

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2005.**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir S. Martin in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O' Flynn, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Lynch, 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. F. Allison, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.  
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 Olney Family on the death of Michael Olney.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:-

- Liam Ronayne, City Librarian and his staff on the success of World Book Day.
- Pope Benedict XVI on his ordination as Pope.
- Cork Environmental Forum on the success of Waste Action Week.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 were considered and approved.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **PROPERTIES/OFFICE SPACE/WORKSHOPS, CORK CITY COUNCIL  
CURRENTLY LEASE OR RENT**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Chris O'Leary, a written reply was circulated which stated that the current schedule of rented properties is as outlined below.

Cork City Council has not entered into any other arrangements on the leasing/renting of properties.

**1) 1-2 Anglesea St – First and Second Floors**

Rent Payable To   Cork Property Investors, c/o Brideview Developments, Glanmire  
 Occupied By       I.S. Department  
 Date Letting Commenced:   27/05/2002  
 How Long Rented: 2 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 4yrs 11mths       Expires: 26/04/2007  
 Area Sq Ft:         2,000  
 Total cost per annum: €33,013.00

**2) 1-2 Anglesea St - Ground Floor**

Rent Payable To   Cork Property Investors, c/o Brideview Developments, Glanmire  
 Occupied By       Traffic Department  
 Date Letting Commenced:   04/01/2003  
 How Long Renting:         2 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 4yrs 6mths       Expires:       03/07/2007  
 Area Sq Ft:         1,000  
 Total cost per annum: €40,000.00

**3) 15 Grand Parade - Ground and First Floors**

Rent Payable To   Noelle Moriarty Kelly  
 Occupied By       RAC - Festival House  
 Date Letting Commenced:   01/12/2003  
 How Long Renting:         1 year+  
 Duration of Lease: 3yrs 1mth       Expires:       31/12/2006  
 Area Sq Ft:         2000  
 Total cost per annum:       €25,395.00

**4) 6 Anglesea Street**

Rent Payable To   Mrs B Murphy, Slieve Mish Park, Kinsale Road  
 Occupied By       Water Management Project  
 Date Letting Commenced:   21/07/1997  
 How Long Renting:         7 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 18mths, now on a month by month basis  
 Area Sq Ft:         1,200  
 Total cost per annum:       €12,000.00

**5) 70 South Mall - 4th Floor**

Rent Payable To Hamilton Osbourne King, South Mall, Cork  
 Occupied By Traffic Department  
 Date Letting Commenced: 11/10/2004  
 How Long Renting: 6 months+  
 Duration of Lease: 4yrs 9mths Expires: 11/07/2008  
 Area Sq Ft: 1,420  
 Total cost per annum: €37,140.00

**6) 70 South Mall - 6th Floor**

Rent Payable To Hamilton Osborne King, South Mall, Cork  
 Occupied By RAPID office accommodation  
 Date Letting Commenced: 05/11/2001  
 How Long Renting: 3 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 4yrs 11mths Expires: 04/10/2006  
 Area Sq Ft: 940  
 Total cost per annum: €17,731.12

**7) 89/90 South Mall - Second Floor Suite**

Rent Payable To Lisney Ltd, Property Management  
 Occupied By Finance Directorate  
 Date Letting Commenced: 26/10/2001  
 How Long Renting: 3 years+  
 Duration of Lease: residue 14 yr lease Expires: 25/10/2015  
 Area Sq Ft: 2,564  
 Total cost per annum: €42,981.16

**8) 89-90 South Mall - Second Floor**

Rent Payable To Fujitsu Services, Leopardstown, Dublin  
 Occupied By Community & Enterprise Directorate  
 Date Letting Commenced: 10/02/1999  
 How Long Renting: 6 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 3yrs Under Negotiation  
 Area Sq Ft: 2,665  
 Total cost per annum: €31,108.00

**9) 89/90 South Mall - Third Floor Front**

Rent Payable To Nolan Ryan Partnership, 89-90 South Mall  
 Occupied By Environment Directorate  
 Date Letting Commenced: 01/01/2002  
 How Long Renting: 3 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 4yrs 9mths Expires: 30/09/2006  
 Area Sq Ft: 1,000  
 Total cost per annum: €19,734.00

