

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 26th May, 2008 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, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne, J. Leddin
And J. Long

STAFF : Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager
Mr. K. Lehane, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service
Mr. P. Murnane, Acting Head of Finance
Mr. R. Tobin, Senior Planner
Mr. G. Dillon, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. J. Ryan, Acting Senior Executive Officer
Ms. M. Hayes, Administrative Officer
Ms. D. Crowe, Administrative Officer
Ms. E. Creamer, Staff Officer

APOLOGIES : Cllr. J. Houlihan

Prior to the business proper of the Meeting His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the following on their recent bereavements :

Mr. Denis Leonard, Limerick Civic Trust, on the death of his brother, John.
The family of the late Patsy Keogh.
The family of the late Matt Simms.
The family of the late Phyllis O'Neill.
Mr. Paddy Kiely, on the death of his son, Nicholas.
The family of the late Kitty Day.

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of Limerick City Council, associated with the votes of sympathy.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy congratulated the Munster Rugby Team on winning the Heineken Cup for the second time. He also wished to congratulate all those involved in the organisation of the big screen on O'Connell Street on Saturday and the homecoming event on Sunday. He paid tribute to Mary Dundon, Limerick Co-Ordination Office, on her contribution to the weekend events and for the excellent job she has done in promoting Limerick. He wished her every success in her new career in University of Limerick and thanked her for her excellent and dedicated service to Limerick while working with the Co-Ordination Office over the last two years.

1. MINUTES

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

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 28th April, 2008, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

Cllr. Kennedy proposed that Item No. 11 of the Minutes be amended to incorporate the following :

“The City Manager stated that the important matter to be considered is the distinction between may and shall”.

Cllr. O'Hanlon proposed that Item No. 3 of the Minutes be amended to state that the Director of Service (Community and Enterprise) would investigate funding for the raising of the mounds surrounding the playing pitches in Garryowen and not incorporated in the Regeneration Scheme, as indicated in the Minutes.

The above amendments were unanimously agreed.

2. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY, 2008

The Chairman's Report, Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 6th May, 2008, was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendations from the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 6th May, 2008, which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan :

- (a) That the City Manager prepare a full report on all aspects of regeneration as it affects Limerick City.
- (b) That Regeneration be included on the Agenda for all future SPC Meetings and that all members of Limerick City Council be invited to attend for that item.
- (c) That the Chairman of the SPC, in consultation with the Mayor, be entitled to call a special meeting regarding regeneration at any time.

In reply to Cllr. J. Leddin, the Director of Service (Social Policy and Housing) stated that sites or monies are acceptable from Developers under Part V. Approximately €3.5m has been received to date and is available for the provision of social housing. This figure is accumulated over a number of years. He pointed out that the housing waiting list is quite large. He added that every Local Authority will be required to complete an Assessment of Need which will determine Government

funding. This year Limerick City Council got Government funding of €16m for house purchase/house building, €5m for travellers and €13m for Regeneration. He shared the members concerns that the funding is not adequate, however, added that this year's allocation was an increase in the previous year's allocation and he assured members that the officials will continue to seek extra Government funding. He stated that there is very little room left for more private housing, however, it is hoped that additional land will become available for house building due to the borough boundary extension.

Cllr. J. Leddin paid tribute to the staff in the Housing Department particularly those dealing with Disabled Persons Grant applications, however, this area of housing is not adequately staffed to process the large number of applications received and asked if there are any extra staff being allocated to this area. He also stated that the monies received from the Department for Disabled Persons Grants is not adequate and suggested that the City Council seek additional monies for such Grants. He also said the City Council should communicate more regularly with those people who have applied for Grants and process applications as soon as possible.

Cllrs. Long, Byrne, Scully, O'Hanlon, K. Leddin and His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy supported Cllr. J. Leddin.

In reply, the Director of Service (Social Policy and Housing) stated that he will discuss funding with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and assured members that Grant applications will be processed as quickly as possible.

In reply to Cllr. Long, he indicated that applications are prioritised on the most needy and assessed on a case by case basis.

Cllr. Byrne asked if there are any plans to extend the central heating programme and replacement of windows and doors programme and was informed by the Director that it is hoped to have works completed by October / November of this year, however, it will involve over expenditure in this area.

Cllr. K. Leddin expressed concern at the homeless unit in St. John's Square and was informed by the Director that a solution is presently being looked at and will revert to members on the matter in due course.

Cllr. O'Hanlon welcomed St. Mary's Regeneration and pointed out that it has given hope and encouragement to the people in the area.

