

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 26th November, 2007 at 4.00 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

IN THE CHAIR : Cllr. G. Fahy, Mayor

COUNCILLORS : M. Hourigan, K. Leddin, J. Cronin, K. Kiely, J. Ryan, J. Gilligan, K. O’Hanlon, K. Walsh, G. McLoughlin, D. Scully, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne, J. Leddin and J. Long

STAFF : Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager
Mr. K. Lehane, Director of Service
Ms. C. Curley, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service
Mr. J. Field, Head of Finance
Mr. K. Reeves, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. G. Dillon, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. D. Crowe, Administrative Officer
Ms. E. Creamer, Staff Officer

Prior to the business proper of the Meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy welcomed Cllr. Ryan back to the Council Chamber and wished him continued progress on his road to recovery.

All Members associated with the best wishes to Cllr. Ryan.

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of City Council, also wished to be associated with the best wishes to Cllr. Ryan.

1. MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin, it was unanimously agreed :

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 22nd October, 2007, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

2. REPORT, SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2007

The Chairman's Report, Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 5th November, 2007, was noted.

Cllr. Byrne referred to the flats in Hyde Road and asked that a meeting be convened between Ward Members, representatives of the residents, the Mayor and Director of Service (Housing) to discuss the rehousing of the residents in the flats.

Cllrs. J. Leddin, Long and Kennedy reiterated what Cllr. Byrne said adding that the boarded up houses nearby are attracting rubbish and rodents. They welcomed the door to door visits by the staff of the Housing Department today and also the letter forwarded to the residents, however, pointed out that the residents want security of tenure and asked that they be transferred in the immediate future.

In reply, the Director of Service (Housing) pointed out that two officials from the Housing Department went out this morning to meet the residents involved and a letter has gone out to them also today. He indicated that he is amenable to have a meeting with the Ward Members and residents representatives. He concurred with the view of the members in relation to the flats.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy and members welcomed the residents of the flats in Hyde Road to the meeting and pointed out that they appreciated their concerns and lent their support to the rehousing. The Mayor informed the residents that the Ward Councillors will be in touch with them.

It was therefore agreed that a meeting take place between the Ward Four Councillors, a representative of the residents, the Mayor and Director of Service (Housing) to discuss the rehousing of the residents in the flats in Hyde Road.

Cllr. McLoughlin expressed concern that residents and Community and Voluntary Organisations in St. Mary's Park felt they were not adequately consulted in relation to the Regeneration Project. There is a lot of confusion and concern in the area as a result.

Cllrs. Walsh, O'Hanlon, Gilligan and J. Leddin supported Cllr. McLoughlin.

In reply, the City Manager stated that it is important that there is no apprehension in relation to the Regeneration Project for St. Mary's Park. Consultants were appointed to examine the area and came up with a vision. This involved extensive consultation to draw up a draft plan and more extensive consultation will then take place. The proposals for the area are very interesting and innovative. When the overall plan has been decided then genuine requirements and funding will be looked at and there will be lots of opportunities at that stage for consultations. He stressed the importance and urgency of submitting a Draft Plan to the Department in order to secure funding. Every effort is also being made to get the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government involved in consultation. He added that a meeting can be arranged with the organisers of the Creche. The same applies to the Community Centre for the area.

It was agreed that a meeting be convened between Ward Two Councillors, Housing Officials and Regeneration Officers to discuss the overall Regeneration Project for St. Mary's Park.

Cllr. O'Hanlon referred to the Wethouse in St. John's Square and enquired if any progress has been made in moving it to a more suitable location and was informed by the Director of Service (Housing) that he is trying to identify a solution and find an alternative site.

In reply to Cllr. J. Leddin, the Director of Service (Housing) stated that a much larger capital allocation is being sought for 2008 but the allocation is dependent on a number of things. Limerick as a housing authority has been under capitalised for a number of years. Limerick City Council is trying to obtain as much funding as possible for next year and once confirmation has been received of same the elected members will be informed.

3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER, 2007

The Chairman's Report, Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th November, 2007 was noted.