**10) 89-90 South Mall - Third Floor**

Rent Payable To IAWS Plc., Thomas Street, Dublin

Occupied By Traffic, Environment, Property Departments  
 Date Letting Commenced: 01/04/1998  
 How Long Renting: 7 years  
 Duration of Lease: 3 years, renewed twice Expires: 01/08/2007  
 Area Sq Ft: 5,320  
 Total cost per annum: €1,236.00

### **11) Abbeycourt House**

Rent Payable To Lisney Ltd, Property Management  
 Occupied By Recreation Amenity and Culture Directorate  
 Date Letting Commenced: 01/01/1978  
 How Long Renting: 27 years  
 Duration of Lease: 35 years Expires: 31/12/2013  
 Area Sq Ft: 6,533  
 Total cost per annum: €170,840.00

### **12) Centre at Brocklesby Street, Blackpool**

Rent Payable To Owen Cafferkey Ltd., 31 Commons Road  
 Occupied By Relocation of St Finbarrs Training Centre from Watercourse Road  
 Industrial Estate due to roadworks, Cork City Council responsible for payment of rental on  
 this property  
 Date Letting Commenced: 31/07/1996  
 How Long Renting: 8 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 35yrs Expires: 30/07/2031  
 Area Sq Ft: 6200  
 Total cost per annum: €46,980.00

### **13) Douglas Branch Library, Unit 29, Douglas Shopping Centre**

Rent Payable To Canmount Ltd., c/o Mall Management  
 Occupied By Library  
 Date Letting Commenced: 01/11/1994  
 How Long Renting: 10 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 25 years Expires: 31/10/2019  
 Area Sq Ft: 4050  
 Total cost per annum: €145,510.32

### **14) Hollyhill Library**

Rent Payable To Haleridge Investments Ltd., 6 Georges Quay  
 Occupied By Library  
 Date Letting Commenced: 01/10/1997  
 How Long Renting: 7 years+  
 Duration of Lease: 21 years Expires: 31/10/2018  
 Area Sq Ft 1500  
 Total cost per annum: €2,822.36

### **15) Yard, Ballinlough Road**

Rent Payable To John Keane & Son Ltd, c/o Property Team, 49 Grand Parade  
 Occupied By Roads Department - depot  
 Date Letting Commenced: 01/03/2005

How Long Renting: 1 month+  
 Duration of Lease: 4yrs 11mths Expires: 01/02/2009  
 Area Sq Ft: 15,000  
 Total cost per annum: €27,500.00

All properties being rented or leased by Cork City Council are in use.

4.2 **INSTALLATION OF DISC PARKING ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS CLOSEST TO CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields, a written reply was circulated which stated that the current disc parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme is still in progress. The scheme involves extending the parking zone by approximately 66% and it is planned to have it completed later on this summer.

A new DPZ extension scheme will then be put forward to Council for approval, after necessary consultations with the Gardaí, etc. Summerstown Estate is outside the current DPZ extension scheme and therefore it is not possible to install parking controls in the area at this time. However the area will be put forward for consideration to be included in the new zone extension scheme.

4.3 **MARDYKE PROPOSED AS THE ROUTE OF THE WALKWAY FROM THE DISTILLERY FIELD TO THE LEE FIELDS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Colm Burke, a written reply was circulated which stated that Mardyke Walk is included in the 2005 Resurfacing Contracts for which tenders were recently received. Any necessary footpath renewals are already included in the Contract. Contractors will shortly be appointed and will be required to submit their programme of works. It is envisaged that the resurfacing and footpath renewal work will be timed for later in the contract, possibly in the Autumn because it involves advance road drainage works to be carried out.

4.4 **PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE WHEN ORGANISING GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tom O'Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that a private housing estate for grass cutting purposes is an estate that is built by a private developer and the open space areas remain in the ownership of the developer.

4.5 **MAINTENANCE OF THE REPUBLICAN PLOT IN ST. FINBARR'S CEMETERY**

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

- (a) The Republican Plot is maintained by the Republican movement.
- (b) Whilst St. Finbarr's Cemetery is maintained to a high standard by the Council, as stated above responsibility for maintenance for the plot in question lies with the Republican
- (c) movement. The grave stones are in reasonable condition, but there is a problem with plaques to former Lord Mayors McSwiney and MacCurtain which are made of brass which suffers from oxidisation, and which are set on concrete slabs which have become

discoloured over time. In particular for these headstones, the Council would welcome the opportunity to explore the possibility of erecting new plaques etc. and will follow this through in the coming weeks.