3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH MAY 2008.

The Chairman's Report, Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th May, 2008, was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendations from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th May, 2008, which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kennedy , seconded by Cllr. Byrne :

- (1) Replacement of Lead Piping
That formal representations would be forwarded by Limerick City Council to Minister Gormley.
- (2) Draft Public Realm Design Guide
To put the Draft Public Realm Design Guide out for public consultation
- (3) Extinguishment of Public Right of Way
That the Public Right of Way over laneway off Patrick Street (Road Schedule Number 324) from entrance at northern side of No. 1 Patrick Street to end of cul-de-sac at rear of No. 5 Patrick Street and to end of cul-de-sac at rear of No. 8 Rutland Street – total length 107 metres; average width 4.2 metres be extinguished.

Submitted the following Recommendation from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th May, 2008 :

- (4) Notice of Motion
 - (a) “That Limerick City Council withdraws and deletes the proposals contained in the Green Routes Corridor Selection Report for the provision of Green Routes on Ballinacurra Road / O’Connell Avenue ; Mulgrave Street / Roches Street”.
Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

Notice of Motion

- (b) “That Limerick City Council comply with the procedural requirements under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 before it carries out any development in respect of the provision of green routes in any area of the City”.
Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

Cllr. Kennedy said the Chairman’s Report was inaccurate in recording what happened at the Meeting in relation to Notice of Motion 4(a) as it was not Cllr. Scully who seconded this Motion. Also, there was no decision made in relation to the Report of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure dated 1st May, 2008. It was unanimously agreed at the Meeting to refer the Notices of Motion to the May City Council Meeting and not to approve report of the Director. He now proposed the adoption of these Notices of Motion which were seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

The City Manager expressed regret at the error in the Chairman’s Report and accepted the amendment by Cllr. Kennedy. However, he expressed concern in relation to these Motions. There has been a lot of debate on this topic. He referred to the congestion in the city which will increase in time and acknowledged the concerns of the residents also in relation to the proposed Green Routes. However, a balanced approach is required. The City Council has to look at how to deal with congestion and also to provide a satisfactory public transport system. Consultations are ongoing in relation to bus routes and every effort is being made to find solutions to the concerns raised by members and residents. He stated that it would be premature at this stage to select and eliminate specific proposed bus routes and to wait until such time as the consultation process is complete.

The City Manager informed members that all gateway cities are being examined by the Department of Transport in relation to transport systems and investment and Limerick City Council has been asked to prepare a submission on how to tackle traffic congestion in the city. Other cities are ahead of Limerick and are in a better position to avail of funding. The Department asked what type of transport is being considered and suggested QBC's and the Manager suggested that it would be worthwhile for members to visit a city that has a good transport system to see it in operation. He again stressed these Notices of Motion are premature and recommended that members not adopt these motions.

Cllr. Kennedy accepted that it is the policy of Limerick City Council to have a proper transport system and alleviate congestion in the city and added that he was not against QBC's, however, it is the location of them that he is concerned with. He said he would agree with the City Manager if the Part 8 process was re-engaged with.

Cllr. Byrne agreed that bus corridors are required in the city but said it is the proposed locations of same that she is objecting to. She said alternative routes were suggested which, in her opinion, would be more satisfactory. She suggested that the Notice of Motions be deferred.

Cllr. Kennedy said he would agree with deferring the Notice of Motions provided the City Manager agreed not to do anything with the proposed routes without prior consultation with the Elected Members and that no action would be taken on the routes.

The City Manager pointed out that he was trying to protect the City Council from making exceptions at this early stage as this relates to only one area of the city. If individual routes are excluded now and then perhaps more routes in other areas then the City Council will have tied their hands in relation to the bigger picture. He stressed that the bigger picture must be considered and asked members to keep an open mind on the matter. He agreed to revert back to Elected Members before any construction work on green routes take place.

Cllr. Cronin asked if Condell Road and the Ennis Road are being looked at for bus routes. He pointed out that the railway lines around the city is an existing integrated transport policy and would be more satisfactory than the proposed bus routes if put back working again. He said he was confused that Condell Road was not included as a proposed bus route.

Cllr. O'Hanlon said he would agree with deferring these Notices of Motion provided the City Manager agrees to revert back to the Elected Members prior to any construction work on green routes take place.

Cllr. K. Leddin asked if Bus Eireann is examining Park and Ride System.

