the extent of the traffic and pedestrian movements adjacent to the Ardmanning Shopping Centre. The results show that a pedestrian crossing facility is required at this location.

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

The provision of a pedestrian facility at this location will be included in the list of works to be carried out under the 2005 regional management grant and subject to the funding becoming available, the work will be inputted in to the 2005 works programme.

14.21 **IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP THE PARK ‘N’ RIDE FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in tandem with Cork County Council identify and develop the additional park ‘n’ ride facilities immediately.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/180)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s Park & Ride strategy is based on the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP), commissioned and approved by Cork City and Cork County Councils. CASP recommends that Metropolitan Cork (which includes Carrigaline, Midleton, Blarney, Ballincollig) be serviced by bus based P&R sites at:

- Location near Kinsale Road roundabout
 - Location near Bandon road roundabout
 - Carrigaline
- and by rail based P& R sites at:
- Blarney
 - Midleton (on the new railway line)
 - Location near Dunkettle

CASP states that: “*The location, configuration and operation of each of these Park and Ride sites will be verified by more detailed studies*”. Park & Ride will only be successful when a fast efficient shuttle service is available between the parking site and the City Centre.

CASP Steering Co-Coordinating Committee meets regularly and the provision of additional Park & Ride facilities will be put forward to the committee for discussion and examination.

14.22 **RAMPS ON SEMINARY PLACE ROADWAY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install ramps on Seminary Place roadway, and also furnish ‘Beware Children at Play’ signs on both ends of the road with a view to protecting the children as there are no footpaths to safeguard them.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/278)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Seminary Road 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.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

“Children-at-Play” signs are not provided out of normal maintenance monies but are funded either by ‘ward funds’ or by the residents themselves. Contact will be made with the local residents to determine the appropriate location for the signs and a source of funding will be identified.

14.23 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Traffic lights be introduced at the North Ring Road near the Fire Station as requested by me on April 1st, 2004. In light of the volume of fast moving traffic that use this road and cross it to go towards Blackpool, it is a very dangerous stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/283)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the above motion was also subject to a report to Council in July of this year. The report of the Director of Services stated that:

“Cork City Council in conjunction with the National Roads Authority are examining the full length of the North Ring Road to determine if there are any remedial measures that could be taken to improve road safety and traffic flows along the roadway” and “options such as providing traffic signals by the Fire Station will be considered”.

While it has been established that traffic signals should be provided at the junction near the Fire Station, the NRA have not indicated that funding will be made available. The junction will be put on the list of junctions that require traffic signals, and it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

14.24 **FRIARS AVENUE BE MADE A ONE WAY DOWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to have Friars Avenue made a one way down.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/313)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it has been Cork City Council’s policy for many years to avoid introducing one-way traffic systems and where possible to revert existing one-way systems to two-way. One-way traffic flows can have the following effects:

- Increased traffic speeds.
- Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.
- Increased volumes of traffic in the opposite direction in a parallel ‘twined’ road.
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds.
- Reduction in local accessibility for traders and residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult.
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.).

The areas adjacent to Friar’s Avenue/Gurranabraher Road is very residential and the making of Friar’s Avenue one-way will have a large impact on the routing options for local residents, particularly for journeys along Blarney Road from the city

centre. New routings could involve extra traffic on other roads such as Mount Nebo Avenue and St. Anthony’s Road.

Unless it can be established that there is a large consensus among the local residents for the change, it is recommended that the current traffic routing arrangement remain.

14.25 **FOOTPATH BE REPAIRED ON NORTHERN SIDE OF HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath be repaired on the northern side of Harbour View Road particularly near the Bus Stop near Hollyville.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 04/420)

The report of the Director of Services stated that repairs to the footpath on the Northern side of Harbour View will be investigated and carried out where necessary.

14.26 **WHEELCHAIR CAR PARKING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I am proposing that wheelchair car parking be put in St. Patricks Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/449)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council’s vision and strategy for the City Centre is to improve and upgrade the overall environment so that the economic social and cultural life of the area is enhanced. One of the key

elements is the refurbishment of streets like St. Patrick's Street and Oliver Plunkett Street so that they are more attractive for shoppers, people who are doing business, visitors, etc.