Cllr. Houlihan pointed out that there was an error in the Chairman's Report. Recommendations 2 and 3 were deferred and should not have been forwarded to the Monthly Meeting as recommendations.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and unanimously agreed to approve the following Recommendation from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th November, 2007 :

1. Notice of Motion – 3(a)

“Recognising that many low points in relation to the water supplies and pressure have recently arisen in Limerick City causing much concern to many domestic and industrial consumers, that Limerick City Council take immediate measures and embark upon a comprehensive programme to deal with the present and future needs of residential and business consumers in relation to such matters as :

- (i) Adequacy of water supplies;
- (ii) Water pressure;
- (iii) Water storage capacity;
- (iv) Upgrading of Water Treatment Plant at Clareville;
- (v) Water Conservation;
- (vi) Replacement of lead pipes;
- (vii) Other such matters;

And that the Executive furnish a full Report and Recommendations”.

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

The Report of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure dated 25th October, 2007 was unanimously approved.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and unanimously agreed to approve the following Recommendation from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th November, 2007 :

4. Notice of Motion – 3(d)

“That Limerick City Council finish outstanding works within private housing estates that have not been completed by developers as part of their planning permission and fund such works through the bonds held by the City Council when planning permission was originally granted”.

Signed : Cllr. Joe Leddin

The Report of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure dated 1st November, 2007 was unanimously approved.

Cllr. Long referred to the replacement of lead pipes in former local authority houses which are now in private ownership and said the City Council should fund such replacements.

In reply, the Director of Service (Transportation and Infrastructure) stated that there is no source of funding provided for the replacement of lead pipes and added that constant representations are being made to the Department on the matter.

Cllrs. Cronin and K. Leddin asked that a list of estates taken in charge by Limerick City Council be circulated to members.

Cllr. Hourigan expressed concern at large developments of apartments taking place throughout the city and the effect it is having on the water pressure. He suggested that an audit of the water pressure be carried out to ensure it is not affected by such developments.

The Director of Service (Transportation and Infrastructure) assured Cllr. Hourigan that the large number of apartment developments taking place throughout the city have no major effect on the water pressure.

In reply to Cllr. Hourigan, the Director stated that the Delivery Strategy is due to be finalised in May 2009. Ongoing consultations are taking place with the traders on the Strategy and a meeting can be organised with members to discuss same if they so wish.

Cllr. Hourigan stated that parking on green areas should be stopped as the green areas are being destroyed and is frustrating for residents. In his opinion, people should be allowed to park in loading bays over the Christmas period. He asked for a report on the Traffic Management Plan for the northside of the city and in particular the North Circular Road.

The Director informed Cllr. Hourigan that there is no mechanism to allow parking in loading bays, however, agreed to examine the mechanism that operated in the past.

Cllr. K. Leddin agreed with Cllr. Hourigan regarding parking on green areas especially around the Gaelic Grounds when matches are being held there. She suggested that the G.A.A. be approached regarding this. She asked that consideration be given to the installation of flashing warning signs on the approach roads to the city informing motorists about traffic congestion due to matches being held in the Gaelic Grounds.

The Director stated that he would discuss with the Gardai the possibility of installing flashing warning signs on the approach roads regarding traffic congestion.

The Director of Service (Transportation and Infrastructure) agreed to revert back to Cllr. K. Walsh regarding residents parking in Sir Harry's Mall.

Cllr. Wallace asked that the road in Norwood Park be resurfaced and also that the broken lights in Glasgow Park be replaced. She expressed concern at flooding on the Childers Road and asked for a progress report on the exit from Glasgow Park onto the Roxboro Road.

The Director agreed to examine the resurfacing of Norwood Park and also the broken lights in Glasgow Park.

4. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2007

The Chairman's Report, Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th November, 2007 was noted.

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and unanimously agreed to approve the following Recommendation from the Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th November, 2007 :

- (a) "That the Staff of the City Council meet with representatives of the Heritage Policy and Architectural Protection Section of the DOEHLG prior to making any final recommendation on incorporating buildings from the NIAH in the RPS".

The following Recommendation was then submitted :

- (b) Notice of Motion

"That Limerick City Council as a matter of extreme urgency formulate an Action Area Plan for the improvement and enhancement of the central and specially important area of Limerick City comprising the Carey's Road/Hyde Road/Bourke Avenue/Lord Edward Street general area, with the fullest consultation with the local residents and other interests".

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

The Head of Finance stated that these areas are dealt with in the Draft City Centre Strategy. He clarified that the Draft City Centre Strategy was a Framework Document not a Local Area Plan. He said Local Area Plans were used mostly in rural areas. In the more confined area of a city, City Framework Documents, in his opinion, were preferable as they can be prepared much more quickly and cheaply.