#### 4.6 **BUS EIREANN'S USE OF A PORTABLE CABIN ON ST. PATRICK STREET**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Ciarán Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the current structure being used by Bus Eireann on St. Patrick Street is a temporary measure.

We have been in discussions with Bus Eireann in relation to the provision of a suitable structure to house their requirements, and discussions are at an advanced stage. It is hoped that agreement will be reached in the very near future in relation to the provision of this structure and it will then be put in place.

#### 4.7 **PROVISION OF HOUSING AT THE CAMP FIELD, MILITARY HILL, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD AND BOHERBOY ROAD, LOTABEG, MAYFIELD (EAST OF SCOIL MHUIRE BANRÍON GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL)**

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

- (a) The lands at Camp Field are in the ownership of the Department of Defence. Negotiations are ongoing with the Department in relation to the transfer of land to the City Council for housing purposes. Once these negotiations are satisfactorily concluded consultants will be appointed to advance the design of an appropriate housing scheme which will then be formally advertised under the Part 8 Planning Process.
- (b) Proposals for a design/build housing scheme are to be publicly advertised for the lands at Boherboy Road. An outline brief for the proposed housing scheme is currently being prepared and the advertisement will be placed within the next month. The lands are located in the County Council area and the proposed development will be subject to planning permission being obtained from the County Council.

#### 4.8 **NO.8 GREEN BUS ROUTE**

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

- (a) The bus lane adjacent to Cork University Hospital was closed to allow the kerb at the end of the bus lane to be realigned.
- (b) This kerb was revised, as requested by Bus Eireann, to improve the turning manoeuvre for the bus on to Wilton Road.
- (c) Due to programme restraints prior to the opening of the bus lane in December, the kerb was completed in a temporary location. An access chamber has been moved in this area to allow the kerb to be realigned. This realignment has improved the turning manoeuvre of the bus on to Wilton Road.
- (d) The bus lane was closed by the contractor to ensure that there was sufficient working space for this work to be carried out safely.
- (e) & (f) The cost of this work is included in the overall cost of the Curraheen Road to City Centre Green Route which is wholly funded by the Department of Transport.
- (g) The project is currently being snagged and minor works will be completed in this phase.

#### 4.9 **WOODLANDS, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that Woodlands Housing Estate, Middle Glanmire Road, was built by Mc Inerneys.

The bond was released as the development was considered satisfactory.

Subsequently some drainage problems were identified in Tivoli Estate, another Mc Inerney site, into which the Woodland sewers drain.

The developer has been asked to remedy these defects & discussions are ongoing to ensure that the necessary works are satisfactorily completed. Tivoli Estate is bonded adequately.

Once the outstanding issues relating to the drainage are satisfactorily resolved Woodlands Estate can be taken in charge in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act 1993

#### 4.10 **DOCKHILL CONSTRUCTION - EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT PENSION SCHEME**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mick Barry, a written reply was circulated which stated that the situation is being examined and will be reported to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

#### 4.11 **PRIVATE HOUSES PURCHASED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL SINCE 2001**

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

- (a) Cork City Council has completed the purchase of 259 houses between the period 01/01/01 to date.
- (b) One house, which is located at Assumption Road, which was purchased in late 2003 is vacant due to major contract works on the property. Tenders are now being invited in respect of these contract works with a view to having a contractor on site before the end of May. The property was purchased with a view to integrating the land adjoining the house with a proposed housing development on a City Council owned site. It is anticipated that Part 8 planning for this proposed housing scheme will be advertised shortly.

#### 4.12 **NUMBER AND NAMES OF OFFICIALS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED AND TOOK PART IN VISITS AND TRIPS, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Chris O'Leary, a written reply was circulated which stated that as previously indicated, the information sought is not readily available in the format requested. Compilation of the information requested has commenced.

Cork City Council pays the cost of travel and allowable subsistence in the case of approved journeys. Members conferences are approved in the normal course at Council Meetings.

With regard to third parties or bodies paying, sponsoring or hosting for any part of visits/trips it is the normal practice that sister/partners cities will host meals, entertainment etc. as part of the official itinerary.

The cost of such provision does not appear in our records. A reciprocal arrangement is provided by Cork City Council when hosting similar visits.