The street improvements include providing wider spaces for pedestrians and it was decided early in the project that no on-streets parking spaces would be provided for cars. Space on the roadways is now very limited and there are very strong competing demands for bus stops, taxi ranks and loading bays.

Disabled on-street parking will be provided adjacent to the newly refurbished streets, i.e. in Academy Street and in the streets just off Oliver Plunkett Street, including Pembroke Street, Cook Street, Marlborough Street and Princess Street. Ongoing and continuing discussions are held on these issues with Cork Access Group.

14.27 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT BLARNEY ROAD AND HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic lights be installed at the junction of Blarney Road and Harbour View Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/450)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the lands south of the junction of Blarney Road and Harbour View Road will be developed for residential use in the near future. Access to the development will be via a new four-arm signalised junction at Blarney Road /Harbour View Road.

The new traffic signalised junction will be constructed as part of the new development and will be paid for by the development.

14.28 **RESURFACING OF OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provision for the resurfacing of Old Youghal Road from Dillon's Cross to Collin's Barracks in the 2005 Roadworks Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/456)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consideration for the resurfacing of Old Youghal Road from Dillons Cross to Collins Barracks will be given in the 2005 Roads Programme of Works.

14.29 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE – GOLDSMITHS AVENUE, RATHMORE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That An Chomhairle would install ramps at Goldsmiths Avenue, Rathmore, as a traffic-calming measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 04/463)

The report of the Director of Services stated that traffic calming measures were installed in Goldsmith Avenue and adjacent Rathmore Park some years ago, by the Blackpool By Pass Project Team to alleviate the traffic problems there. The measures included road narrowing and chicanes with yield signs. After a period of time, the residents became unhappy with the measures and after some agitation, the measures were removed.

The area will again be examined to determine if additional measures can be taken to improve the road safety there. Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme. It should be noted though, that it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.30 **STOP SIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF BROOKFIELD LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of priority install a stop sign at the junction of Brookfield Lawn on to Brookfield Park and would put in place traffic calming measures in consultation with residents in the above area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/464)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Brookfield Park/Brookfield Lawn will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if deemed appropriate, a stop sign will be provided there.

Brookfield Lawn and Brookfield Park will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

14.31 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – FITZGERALD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd December 2004 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of priority put in place double yellow lines on the Fitzgerald Road and junction of Charles Daly Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/465)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Michael Fitzgerald Road and Charles Daly Road will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate, the necessary double yellow lines will be installed.

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

15.1 **PART 8 REPORT ON EXTRA PITCHES AT LEISUREWORLD**

An Chomhairle considered the provision of an additional two All Weather Pitches at Leisureworld and the report of the City Manager thereon and agreed to approve the report of the City Manager in relation to Part 8 Planning Process for the provision of an additional two All Weather Pitches at Leisureworld.

The report of the City Manager stated that due to the popularity of the current four pitches at Leisureworld, it was now intended to construct an additional two pitches at the Centre early in the New Year, work being funded by Leisureworld. The proposal was advertised in the Irish Examiner under Part 8 Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 on the 20th August 2004. One submission was received by the closing date of 1st October 2004 from a Mr Tomás O’Scanlán who expressed concern regarding the curtilage of the pitches and the necessity to plan additional trees at the pitch boundaries. The report stated that it is intended that trees will be planted on the boundaries to enhance the existing hedgerows which would address any of the concerns above. Having regard to the 2004 Cork City Development Plan, the development is in accordance with the proper development and planning for the area, the actual site being zoned for sports grounds and it being a policy of the City Council to promote the provision and management of high quality sporting facilities (NHR 12 Development Plan).

15.2 **GREEN AT MAHONY’S SQUARE**

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

‘That Cork City Council’s, Park Department draw up a plan to improve the green at Mahony’s Square, Off Gerald Griffin Street, Cork. This square is in urgent need of up-grading and this has been requested on numerous occasions by the residents of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/256)

The report of the Director of Services stated that draft improvement plans to upgrade Mahony’s Square will be prepared in early 2005 in consultation with local residents.

15.3 **TREES AT BOYNE CRESCENT**

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

‘That in order to prevent the fires “smoking” within the houses and in order to improve the reception of satellite television services, the trees behind house numbers 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 Boyne Crescent be trimmed and topped.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 04/393)

The report of the Director of Services stated that trees at the above locations will be pruned back within the next few weeks.

