

**ITEM NO. 1**

**LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL**

The Adjourned Annual Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at 4.00 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

**IN THE CHAIR :** Cllr. J. Gilligan, Mayor

**COUNCILLORS :** M. Hourigan, K. Leddin, J. Cronin, K. Kiely, J. Ryan, K. O'Hanlon, K. Walsh, G. McLoughlin, D. Scully, G. Fahy, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne 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. R. Tobin, Senior Planner  
Mr. D. Healy, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. J. O'Shaughnessy, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. G. Dillon, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. M. Hayes, Administrative Officer  
Ms. E. Creamer, Staff Officer

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Prior to the business proper of the Meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan proposed a vote of congratulations to Cllr. John Gallahue on his election as Chairman of Limerick County Council.

Cllrs. Kennedy and Cronin joined with His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan in congratulating Cllr. Gallahue.

**STATUTORY BUSINESS**

**1. MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Ryan and unanimously agreed to fix meetings of City Council for twelve months as per schedule circulated to members.

**2. TO APPOINT NINE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE MAYOR EX OFFICIO TO THE BOARD OF THE MARKET TRUSTEES**

Cllrs. Kiely and Walsh resigned from the Board of the Market Trustees.

It was proposed by Cllr. Walsh and seconded by Cllr. Wallace to appoint Cllr. Kennedy to the Board of the Market Trustees.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Walsh to appoint Cllr. O'Hanlon to the Board of the Market Trustees.

It was therefore proposed by Cllr. Cronin, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to appoint the following nine members of the Council including the Mayor ex officio, to the Board of the Market Trustees :

Cllr. J. Gilligan (ex officio), Cllr. M. Byrne, Cllr. M. Hourigan, Cllr. G. Fahy, Cllr. L. Wallace, Cllr. G. McLoughlin, Cllr. J. Houlihan, Cllr. P. Kennedy and Cllr. K. O'Hanlon.

**3. TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS FROM THE ELECTED TRUSTEES TO SIT ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MARKET TRUSTEES**

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to appoint the following two members from the Elected Trustees to sit on the Management Committee of the Market Trustees :

Cllr. J. Gilligan and Cllr. P. Kennedy.

**4. TO APPOINT THE MAYOR EX OFFICIO, TO THE EU OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to appoint the Mayor, Cllr. J. Gilligan (ex officio) to the EU Operational Committee.

**5. TO APPOINT FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE MAYOR EX OFFICIO, TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL**

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to appoint the following five members of the Council, including the Mayor ex officio, to the Board of Governors of St. John's Hospital :

Cllr. J. Gilligan (ex officio), Cllr. K. O'Hanlon, Cllr. G. McLoughlin, Cllr. K. Kiely and Cllr. K. Walsh.

**ORDINARY BUSINESS**

**1. MINUTES**

On the proposition of Cllr. O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan it was unanimously agreed :

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

Cllr. Kennedy asked that an amendment be made to the Minutes on page 5 regarding his agreement to defer 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. He said this proposal was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed and accepted by Limerick City Council and he wished the Minutes to record this also.

The City Manager pointed out that the City Council will continue to consult and work with people in relation to the proposed green routes and while certain checking of services will be required, he did assure members that no invasive physical work will be carried out without prior consultation with them first.

Cllr. Wallace stated that Item No. 17 Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed at the Monthly Meeting and was not referred to the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee, as stated in the Minutes, and asked that the Minutes be amended accordingly.

## **2. REPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2008**

The Chairman's Report, Environmental Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008, was noted.

Cllr. Long, supported by Cllr. Hourigan, wished to acknowledge Ms. Jean Ryan, Senior Executive Officer's work in the Environment Department over the last two and a half years and wished her well in her new position in the Regeneration Unit. He welcomed Ms. Patricia Liddy to the Environment Department.

Cllr. Long congratulated the Parks Department for their achievement in being honoured with a Green Flag for The Peoples' Park adding that this is the first time that an Irish public park has won a Green Flag. He suggested that the Community Initiative Grants be activated sooner next year so that they could be used towards alleviating the problem of bonfires in May. He voiced his concern in relation to the Directive from the Regional Waste Management Office regarding extra wheelie bins and associated extra charges and said this issue should be addressed in the Waiver Scheme when renewed in November of this year. He stated that he would not agree to extra charges for customers.