Cllr. J. Leddin pointed out that none of the Elected Members are opposed to public transport, however, the views of the public have been made clear to the City Manager. The Dock Road has been suggested as an alternative route in his ward. However, this suggestion has not been looked at or received serious consideration. The rail network is under utilised and any proposed transport system should be looked at in conjunction with Limerick County Council and Clare County Council. He pointed out that he was informed by an Official that preparatory work had commenced in O'Connell Street and asked for clarification in this matter.

The Director of Service (Transportation and Infrastructure) stated that a detailed design for bus routes must be done before any work commences on same.

Cllr. Kennedy suggested that Senior Officials from the Department of Transport be invited down to a Meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee.

The City Manager understood members concerns, however, in order to progress the matter certain actions have to be taken and all queries must be answered. However, the City Council will have to continue to examine all routes. He assured members that he will not start the introduction of bus routes without allowing the Elected Members ample time to discuss same.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and unanimously agreed to defer the following recommendation for one month and then be listed on Agenda for June City Council Meeting. It was also agreed that no work on green routes take place in the meantime :

- (a) “That Limerick City Council withdraws and deletes the proposals contained in the Green Routes Corridor Selection Report for the provision of Green Routes on Ballinacurra Road / O’Connell Avenue; Mulgrave Street / Roches Street”.
Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin and unanimously agreed to approve the following Notice of Motion without hearing the advice of the City Manager :

- (b) That Limerick City Council comply with the procedural requirements under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 before it carries out any development in respect of the provision of green routes in any area of the City”.
Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and unanimously agreed to approve the Report of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure dated 1st May, 2008 in respect of the following Notice of Motion :

- (c) “That Limerick City Council would extend the City Sewerage Network to allow existing houses on the Cratloe Road and the Pass Road, that presently operate on septic tanks, to be serviced in the interest of public health”.
Signed : Cllr. Michael Hourigan

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted list of Tenders opened in respect of the following :

Pre Qualifications for the Mid West Area Strategic Plan – PLUTS

Submitted First Report by the Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on The Future of the Electoral Register in Ireland and Related Matters – noted.

Submitted Independent Report by Tom Kirby, Chairperson dated April 2008 entitled Limerick Docklands Initiative – Noted.

Cllr. Kennedy, supported by Cllr. Gilligan, stated that the Members who have served on the Dockland Forum have done the best for Limerick and formed a balanced approach of a port and developing docklands. He paid tribute to the Chairman of the Forum on his contribution. He referred to his Notice of Motion submitted to the City Council in relation to the Docklands which put forward a balanced approach also. It referred to a working dock and also the redevelopment of the land for amenity and proper development. A Local Area Plan is required and referred to the former Ranks building which is one of three remaining structures on the Dock Road and this could be used in the overall development of the Docklands. He stressed the importance of having ongoing discussions with the Port Authority.

Cllr. O'Hanlon stated that he is Limerick City Council's Representative on the Shannon Foynes Port Company and he thanked Mr. Tom Kirby and members of the Committee for their contribution. He stated that it is a commercial company and he represented the view of the City Council that the port remain open as a commercial port. He added that the company has not yet examined Tom Kirby's report in any detail, however, every effort will be made to ensure that it is maintained as a port.

Submitted Green Paper on Local Government, Stronger Local Democracy – Options for Change launched by Mr. John Gormley T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on 22nd April, 2008. A further round of public consultation, including regional seminars will now begin before proposals are finalised in a White Paper later this year. Any member or organisation who wish to participate in the consultation process are to forward their views by 31st July, 2008 to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

5. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

Submitted the following Disposal of Property in accordance with Notices already circulated under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 :

- (a) Disposal of lands consisting of an area comprising 0.0623 hectares situate at Athlunkard Street / Meat Market Lane in the City of Limerick and outlined in red on Drawing No. AG 2094 to Worldwide Property Investments Limited or their nominees.

The City Manager stated that the proposed purchaser does not wish to proceed with the purchase of the above property.

Cllrs. Gilligan and McLoughlin welcomed the fact that the purchase of the above property is not proceeding. Cllr. McLoughlin suggested that perhaps this site could be used for a new Garda Station.

Submitted the following Disposal of Properties in accordance with Notices already circulated under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Kiely :

- (b) Disposal of plot of land measuring 0.0133 hectares situate at Elm Place, Rathbane, Limerick to Mary Jacques or her nominees, No. 25, Elm Place, Ger Kerley or his nominees, No. 26, Elm Place, Mary Yelverton or her nominees, 27, Elm Place, Michael and Cecilia O'Reilly or their nominees, No. 28, Elm Place, Bernadette O'Donovan or

her nominees, No. 29, Elm Place and Michael and Caroline McNamara or their nominees, No. 30, Elm Place.