15.4 **BUSHES & SHRUBBERY NEAR CORRIB LAWN**

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

‘That Cork City Council cut back the bushes and shrubbery at the corner by no. 6 Corrib Lawn as it is in a disgraceful condition having been neglected by the Council for years and now is a danger to health and safety of children and adults alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/427)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a shrubbery adjacent to No. 6 Corrib Lawn has been pruned on a number of occasions in recent years and that any necessary further pruning would be carried out within the next two to three weeks.

15.5 **AREA FOR RECREATIONAL & AMENITY, MIDDLE PARISH**

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

‘That an area for recreational and amenity purposes, serving the needs of the local community, be developed for the residents of the Middle Parish as a matter of priority.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Lynch & An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/429)

The report of the Director of Services stated that meetings would be arranged with the Middle Parish Community Association in the immediate future to ascertain needs of the community in terms of amenity and recreation provision and that a report would be brought before the next Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Meeting for consideration.

15.6 **DOG WARDENS**

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

‘That this Council in its consideration of the 2005 estimates, agree to the necessity in providing funds for two dog wardens to adequately enforce the Control of Dogs Act, increasing environmental/litter and other expectations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 04/436)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Dog Wardens had no function in relation to dog litter was also considered. The City Council had launched a Responsible Dog Ownership Initiative in recent months, writing to all dog license holders, advising of the importance of preventing dog litter etc. Dog Litter Receptacle Units had been erected at numerous parks and walkways throughout the city. The Council had also distributed free disposable bags to dog owners within the city to encourage owners to clean up dog litter. The report recommended that the Council commit its resources to this initiative rather than employing an additional warden who as previously stated would have no litter function.

15.7 **PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE LOUGH**

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

‘That Cork City Council would provide public toilets at the Lough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 04/441)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the cost to provide and install automated public toilets at the Lough would be approximately €100,000 in addition to the operating/maintenance costs which would amount to €13,000 per annum and that there was no provision in the Estimates to finance these works at present was also considered.

16. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2004**

16.1 **NATIONAL CHILDRENS STRATEGY & EOCP**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council, noting that:-

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

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

And calls on the Government to:-

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

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Brien 04/483)

16.2 **MAINTENANCE WORKERS AT O.P.W.**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

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

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

16.3 **BAN SALE OF ALCO POPS, SPIRITS AND ‘SHOTS’**

Following discussion, An Chomhairle approved the following amended motion:-

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

- a) Ban the sale of “Alco Pops” by all Pubs, Off Licenses, Night Clubs, Restaurants Supermarkets etc..
- b) Review the sale of Spirits and “Shots” to all people under the age of 21.’

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

17. **MOTIONS**

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

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

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

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/221)

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17.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – CONNOLLY PARK**

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

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/222)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.3 **LONG LANE, DUBLIN HILL BE CONNECTED TO THE MAIN SEWER**

‘The householders of the Long Lane, Dublin Hill were advised that a recommendation had been made that they should be connected to the main sewer for a contribution of €500 in August 2002. They are now being asked for €2,000 per head for a connection. I would ask why this is so, as this sum is beyond the means of many of the residents who have lived here for 40 years without the benefit of a sewage connection? Their near neighbours in Glenthorn Estate have enjoyed this essential facility for the last 30 years, I would ask when is Cork City Council going to honour its commitment to the residents of Long Lane. Is it intended that the work be done in the near future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/316)

Environment Functional Committee

17.4 **GATES AT THE ENTRANCE TO PROSPEROUS PLACE, THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

‘That Cork City Council erect gates at the entrance to Prosperous Place, Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool to stop anti-social behaviour which takes place at all times in the lane-way.

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/344)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **REPLACE FOOTPATHS AT ST. ENDA’S RD, GURRANABRAHER**

That Cork City Council replace the Footpaths at St. Enda’s Rd. Gurrabraher as they are in a very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/352)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.6 **GATES AT PROSPEROUS PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council install gates at Prosperous Place, Thomas Davis Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/366)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.7 **PAYMENT FOR WATER**

‘They should be no payment for water for Community Associations, Sport Clubs and other Voluntary Groups.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 04/478)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

17.8 **PAINTING RENEWAL SCHEME – BLACKPOOL AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would include that area of Blackpool which was part of the recent Renewal and Renovation/Roadworks (from Watercourse Road, Great William O’Brien Street, Dublin Hill) in a Painting Renewal Scheme similar to the scheme offered to residents in the Shandon area’