Cllr. Kennedy indicated that he discussed this with Department Officials and Planning Consultants. This City Council has never discussed Local Area Plans in any detail. Local Area Plans were given extra value in Planning and Development Act 2000 and he disagreed that these Plans were used mostly in rural areas. They can be done at any time and for any area. He proposed the adoption of his Notice of Motion.

Cllr. Gilligan seconded his proposal.

The City Manager pointed out that Local Area Plans involve going through a statutory process. He cautioned the Elected Members about doing a Local Area Plan for one area as other areas will then request such Plans. It is a very cumbersome legalistic procedure. The making of Local Area Plans is not the most effective use of the City Council's resources and he urged Councillors to listen to the Planning Department and prepare Framework Plans instead of a Local Area Plan. He indicated that due to the statutory consultation process, it would take longer and cost more to prepare a Local Area Plan. He advised that he believed the intention of the motion would be better achieved by the preparation of a Framework Plan.

As all members were not in agreement, a Roll Call Vote was held which resulted as follows :

FOR CLLR KENNEDY'S NOTICE OF MOTION

Cllr. K. Leddin, Cllr. K. Kiely, Cllr. J. Gilligan, Cllr. D. Scully, Cllr. L. Wallace, Cllr. P. Kennedy,
Cllr. M. Byrne, Cllr. J. Leddin and Cllr. J. Long (9)

AGAINST CLLR KENNEDY'S NOTICE OF MOTION

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Fahy, Cllr. M. Hourigan, Cllr. J. Cronin, Cllr. J. Ryan, Cllr. K.
O'Hanlon, Cllr. K. Walsh, Cllr. G. McLoughlin and Cllr. J. Houlihan (8)

As a result of the Roll Call Vote the following recommendation was agreed in the form submitted by Cllr. Kennedy i.e. that the City Council commence the preparation of a Local Area Plan rather than a Framework Document .

(b) Notice of Motion

“That Limerick City Council as a matter of extreme urgency formulate an Action Area Plan for the improvement and enhancement of the central and specially important area of Limerick City comprising the Carey's Road/Hyde Road/Bourke Avenue/Lord Edward Street general area, with the fullest consultation with the local residents and other interests”.

Signed : Cllr. P. Kennedy

Submitted the following Recommendation from the Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th November, 2007 :

(c) Notice of Motion

“That Limerick City Council as a matter of extreme urgency

- (i) formulates an updated and effective plan to promote and encourage the conservation, retention and preservation of areas, structures and precincts of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, situated within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)
- (ii) makes application to the Minister for the Environment under Section 80 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 for an appropriate level of grant aid to defray expenses and to assist persons carrying out works to protected structures.

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and unanimously agreed to approve Report of the Director of Service dated 7th November, 2007.

Cllr. O'Hanlon referred to an article in last Friday's Limerick Leader and also to representations he received in respect of the removal of trees from Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. He pointed out that these were removed because they attracted undesirable people to the area who could molest or rob people visiting graves there. Also people were concerned that the trees would fall and damage the headstones. He welcomed the removal of such trees and added that it is hoped to put in a few small decorative trees at a later date.

Cllr. Cronin voiced his opposition to proposed development at Cleeves Bank and said the remaining green areas in the city should be preserved and maintained. He would welcome a positive plan from the LPYMA.

Cllr. Kennedy pointed out that Limerick is the first city to lead conservation and preservation. He suggested communicating with the Minister regarding the City Council's plans for conservation in the city. He expressed concern at the deteriorating condition of Boru House in Mulgrave Street and asked that it be examined without delay.

The Head of Finance agreed to examine Boru House and report back to Cllr. Kennedy on the matter.

In reply to Cllr. Hourigan, the City Manager stated that the City Council have made an agreement to purchase the Belltable, however, as part of the agreement, no work will commence there until Sarsfield Credit Union have an alternative location to go to.

Cllr. Byrne pointed out that there is no sign post for the Belltable in the city centre and asked that this matter be addressed without delay.

The City Manager informed members that, in the context of the City Centre Strategy Plan, the Council will be involved in purchasing properties, however, it cannot publicise such purchases beforehand as it could jeopardise the sales. He pointed out that the City Council has an interest at present in a particular site in Parnell Street but it has not come to fruition yet. He agreed to keep members informed on the matter.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted copy of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Submission on Local Government Reform which has been submitted to the Consultative Committee currently sitting, whose remit is to advise the Minister on the forthcoming Green Paper. The Association asked that after the City Council discuss the submission that the Elected Members who support this would sign a sheet of Limerick City Council's headed notepaper indicating their support and return to the Association.