In addition, EU funded projects, which involve visits overseas, will result in Cork City Council reclaiming the costs incurred from the appropriate EU Directorate.

**(h) If yes to any of the above have these activities been declared under ethics?**

In relation to declaration under the Ethics provision of the Local Government Act 2001, no declaration of receipt of any gift in relation to these activities has been made. As outlined in the Ethics provisions only gifts exceeding the value of €634.87 during the appropriate period must be declared.

5. **ANNUAL MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer appointing of a day in May or June for the holding of the Annual Meeting, 2005, to the Party Whips.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005.

City Manager responded to questions raised by Members regarding the cost of refurbishment of Cork Circuit Courthouse.

6.2 **DISPOSAL OF SITES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That in the interest of good governance when Council is to exercise a reserved function in relation to the disposal of sites to developers that full and complete information including professional valuations would be given in writing to Councillors at least seven days in advance of meetings so that Councillors can make informed decisions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/106)

The report stated that in relation to any proposed disposal of land, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 a notice giving particulars of:-

- (i) the land
- (ii) the name of the person from whom such land was acquired, if this can be ascertained by reasonable inquiries,
- (iii) the person to whom the land is to be disposed of,
- (iv) the consideration proposed in respect of the disposal,
- (v) any covenants, conditions or agreements to have effect in connection with the disposal;



is circulated to all members of An Chomhairle 10 days before the meeting at which the particular disposal is to be considered.

In accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, and Article 206 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, where the land is being disposed of for less than the best consideration reasonably obtainable for economic or social reasons a separate additional report is provided to the members outlining the economic or social reasons why it is reasonable that the disposal be carried out.

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

### 7.1 **REPORT ON EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, DOUGLAS STREET TO PARKOWEN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services dated April, 2005 on proposal to extinguish the Right-of-Way from Parkowen to Douglas Street and on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle adopted the following resolution:-

**‘RESOLVED** that the Public Right-of-Way over the pedestrian laneway leading from Douglas Street to Parkowen running in a westerly direction for approximately 10 metres shall be extinguished forthwith.

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

The Report of the Director of Services stated that in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993, notice of intention to extinguish this Public Right-of-Way was advertised on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2005. Site Notices were also erected at the location.

The notice confirmed that a map showing the Public Right-of-Way to be extinguished was available for public inspection at Abbeycourt House until 11<sup>th</sup> February, and that objections or submissions could be made in writing to be received by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

It was now recommended to close the Public Right-of-Way. Two objections were received, one from a resident from Parkowen and another from a user of the lane. Both objected to the inconvenience that would be caused by having to use nearby Nicholas Street Hill rather than the current passageway.

### 7.2 **CEILÍS AT THE LOUGH**

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

‘That this Council recognises the excellent work being done on a voluntary basis by the group that organises the open air “ceili’s” at the Lough and that this council also recognises that such “ceili’s” are very suitable for the area and are a very positive representation of our culture.

That this Council will undertake a study to determine what facilities are needed by the organisers of these “ceili’s” and what other facilities might be placed there to expand the range of activities and further enhance the amenity value of the Lough.

That following the study, a report be furnished to An Chomhairle in three months time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 05/16)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that a number of meetings were held in the past few weeks with Tony McCarthy, Organiser, with the aim of seeing if the present facilities could be improved, and what other support may be needed to encourage such like activities at the Lough.

The report stated that it has been agreed that the Council will lay a new concrete base for a performance area, where the Ceilís are presently held, construct a removable timber floor/stage to be placed over the base, provide new electric points at same, provide new amplifiers and widen area for audience.

In addition, the Council will look favourably to giving a small grant towards the cost of holding of the Ceilís, the Organiser presently operating on a shoe string budget.

The Council's Arts Officer is also to explore the possibility of holding other performances at the location with various arts groups.

### 7.3 **EXTRA BINS AROUND THE LOUGH**

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 05/89)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that extra bins had been installed at the Lough in recent weeks.

### 7.4 **WEED ERADICATION PROGRAMME – MURPHY'S FARM**

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

‘That Cork City Council would include Murphy's Farm in the weed eradication programme for 2005 and would immediately put in place a programme of works to enhance the walkways in Murphy's Farm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/93)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that weeds adjacent to footpaths, buildings etc., will be controlled as part of the annual weed control programme for Murphy's Farm and that a survey of the existing walkway is scheduled for early summer and any necessary remedial works will be included in the Parks Work Programme for 2005.