(Proposer: Cllrs. M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch 04/489)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.9 **NATIONAL WAIVER SCHEME**

‘To ask the Manager to write to the Minister for Finance, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, and to other City and County Council’s seeking their support for the introduction of a national waiver scheme. Such a scheme would ensure that local government is compensated by central government through means of either a direct payment to Council or through the introduction of a supplementary payment of social welfare recipients, in order to compensate the loss of income arising from a local council’s waiver scheme. This proposal follows the Manager’s recent statement that €3,700,000.00 was granted under Cork City Council’s waiver scheme’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 04/490)

Corporate Policy Group

17.10 **DISC PARKING ZONES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

‘A review of disc parking zones in residential areas be undertaken to examine the feasibility of introducing a ‘Weekday Only’ system. As city-centre commuting is mainly a Monday to Friday practice, many communities do not require disc parking in their areas on Saturday. The introduction of a ‘Weekday Only’ system would facilitate the visiting of both family members and friends at the weekend. In addition the introduction of a ‘Weekday Only’ system would be of great benefit to the high percentage of elderly residents that live in these areas who are reliant upon others for transportation to carry out their weekly tasks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 04/491)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **2005 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME – SILVERHEIGHTS AVE.**

‘That Cork City Council include Silverheights Avenue in the 2005 Roadworks Programme for both resurfacing and Traffic calming. These works have been on request now for the last 4/5 years and public safety must be given priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/494)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.12 **2005 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME – MT. BROSNA**

‘That Cork City Council include Mt Brosna in the 2005 Roadworks Programme as previously requested. In addition, residents in this Park also have significant traffic safety concerns arising out of traffic to Mayfield Sports Complex and Mayfield Community School and both resurfacing and road safety issues need immediate attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 04/495)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.13 **CONTROVERSIAL REFUSE CHARGES BE ABOLISHED**

‘That this Council agree that the controversial refuse charges be abolished.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’ Connell 04/496)

Environment Functional Committee

17.14 **DIRECT LABOUR SECTION BE REVIVED**

‘That this Council agree that the previous direct labour section be revived.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’ Connell 04/497)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.15 **LINK ROAD IS A TOP PRIORITY**

‘That Cork City Council assert its view that the Link Road between the Southern Ring Road and Model Farm Rd. is a top priority and requests the Manager to seek necessary funding without delay.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. J. Buttimer & B. Bermingham 04/499)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.16 **ROAD MARKINGS – FREEMOUNT DRIVE ONTO MELBOURN AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place proper designated road markings at junction of Freemount Drive onto Melbourn Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 04/500)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

18.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

18.2 **ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services for the year ended 31st December, 2004.

18.3 **DISPOSALS**

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

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 182, Connolly Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 4th July, 2001, to Paul Walsh and Jessica McCarthy, for the sum of €102,291.64.
- (b) Fee Simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as 16, Kilkieran Close, Knocknaheeny, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated 22nd December, 2003, to Joanna Crean, for the sum of €84,680.33.

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- a) Freehold interest in portion of property at Garden House, Ringmahon, Cork, for the sum of €500.00 plus costs of €650.00.

19. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

19.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January, 2005, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended December 2004.

19.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME – SARAHVILLE PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Sarahville Place will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Joe Murphy Road will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

19.4 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT PARK COURT ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/284)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the North Ring Road, while not designated as a national primary route, carries significant volumes of strategic traffic. It is a by pass road for the north east side of the City and links the N20 to Limerick to the N8 Dublin and N25 Waterford Roads. It effectively operates as a national primary route.

Accordingly, Cork City Council in conjunction with the Nation Roads Authority are examining the full length of the North Ring Road to determine if there are any remedial measures that could be taken to improve road safety and traffic flows along the roadway. Options such as the provision of traffic signals at the entrance to Park Court Estate are being considered.

Cork City Council has also applied separately for a grant to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads scheme.