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Kiely and unanimously agreed to support the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Submission on Local Government Reform.

Submitted list of Tenders opened in respect of the following :

Network Services
Fuel / Oil Requirements 2008

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Submitted Financial Statement for the month of October, 2007 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan.

7. TO FIX DATE FOR BUDGET MEETING

Cllr. Cronin indicated that the Fianna Fail Party were not consulted in relation to the forthcoming budget as they are not represented at Corporate Policy Group Meetings and hence would be opposed to fixing a date for the Budget Meeting without having discussions first.

Cllr. Gilligan supported Cllr. Cronin indicating that the Independents were not consulted either regarding the budget .

The City Manager stated that there is a statutory obligation on the Elected Members to adopt the Budget and fixing a date for a Budget Meeting is entirely their decision. He pointed out that the Draft Budget would be ready by 11th December and as Members have to receive the Draft Budget seven days before the meeting the suggested date for the Budget Meeting is 18th December. Members have until the 15th January 2008 to hold the Statutory Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin and unanimously agreed that the Mayor, Party Leaders, City Manager and Directors of Service meet to discuss issues of concern and that the date for the Budget Meeting be agreed at either a Special Meeting of Limerick City Council or the December Monthly City Council Meeting scheduled to take place on 17th December, 2007.

STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders for fifteen minutes.

8. BORROWING BY WAY OF OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 08

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to authorise the borrowing by way of overdraft for half year ended 30th June, 2008. It is estimated that the Council's overdraft requirement during the half year from 1st January, 2008 to 30th June, 2008 will not exceed €32,000,000.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Local Government Auditor's Report on Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2006 was noted.

Cllr. Scully welcomed the excellent improved financial position and complimented the Head of Finance and other relevant staff for turning around the City Council's finances. He enquired what the €13m overdraft was made up of.

In reply, the Head of Finance stated that this primarily relates to the capital account and the bulk of this money has yet to be drawn down from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It is expected to receive significant cash from the Department before the end of the year.

Cllr. J. Leddin also paid tribute to the Management Team on the improved financial situation. He referred to refundable deposits and bonds and suggested that this money be used to completing estates which have been left unfinished by developers. He asked if the demolished local authority houses have been reflected in our Register of Fixed Assets.

In reply, the Head of Finance stated that he has written to the people involved regarding refundable deposits and bonds and the matter will be dealt with as part of the taking in charge process. He assured Cllr. J. Leddin that the City Council's fixed assets have been reduced to reflect the demolished houses.

10. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin and unanimously agreed to approve participation by members at the following conferences :

Pathfinding Conference – A Journey of Remembering “An Island of Ireland Local Government Partnership”

To be held in The Regency Hotel, Swords Road, Dublin

1st December, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €465.14

Conference Fee : €150.00

2007 Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM and 9th Irish and UK Local Authorities Standing Conference on Nuclear Hazards “Nuclear Prospects: Europe and the UK”

To be held in City Hall, Dublin and The Central Hotel, Dublin

6th and 7th December, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €465.14

Conference Fee : €220.00

2nd Neil T. Blaney Winter School : “Ireland's Future in Europe”

To be held in The Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

30th November, 2007 – 1st December, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €685.94

Conference Fee : €100.00

11. LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION TO THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin and unanimously agreed to approve Limerick City Council's Submission to the Boundary Committee established by the Minister to address Limerick City /Moyross Boundary Area.

12. INTERIM REPORT OF THE LIMERICK DOCKLANDS CONSULTATIVE FORUM

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin and unanimously agreed to approve the Interim Report of the Limerick Docklands Consultative Forum.

13. LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Limerick City Council's Draft Disability Implementation Plan was noted.

Cllr. Kennedy acknowledged the improvements made regarding disability as per the Plan. However, asked for a report on another aspect of disability – deafness, and how it can be incorporated into the Disability Implementation Plan.

The Director of Service (Social Policy and Housing) indicated that he will take Cllr. Kennedy's request back to the Official dealing with the Plan.

STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were suspended for fifteen minutes on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Cronin.

14. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS

The Meeting noted the list of planning proposals under consideration at 16th November, 2007 and Decisions taken from 15th October, 2007 to 16th November, 2007.

Cllr. Wallace referred to C07/6 fire safety upgrading works to party and external walls together with ancillary site development works at 1 – 110 Glasgow Park and expressed concern at the delay in this refurbishment.