### 7.5 **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and agreed that the Whips would discuss the report of the Committee:-

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

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

## 7.6 **BISHOPSTOWN LEISUREWORLD BOARD**

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

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

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

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary the approval of the following amended motion:-

‘That the Bishopstown Leisureworld Board be no longer responsible for the management of the Sam Allen Sports Complex and the new Churchfield swimming pool but instead a new Leisureworld Board be set up to manage those complexes representative of Councillors from the North City Wards and 3 representatives from organisations in that area.’

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O’Brien, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary. (5)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (18)

Comhairleoir C. Clancy abstained.

An tArd-Mhéara declared the proposal defeated.

An Chomhairle then approved the Report of the Director of Services which stated that both the Bishopstown facility and the Sam Allen Sports Complex were being managed very successfully by Leisureworld at present and that it would not be deemed appropriate to alter the current successful structure as the experience gained in managing the Bishopstown Centre would be critical in managing the new €9m Churchfield facility.

## 7.7 **CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS IN BALLYVOLANE AREA**

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

‘That the City Manager instruct the Parks Department to submit a proposal to the City Council for the urgent provision of childrens’ play areas in the general Ballyvolane area, in the light of the fact that there are none here at present, despite the ongoing pressures from residents.

That the City Manager makes provision to finance those developments in this years budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 04/438)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that consultation with residents was on-going at present and that a further report would be brought before the Committee.

#### 7.8 **PRUNE TREES AT MACDERMOTT PLACE & IN THE SQUARE ON CONNOLLY RD**

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

‘That the trees at both MacDermott Place and in ‘The Square’ on upper Connolly Road be pruned as a matter of priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/55)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the trees would be pruned in the next four to six weeks.

#### 7.9 **MONUMENT IN ST. JOSEPHS CEMETERY**

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

‘That Cork City Council place a monument in St. Josephs Cemetery, Ballyphehane to commemorate the thousands of victims of the Great Famine who are buried in this cemetery.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 05/29)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the design, selection and costing of a suitable monument to commemorate the victims of the Great Famine buried at St. Joseph’s Cemetery is being carried out at present and depending on the cost involved, it may be possible to finance the monument from the 2005 budget, if not, it will be included in the 2006 Draft Estimates for consideration.

#### 7.10 **ST. PATRICK’S WEEKEND FESTIVAL**

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

‘That Cork City Council take steps to ensure that the standard of the highly successful 2005 St. Patrick’s Weekend Festival is maintained in future years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 05/134)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is working with Cork St. Patrick's Festival Committee to develop a business plan to ensure the sustainable, ongoing development of this important event and that a further report would be brought before Council.

#### 7.11 **AREA FOR RECREATIONAL & AMENITY PURPOSES FOR MIDDLE PARISH**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and also agreed that further consultation should be held with local residents:-

‘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 a number of meetings had been held with the Middle Parish Community Association in recent weeks to establish recreational and amenity needs for the area, the priority being childrens needs. The report gave a population profile of the parish, showing a very small number of children in the area, there being 123 under the age of 18.

The report made a number of recommendations in relation to improving the present community centre to cater for recreational needs, possible support structures to be put in place to improve usage of the Centre by young people, the issue of access to local schools, and the re-opening of St. Peter's Graveyard.

### 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 8.1 **BOUNDARY EXTENSION**

Members discussed correspondence received from office of Minister of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in response to the motion regarding extension of City Boundary.

An Chomhairle agreed that an extension to the City boundary would be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Committee and that the City Manager would prepare a report for An Chomhairle.

An Chomhairle noted verbal Report from City Manager that an official delegation from Shanghai would visit Cork from 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 to sign formal Twinning Agreement between Cork and Shanghai.

An Chomhairle noted the remaining correspondence.

### 9. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences:-

#### 9.1 **THE DUHALLOW CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Duhallow Conference on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005 in the Duhallow Park Hotel, Killarney Road, Kanturk, Co. Cork.

## 9.2 **LAMA CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the LAMA Conference on the 31<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.

## 9.3 **THE LOCAL HOUSING SERVICE – TRAINING SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Local Housing Service – Training Seminar for Councillors on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2005 in the Commercial and Tourist Hotel, High Street, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.