It is hoped therefore that funding for traffic signals at Park Court Estate, Ballyvolane will become available in 2005 either from the NRA or from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mt. Eden Road, Gurrabraher will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Highfield West, off College Road will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

19.7 **POT HOLES OUTSIDE MOUNT MERCY SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that this has been put on our Works Programme and will be attended to as soon as possible.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 04/474)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Beechwood Park, Ballinlough 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.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Castle Road 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.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme. Measures such as traffic ramps, while reducing speeds, often do not reduce traffic volumes if a particular route remains attractive to motorists. In

view of the amenity value of Castle Road, other measures that can be considered will be the improvement of footpaths and the possible restriction of heavy goods vehicles using the roadway.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Glenheights Road will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme, however it may take some time before funding for any works becomes available.

19.11 **ROAD RESURFACING – KERRY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Kerry Road, Mayfield will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting on Lower Mayfield Road and adjacent areas will be surveyed in order to determine the extent of improvements and upgrading required. Any funding identified either in the roads programme or ward funds will be used to carry out any necessary works.

Cork City Council has also applied for a grant to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads scheme. If successful this grant will ensure that any necessary public lighting works in the area can be carried out in 2005.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposal to take in charge St. Joseph’s, Hartlands Avenue, is currently being considered.

19.14 **ROAD RESURFACING – FIRGROVE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Firgrove Avenue will be considered for inclusion in the 2005 Resurfacing Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 6th January 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Vicars Road and Vicars Court will be examined in conjunction with the Gardai and if it is deemed appropriate, the installation of the yellow box at the junction will be inputted into the road-painting programme.

20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

21. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

21.1 **LAMA CONFERENCE, ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**

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

21.2 **NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin, B. Bermingham, D. Murphy, T. Fitzgerald & J. Kelleher at the National Tourism Conference held on the 25th – 27th November, 2004 at Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

21.3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Counihan at the Local Government Management Conference held on the 3rd December, 2004 at the Kingsley Hotel, Carrigrohane Road, Cork.

21.4 **IMAGINING THE FUTURE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at Imaging the Future Conference held on 2nd – 3rd November, 2004 at the Ceifín Centre, Shannon Business Centre, Shannon

21.5 **CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS 2004**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham & D. Counihan at the Confederation of European Councillors 2004 Conference held on 2nd – 3rd December, 2004 at the Killyevlin Hotel, Eniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

21.6 **ACHIEVING FULL ECONOMIC GROWTH WHILE SUSTAINING STRONG SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS – HOW DO WE DO IT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. O' Flynn at the Achieving Full Economic Growth While Sustaining Strong Social Support Systems Conference held on the 10th January, 2005 at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

21.7 **A THEATRE OF TOURISM CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the A Theatre of Tourism Conference to be held on 28th – 29th January, 2005 at the Dunadry Hotel & Country Club, Muckamore, Dunadry, Co. Antrim.

21.8 **IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY – THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, D. O' Flynn & J. Kelleher at the Implementing the National Spatial Strategy – The Role of the Regional Authorities Conference to be held on the 3rd – 4th February, 2004 at the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare.

21.9 **AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, M. O' Connell, D. O' Flynn, T. Brosnan, T. O' Driscoll & M. Shields at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2005 to be held on 11th – 12th February, 2005 in the Holiday Inn, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

21.10 **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Corr, M. O' Connell, J. Buttimer & F. Dennehy at the Public Relations and the Elected Representative Conference to be held on 26th – 27th January, 2005 at the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway.

21.11 **THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFIT OF HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT IN IRISH TOWNS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon & M. O' Connell at the Economic and Social Benefit of Heritage Development in Irish Towns Conference to be held on 17th – 18th February, 2005 at the Listowel Arms Hotel.

21.12 **COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon & M. O' Connell at the Colmcille Winter School Conference to be held on 25th – 27th February, 2005 at the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Churchill, Co. Donegal. Comhairleoir M. Barry wished his objection be noted.

21.13 **GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the General Council of County Councils – Annual Conference 2005 to be held on 3rd – 5th March, 2005 at the Johnstown House Hotel, Enfield, Co. Meath.

21.14 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Local Government Planning Service Conference to be held on 3rd – 4th February, 2005 at the Clonea Strand Hotel, Clonea, Co. Waterford.

21.15 **MEDIA SKILLS SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Media Skills Seminar for Councillors to be held on 29th January, 2005 at the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

22. **STANDING ORDERS NO.4**

22.1 **REFUSE CHARGE WAIVERS**

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O' Leary, that An Chomhairle approve the following motion:-

'That this Council calls on the City Manager to make changes to the domestic refuse charges waiver system for 2005 so that waivers will apply not merely to the fixed charge but also to the charge per use for all waiver recipients.'