- (c) Disposal of lands consisting of an area comprising approximately 0.0349 hectares or thereabouts statute measure situate at Clare Street in the City of Limerick and shown edged red on Drawing No. AG 2095 to Oliver Gleeson.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Submitted Financial Statement for the month of April, 2008 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Kiely.

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Submitted Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2007, which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Kiely.

Cllr. Scully acknowledged the very good performance financially by Limerick City Council in the last year despite being a difficult year. However, he expressed concern at the reduction in rates collection compared to the previous year. He also disagreed with roads being included in the Annual Financial Statement as an asset as it would not be possible to sell off roads and therefore would be an unrealistic asset. He appreciated, however, that this is a requirement laid down by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

In reply, the Acting Head of Finance stated that the reason for the reduction in the rates collection is due to the Patrick Street development as vacant buildings get a 50% refund on rates. This is a loss of €170,000 to the City Council. He also added that the overdraft interest of €1/4m was not budgeted for.

Cllr. Gilligan asked that derelict sites throughout the city be pursued rigourously.

8. OVER EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2007

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and unanimously agreed to approve over expenditure for year ended 31st December, 2007.

9. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES

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

Conference "Building Energy Rating Issues for Larger Housing Stock Owners : Housing in a Changing Climate"

Held in The Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne, Co. Meath

5th June, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €475.53

Conference Fee : €190.00

NASC Annual Conference : “Sustainable Development on the Edge of Europe – Options, Opportunities and Options”

Held in The Ard Ri House Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway

5th June, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €337.86

Conference Fee : €150.00

Economic Development Conference : “Planning and Developing a Centre for the North East”

Held in The Park Inn, Dundalk, Co. Louth

10th June, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €597.62

Conference Fee : €100.00

Carlow Tourism 6th National Tourism Conference “Success on your Doorstep – Managing your Local Environment for Tourism Growth”

Held in The Ramada Hotel, Killerig Golf Resort, Killerig, Co. Carlow

18th – 20th June, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €527.65

Conference Fee : €190.00

14th Byrne / Perry Summer School “From ‘Murder Machine’ to Modern Education

Held in Gorey, Co. Wexford

27th – 29th June, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €615.97

Conference Fee : €130.00

10. APPOINT CHAIRPERSON TO THE CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JUNE, 2008 (THIS VACANCY OCCURS DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR. KEVIN KIELY)

It was proposed by Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Scully and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr. Maria Byrne as Chairperson of the Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee effective from 1st June, 2008 (this vacancy occurs due to the resignation of Cllr. Kevin Kiely).

11. TRANSFER OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, CLLR. G. FAHY FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND CORRESPONDING TRANSFER OF CLLR. J. LONG FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve the transfer of His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. Fahy from membership of the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee to the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee and corresponding transfer of Cllr. J. Long from membership of the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee to the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

12. EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OVER LANEWAY OFF PATRICK STREET (ROAD SCHEDULE NUMBER 324) FROM ENTRANCE AT NORTHERN SIDE OF NO. 1 PATRICK STREET TO END OF CUL-DE-SAC AT REAR OF NO. 8, RUTLAND STREET

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve extinguishment of Public Right of Way over laneway off Patrick Street (Road Schedule Number 324) from entrance at northern side of No. 1 Patrick Street to end of cul-de-sac at rear of No. 8, Rutland Street.

13. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2007

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve Draft Annual Report of Limerick City Council for year ended 31st December, 2007.

14. PROPOSED DRAFT VARIATIONS TO THE CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – 2010 FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The proposed Draft Variations to the City Development Plan 2004 – 2010 for public consultation were noted.

15. AMENDMENT TO LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL (PARKING PLACES) BYE LAWS

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve amendment to Limerick City Council (Parking Places) Bye Laws.

16. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS

The Meeting noted the list of Planning Proposals under consideration at 16th May, 2008 and Decisions taken from 21st April, 2008 to 16th May, 2008.

Cllr. Long referred to planning application 08/173 development at Bank Place, Rutland Street, Ellen Street, Michael Street, Patrick Street, Limerick and asked if this will have an impact on rates collection. He referred to a section of land within this proposed development that is not owned by anyone and asked if this will be sold to the developer if acquired by Limerick City Council. He also referred to listed buildings on Ellen Street.