## 9.4 **NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the National Housing Conference on the 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 in the City Hall, Cork.

## 9.5 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the Environmental Conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 at the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise.

## 9.6 **DESIGNING AND FACILITATING PRE-TENANCY TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Designing and Facilitating Pre-Tenancy Training on the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at the Raddison Hotel, Limerick.

## 9.7 **THE POTENTIAL FOR SPORT IN MODERN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Potential for Sport in Modern Ireland Conference on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

## 10. **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2005**

### 10.1 **STATE PENSIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Minister Seamus Brennan to insist that officials in his department continue to facilitate Pensioners who wish to receive their State Pensions through their local Post Office.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/130)

### 10.2 **COCA COLA CORPORATION**

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary the approval of the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council notes with concern the grave allegations levelled against the Coca Cola Corporation by Colombian Trade Unionists. Heedful of the appeal made by these trade unionists for an international boycott of this company and their products Cork City Council agrees to discontinue Coca Cola promotions and advertising on its property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 05/151)

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch. (7)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern. (10)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the proposal defeated.

## 11. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant committees:-

### 11.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES- LOUGH VIEW TERRACE**

‘That Lough View Terrace be considered for Traffic Calming Measures in the 2005 Traffic Calming Programme.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/299)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

### 11.2 **INSTALL GULLIES ON JOE MURPHY ROAD**

‘That additional gullies be installed adjacent to 37/41 and 47/41 Joe Murphy Road as there is only one gully here and the area has experienced sever ponding in the past.’

(Proposer: An tArd-Mhéara S. Martin 04/300)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

### 11.3 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

‘Because they provide cover for anti-social behaviour and the dumping of rubbish, that the shrubs and bushes on the East side of the North Ring Road, between Silverheights Road and Silverheights Drive, Mayfield, be trimmed, cut back or removed completely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/109)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee  
&  
Environment Functional Committee**

#### 11.4 **TREE PRUNING AT TOWNSEND PLACE**

‘That the trees in the southern area of Townsend Place in Greenmount be pruned as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/122)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

#### 11.5 **CYCLE LANE ON DEERPARK ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put a cycle lane on Deerpark Road. This is a connecting route for both the Greenmount and Deerpark schools and is travelled daily by the many students who cycle to school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 05/123)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.6 **MOBILE PHONES MASTS**

‘That Cork City Council places an moratorium on all planning decisions regarding mobile phone masts until a review is carried out on the number and type of installations currently installed in Cork City and their compliance with all health, safety & planning regulations be verified.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’ Leary 05/133)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**

#### 11.7 **RAILWAY BRIDGE ON DUBLIN HILL**

‘In view of the numerous and frequent incidents involving lorries at the railway bridge on Dublin Hill where lorries are either stuck or cause traffic jams because they cannot pass under the bridge, that Cork City Council would undertake negotiations with Iarnrod Eireann with a view to either raising the bridge or dropping the level of the road in order to eliminate this serious problem for the residents of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 05/140)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.8 **WARNING SIGNS AT THE TOP OF DUBLIN HILL**

‘That warning signs be located in Blackpool and at the top of Dublin Hill informing motorists, especially lorry drivers, about the low level bridge on Dublin Hill in order to avoid incidents where lorries either get stuck under the bridge or have to reverse because they cannot pass under the bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 05/141)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



#### 11.9 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE TOGHER ROAD**

‘That, because of speed of traffic and the danger evidenced by a previous fatality, a controlled pedestrian crossing be placed on the Togher Road at the junction of Sycamore Place and Edward Walsh Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 05/142)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.10 **BRING SITES**

‘That, in order to facilitate the general public, all existing Bring Sites be retained in operation, and that the possibility of establishing new ones at various locations be favourably considered.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 05/145)

#### **Environment Functional Committee**

#### 11.11 **PROVIDE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT 56 GLENAMOY LAWN**

‘That the Council would provide additional public lighting in the environs of 56 Glenamoy Lawn where a pool of darkness exists between poles and accordingly a danger to public safety results. An additional pole is needed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 05/147)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.12 **OPERATIVES PENSION SCHEME**

‘That this City Council ensure that all successful tenders are given to companies whose workforce are registered in the Operatives Pension Scheme, also that companies who sub-contract out tenders must ensure that the workforce of the sub-contractor are registered in the Operatives Pension Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. J. O’Brien & A. Spillane 05/148)

#### **Corporate Policy Group**

#### 11.13 **AMENDMENT TO CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005- 2009**

‘That this Council agree, that the Cork City Development Plan 2005 – 2009 be amended in order that the green area between Lake Lawn, and ArdMahon Estate, Well Road, which includes the green open spaces the Park and the Palm trees be placed on the list of areas designated as green and recreational.