(Proposers: Cllrs. J. O' Brien, A. Spillane, C. O' Connell, M. Barry, C. O'Leary.)

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O' Brien, M. O' Connell, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, M. Ahern. (7)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Coughlan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham. (15)

An tArdmhéara declared the motion rejected.

22.2 **WATER CHARGES**

Comhairleoir J. O' Brien proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O' Leary, that An Chomhairle approve the following motion:-

‘That this Council instructs that non-profit, voluntary and community organisations as well as organisations with charitable status which do not pay or do not fully pay water charges in 2005 will:-

- (a) Be sent no threatening letters ordering compliance
- (b) Not have legal proceedings initiated against them.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. J. O' Brien, A. Spillane, C. O' Connell, M. Barry, C. O'Leary.)

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O' Brien, M. O' Connell, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. **(8)**

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields. **(14)**

An tArdmhéara declared the motion rejected.

22.3 **AMEND LEGISLATION**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council resolves to write to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche, requesting that legislation be amended to allow elected councillors full decision making powers over the striking of the domestic refuse charge and the framing and implementation of any waiver system thus making these a Reserve Function of Council.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. J. O' Brien, A. Spillane, C. O' Connell, M. Barry, C. O'Leary.)

22.4 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY**

Comhairleoir C. O' Leary proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O' Brien, that An Chomhairle approve the following motion:-

‘That this Council instructs the immediate commissioning of an Environmental Impact Study into the effect of Cork City Councils policy of non-collection of bins belonging to householders with refuse charge arrears.’

(Proposers: Cllrs. J. O' Brien, A. Spillane, C. O' Connell, M. Barry, C. O'Leary.)

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O' Brien, M. O' Connell, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn. **(6)**

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (16)

An tArdmhéara declared the motion rejected.

23. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

23.1 **TWINNING COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Planning & Development Functional Committee that all members of the Planning & Development Functional Committee would be nominated to membership of the Twinning Sub-Committee.

24. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motions:-

24.1 **REVIEW OF THE CITY / COUNCIL BOUNDARY**

‘That in light of recent events and the lack of progress at joint committee level, Cork City Council formally requests the Minister for Environment and Local Government, to conduct a review of the City/Council boundary with a view to extending the City boundary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/04)

24.2 **DEATH OF DETECTIVE GARDA JERRY MCCABE**

Comhairleoirí J. O’ Brien and M. Barry wished their objection be noted.

“That this Council agrees and informs the Minister for Justice and Law Reform and the Government that those responsible for the death of Detective Garda Jerry McCabe should serve their full sentence in accordance with law and no further discussion on their release for whatever reason with any political party should be entered into on this subject as it would undermine this nation’s standards of behaviour, morality, and law and order.”

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/07)

24.3 **2005 WAIVER SCHEME**

‘That applicants for a refuse charge waiver be supplied with a copy of the 2005 waiver scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/14)

25. **MOTIONS**

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

25.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CAPWELL ROAD**

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place on Capwell Road on either side of the Day Care Centre and the Pre-School at 25 Capwell Road.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/230)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.2 **INSTALL GREEN MAN CROSSING ON TOGHER ROAD**

‘That a Green Man crossing be installed on Togher Road adjacent to the intersection with Ardmanning Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 04/242)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.3 **GATES AT THE ENTRANCE TO PROSPEROUS PLACE, THOMAS DAVIS STREET, BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council erect gates at the entrance to Prosperous Place, Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool to stop anti-social behaviour which takes place at all times in the lane-way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/347)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.4 **BATHROOMS IN HOUSES IN BOYCES STREET**

‘That Cork City Council considers replacing the bathtubs in the bathrooms of Boyces Street as the existing baths are approximately 2ft square and that the baths be replaced with showers for the disabled.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’ Flynn 04/362)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

25.5 **INFILL HOUSING AT SITE IN BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council would develop the site at the Junction of the Watercourse Road and Arthur Villas, Blackpool for Infill Housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/421)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