In reply, the Senior Executive Planner stated that the Director of Services' Report on Part 8 for this development will be submitted to the December City Council Meeting.

In reply to Cllr. Cronin, the Senior Executive Planner indicated that additional details were requested on 19th September, 2007 but to date have not been submitted in respect of 06/213 – Demolition of Strandville, Roseville and Curragour House and construction of apartments at Clancy Strand, Limerick.

Cllr. Cronin was informed that planning permission had been refused in respect of proposed take away at 1, Shelbourne Terrace and subsequently granted by An Bord Pleanala.

Cllr. J. Leddin expressed concern at a derelict site in Carr Street adjacent to Watergate Flats which is a total eyesore. Work had commenced there but then stopped and now the hoarding surrounding the site is falling down.

The Senior Executive Planner agreed to inspect the site under the Derelict Sites Act and report back to Cllr. J. Leddin.

Cllr. Kiely asked that a Meeting be organised with the Ward Councillors and Residents regarding proposed development of a casino at 3, Treaty Terrace, Thomondgate.

At the request of Cllr. K. Leddin, the Senior Executive Planner agreed to examine an area at the side of public house in Market Place which is being used as a smoking area.

15. AN BORD PLEANALA

The Meeting noted the Decisions taken by An Bord Pleanala from 15th October, 2007 to 16th November, 2007.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council in conjunction with Limerick City Sports Partnership and the newly formed Southside Regeneration Committee formulate a comprehensive redevelopment plan for Caledonian Park so as to provide a modern sports facility and permanent home to both the soccer clubs using the park and local community”.

Signed : Cllr. Joe Leddin

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the relevant Area Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council Roads Department allocate the necessary resources so as to resurface the roads throughout Southville and Gurteen Gardens in the forthcoming 2008 roads budget programme”.

Signed : Cllr. Joe Leddin

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the relevant Area Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council as a matter of extreme urgency :

- (a) make arrangements for the provision of traffic lights at the Courtbrack Avenue/Dock Road junction to facilitate traffic circulation and easier access/exit at this junction;
- (b) take immediate measures to alleviate the problem of excessive speeding on Courtbrack Avenue, in the interests of residents, pedestrians and motorists;
- (c) provide appropriate and proper signage for Courtbrack Avenue and Ashbourne Park”.

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the relevant Area Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council as a matter of extreme urgency :

- (a) resurface the access road to Summerville Gardens, South Circular Road, which is in a very poor and deteriorating condition;
- (b) take immediate measures to alleviate the problems associated with the unlawful parking of vehicles by non-residents in residential parking spaces and on the footpath at Summerville Avenue, contrary to the Traffic Bye-Laws of Limerick City Council”.

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

20. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council call the new proposed entrance to The Peoples Park, The Pery Gateway”.
Signed : Cllr. Maria Byrne

21. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the relevant Area Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council replace the flagstones around trees with grills to alleviate the amount of uneven flagstones in the city which are causing accidents”.
Signed : Cllr. Maria Byrne

STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were suspended for five minutes on the proposition of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Cronin.

22. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the relevant Area Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council consider re-surfacing the North Circular Road and upgrading the footpaths”.
Signed : Cllr. Michael Hourigan

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Wallace expressed concern at some of the demolition proposed as part of the Regeneration Project and also at the fact that the City Council can acquire any property it wants under the Compulsory Purchase Order procedure.

In reply, the Director of Service (Social Policy and Housing) stated that it is not yet clear what will be demolished until a clear vision has been formed.

In reply to Cllr. Wallace, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy stated that a meeting is scheduled tomorrow with Mr. Brendan Kenny at which he will outline where St. Enda's Sports Complex stands in the context of the Regeneration Plan. He assured Cllr. Wallace that the Complex will not be closed until a replacement is up and running. He added that there will be a report on the matter submitted to City Council shortly. He pointed out that an application was made for a Sports Grant to the Department, however, it was refused.

Cllr. Byrne expressed concern at raised footpaths in O'Connell Avenue which causes a lot of people to fall and asked that they be examined. She also expressed concern at tunnel works adjacent to the Crescent Shopping Centre on the boundary with Limerick County Council in Ballinacurra which is causing a lot of dust and dirt in the area and asked that it be examined also.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

A TRUE RECORD

**T. MACKEY
CITY MANAGER**

CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2007

MAYOR OF LIMERICK