In reply, the Senior Planner stated that he is not aware of any lands which are not owned by anybody. He added that Old Michael Street in front of the Granary building formed part of the old railway and there is agreement with the developers for the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order there. It is also proposed to close the public right of way.

Cllr. Kathleen Leddin referred to 08/163 development at Limerick Boat Club, Wellesley Pier and said that, in her opinion, such development would have an adverse effect on the area, bridge and river and asked that this planning application be refused.

Cllrs. Gilligan, Hourigan, Walsh and O’Hanlon supported Cllr. K. Leddin adding that they support the Boat Club itself, however, were concerned that the scale of the proposal would not be suitable in this location. The Bridge and monument are a great feature there and this proposed development would detract from these. Cllr. Byrne added that she would not be opposed to the development of Limerick Boat Club, however, would not approve the suggested development.

Cllr. Scully declared an interest in Shannon Rowing Club. He asked if the Limerick Boat Club should be a listed building.

In reply, the Senior Planner said a model of the proposed development of Limerick Boat Club has been submitted to Limerick City Council. It is very hard to get an impression from this model of the proposed development hence visualisations will be sought. He suggested that no meetings with members/residents take place until such time as the visualisations are submitted. He added that the Boat Club was deemed a protected building in 1969 and the jetty is mentioned as being of historical interest. He assured members that the Planning and Development Department will be researching any previous developments at the Boat Club.

STANDING ORDERS

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

Cllr. O’Hanlon referred to planning applications 08/73 demolition of existing derelict house and construction of four apartments and duplexes at Rhebogue Road and 08/154 which is for a similar development at the same address and asked if these two planning applications related to the same development. He added that this development would be out of character with the area and asked for a Ward Meeting to discuss same.

The Senior Planner informed Cllr. O’Hanlon that he would facilitate a meeting to discuss these planning applications.

Cllr. Wallace voiced her objection to the proposed recycling centre on the Childers Road.

Cllr. Scully referred to planning application 08/113 retail and residential development at Parkway Shopping Centre and indicated that the residents in the area are totally opposed to this development as the proposed apartments would be very high and would tower over the existing houses in the area.

In reply, the Senior Planner stated that the developer has been informed that the City Council would have serious difficulty with the additional proposed shopping units and asking to reduce the proposed retail element as it would create serious traffic congestion.

STANDING ORDERS

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

17. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given :

“That Limerick City Council urgently source a bank loan to commence and complete fire safety upgrading works at No. 1 to No. 110, Glasgow Park”.

Signed : Cllr. Lilly Wallace

Cllr. Wallace pointed out that she was informed by the Director of Service that these works could not be funded out of capital funding and therefore that was the reason why she is suggesting sourcing a bank loan.

The Director of Service (Social Policy and Housing) stated that funding has been sought from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for these works and therefore the City Council would not be in favour of borrowing monies. He pointed out that if the City Council had to borrow it would require the Resolution of the City Council and then would have to go to the Minister for his approval which would be a long drawn out process.

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Gilligan and unanimously agreed to refer the following amended Notice of Motion to the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee:

“That Limerick City Council urgently commence and complete fire safety upgrading works at No. 1 to No. 10, Glasgow Park”

Signed : Cllr. Lilly Wallace

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee :

“That Limerick City Council draw up a local area plan for the Rhebogue, Corbally, Dublin Road Area, in view of the large number of sites that are subject for development in the near future”.

Signed : Cllr. Gerry McLoughlin

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee :

“That Limerick City Council make land available in the Ballinacurra Weston area for the provision of a Health Centre for the residents of this area, also that Limerick City Council engage with regeneration agency for the provision of a retirement village for the elderly in Ballinacurra Weston as part of the master plan being incorporated by all concerned bodies”.

Signed : Cllr. Jim Long

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 :

“That Limerick City Council conduct a survey on all trees along O’Connell Avenue and place a preservation order on these trees which are a major feature on this avenue”.

Signed : Cllr. Joe Leddin

21. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee :

“That Limerick City Council amend our housing strategy and increase the number of suitable units of accommodation in view of the growing list of elderly people, single men and women, and those suffering with a disability looking for housing”.

Signed : Cllr. Joe Leddin

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Cronin asked that the memorial stone which was beside the Treaty Stone be returned to it’s original position.

Cllr. Cronin complimented the City Council on the work carried out on the ‘long acre’ and also for providing additional litter bins in Thomondgate.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

A TRUE RECORD

**T. MACKEY
CITY MANAGER**

CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2008

MAYOR OF LIMERICK