25.6 **CENTRAL HEATING BE INSTALLED AT SUNVIEW FAIRHILL**

‘That central heating would be installed as a matter of urgency in the remaining houses in Sunview Fairhill that do not have central heating.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 04/437)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

25.7 **KERBSIDE COLLECTION AT LOUGH VILLAS**

‘That residents at Lough Villas be provided with a kerbside collection for their weekly refuse. This area has a high portion of elderly residents and the availability of a kerbside service is most necessary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 04/492)

Environment Functional Committee

25.8 **ALLEYWAYS TO BE BLOCKED OFF**

‘That this Council agree that the alleyways between Connolly Road, and the green in Tramore Road, and between Patrick O’ Donoghue Place, Edward Walsh Road be blocked off as a matter of urgency since they are a magnet for anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’ Connell 04/498)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.9 **GAP IN THE BOUNDARY WALL OF WOODLAWN MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council closes immediately and as a matter of priority the gap in the boundary wall of Woodlawn Model Farm Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. B. Bermingham & J. Buttimer 04/502)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

25.10 **RAILINGS ON THE BRIDGE ON HIGH STREET**

‘That Cork City Council in view of a previous accident and also the averting of a similar potential accident recently on the Bridge of High Street, the railings on the Bridge itself be increased in height in order to ensure that any future potential fatalities be avoided.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/503)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.11 **ONE WAY ROAD BETWEEN BERNADETTE WAY & BELLAIR**

‘That, following consultation with the residents concerned, the narrow portion of the Ballinlough Road between Bernadette Way and Bellair be made one-way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 04/504)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.12 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That this Council would immediately continue traffic calming measures along Skehard Road to counteract the increased traffic from Mahon Point.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 04/505)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.13 **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. C. Clune 04/506)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.14 **TRAFFIC SAFETY & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLAN FOR SILVERHEIGHTS RD & BOHERBOY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a Traffic Safety and Pedestrian Safety Plan for Silverheights Road and Boherboy Road in advance of the implementation of the Green Bus route and that the City Engineer confirm that there will be no cutting back of greens on both roads.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/01)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CAHERGAL LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council include Cahergal Lawn on the 2005 Programme for Traffic Calming measures in cognisance of the number of representations made and the petition raised and submitted on behalf of local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/02)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.16 **NATIONAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

‘That Council write to the Chief Executive of the National Treasury Management Agency asking him not to invest any further monies from the National Pension Reserve Fund in tobacco companies, and to sell its existing shares in all such companies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/03)

Corporate Policy Group

25.17 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE ENTRANCE TO WOODLAWN ESTATE, TRAMORE ROAD**

“Following the relocation of the Post Office from Togher Road to Tramore Road which has greatly increased traffic levels, another traffic survey be conducted to assess the feasibility of placing a pedestrian crossing of some sort at the entrance to Woodlawn Estate, Tramore Road.”

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/05)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.18 **ROAD RESURFACING – BISHOPSTOWN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would include in Roads Programme for 2005 the immediate resurfacing of the Bishopstown Road from the new roundabout at Dunnes Stores to the junction at Waterfall Road (the area immediately in front of Dunville estate on Bishopstown Rd).’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/06)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.19 **CONTRIBUTION TO THE TSUNAMI DISASTER IN BUDGET YR 2005 - 2006**

“That this Council presiding over a confident dynamic and relatively wealthy City, enjoying 2005 as Europe’s Capital of Culture, resolves to seek ways and means to contribute to the Tsunami disaster in budget year 2005-2006 and further resolves to contribute henceforth an agreed sum annually to the aids crisis, third world and/or natural disasters projects”

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 05/08)

Corporate Policy Group

25.20 **RAMP FROM CURRAHEEN INTERCHANGE ONTO THE WESTERLY DIRECTION OF THE BALLINCOLLIG BY-PASS**

‘That this Council demand that the National Roads Authority / the Department of the Environment / Transport, provide a downward ramp from the Curraheen Interchange onto the westerly direction of the Ballincollig By-pass.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham, Michael Ahern, M. Shields, F. Dennehy 05/12)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.21 **SOUND CONTROL IN PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT JUNCTION OF PEARSE RD & LOUGH RD**

‘That a sound control be placed in the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Pearse Road and Lough Road to assist the many visually impaired people who visit the Lough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 05/13)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

26. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 6 no. tenders for Playgrounds.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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