Thus insuring that this important local amenity is preserved for the enjoyment and recreation of the local residents, who have used it on a daily basis for over 50 years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 04/149)

#### **Planning & Development Functional Committee**

#### 11.14 **DEPORT GUL FAMILY**

‘Cork City Council states its total opposition to any attempt to deport the Gul Family who currently reside at Glounthaune, Co. Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 05/152)

**Refer to next meeting of An Chomhairle**

#### 11.15 **MOBILE PHONE CHARGES**

‘That Cork City Council calls for the establishment of a reciprocal arrangement for mobile phone charges between EU Member States, in particular on the issue of roaming costs between mobile phone markets.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/154)

**Refer to next meeting of An Chomhairle**

#### 11.16 **REVAMP & IMPROVE THE ROUNDABOUT AT WILTON ROAD & SARSFIELD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place a programme of work to revamp and improve the Roundabouts at Wilton Road and Sarsfield Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/155)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.17 **YELLOW BOX AT ENTRANCE TO COURTLANDS**

‘That Cork City Council arrange for a “yellow box” to be painted at the entrance to Courtlands to facilitate residents entering and exiting the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/156)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.18 **REFUSE COLLECTION AT HOUSING ESTATE AT ASHMOUNT, LOTABEG**

‘That Cork City Council extend its refuse collection and recycling service to the new housing estate at Ashmount, Lotabeg immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 05/157)

**Environment Functional Committee**

#### 11.19 **MILITARY GRAVE YARD OF ASSUMPTION ROAD**

‘That the development of the Military Grave Yard Assumption Road as a Recreation, Amenity Area be prioritised to take place in conjunction with the new housing developments for the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/158)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

#### 11.20 **LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF ASSUMPTION ROAD**

‘That the land at the Junction of Assumption Road/Farranclery be prioritised for Housing as the dereliction of the site is a great concern to the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/159)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

#### 11.21 **REMEDIAL WORKS ON TOGHER ROAD**

"That in the interest of public safety and better movement of traffic, a number of remedial works be carried out on Togher Road at the following three junctions:

- (a) Junction with Vicar's Road, that the two pedestrian islands on the Northern side be cut back slightly so as to allow space for a left filter lane into Vicar's Road, thereby eliminating the impediment to traffic driving towards the City.
- (b) That similar action be taken at the junction with Pearse Road, so as to provide the same result.
- (c) At the junction with Ardmanning Avenue, that the safety of pedestrians be catered for by the provision of a pedestrian crossing.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/161)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 11.22 **FLATS COMPLEX AT CHERRYTREE RD BE UPGRADED**

“That the flats complex at Cherrytree Road receive the same upgrade, ie., painting of exterior and fencing/securing of rear gardens, as the flats at Maple Place and Togher Road”

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 05/162)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

### 11.23 **DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR CORK AIRPORT**

‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure that the development costs for Cork airport are borne by the Dublin Airport Authority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 05/164)

**Refer to next meeting of An Chomhairle**

### 11.24 **MELBOURNE ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN – PREVENT INDISCRIMINATE PARKING & PROVIDE SAFETY**

‘That to prevent indiscriminate parking and to provide safety, Cork City Council raise the kerb at the lower end of Melbourne Road, Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham 05/165)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

### 11.25 **REGISTERED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

‘Cork City Council resolves to organise henceforth a twice-yearly check of sub-contractors on Cork City Council contracts to ensure 100% compliance with the Registered Employment Agreement.

Council also resolves, to fully investigate any report of non-compliance made in between the twice-yearly check, by any registered trade union.

Council finally resolves that contractors who sub-contract on Cork City Council contracts to firms not in REA compliance shall be stopped from being awarded Cork City Council contracts for a period of no less than 5 years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 05/153)

**Corporate Policy Group**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**