Cllr. Cronin agreed with Cllr. Long regarding the extra wheelie bin charges. He expressed concern at the large amount of rubbish generated from packaging especially plastic and suggested that suppliers be contacted requesting them to reduce the amount of packaging they generate.

Cllr. Hourigan complimented the Parks Department on the floral displays on the bridges in the city. He asked that the Developers or the Hilton Hotel be again reminded to erect the Memorial to the Mayors of Limerick on the site. He enquired if the work in O'Callaghan Strand will be continued onto Cleaves Bank and on down further. He enquired when the opening of Shelbourne Park will take place.

Cllr. Byrne expressed concern that there are not enough manual street sweepers and that items swept are being left in piles on the streets and not collected and asked that this matter be examined. She also requested that a copy of the schedule for weed spraying in the city be circulated to members. She expressed concern that people are putting rubbish into the bins of waiver customers and suggested that temporary cameras be set up to address this problem.

Cllr. Wallace expressed concern that Limerick was recently named in the IBAL Survey in 44<sup>th</sup> place and asked that this be addressed.

Cllr. Houlihan asked that weed spraying take place in the suburbs of the city also. He asked what the date is for the clean up of Keyes Park. He expressed concern at the ongoing problems with illegal dumping and asked if cameras could be used to prosecute offenders.

Cllr. Kennedy asked for an update on the Baggot Estate and also what proposals are proposed for next year.

The Director of Service (Environment) joined with the members in extending good wishes to Jean Ryan in her new post and in welcoming Patricia Liddy to the Environment Department. She stated that the extra bins being referred to by The Regional Waste Management Office is a national policy adding that the implementation of same will not start until September 09. She advised members that she was unaware of additional costs for customers and there will be a publicity campaign prior to implementation. She estimated that Shelbourne Park will be opened around April 09. She agreed to check out the issue of street cleaners and to revert back to Cllr. Byrne and also to circulate the schedule for weed spraying to all Elected Members. In reply to Cllr. Wallace, she stated that there was a lot of detail behind the IBAL Survey which was not published. She advised the members that Limerick City Council had achieved 'clean to European norms' in a number of areas and that the survey carried out included areas which are not in the administrative jurisdiction of Limerick City Council. She agreed to circulate members with a copy of the IBAL Survey. She agreed the clean up of Keyes Park. The results of a survey on wild flowers in the Baggot Estate is presently awaited, however, it is hoped to create a wetland and walks there. She agreed to update members with a detailed report in due course. She also advised the members that there are already regulations in existence in regard to packaging waste.

The Head of Finance agreed to follow up with the Civic Trust the erection of the memorial to the former Mayors.

In reply to Cllr. Hourigan, the Director of Service (Transportation and Infrastructure) stated that an application for funding has been made in relation to Cleaves Bank. Proposals for an urban walkway has also been made along with other European Cities who have submitted similar proposals. Hopefully there will be some progress by next year.

### **3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2008**

The Chairman's Report, Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendations from the Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Ryan :

- (a) That Limerick City Council provide some funding for the conservation and maintenance of the Limerick City Walls.

- (b) That Limerick City Council establish a committee as a point of contact for the Limerick City Walls Conservation and Management Plan.

In reply to Cllr. Walsh, the Director of Service (Community & Enterprise) stated that the skateboard park is scheduled for completion on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008. A safety audit will then be carried out and planting will take place. It is therefore envisaged that it will be officially opened within the next month.

Cllr. Kennedy, supported by Cllr. K. Leddin, stressed the importance of bringing the Walls of Limerick to the forefront and suggested consulting with Derry as they have similar ancient walls. He also suggested consulting the Rotary Club and Soccer Club in Derry in relation to the presentation and enhancement of the walls.

Cllr. Scully pointed out that Limerick has joined the Walled Towns Network. If a Committee is set up for the Walls of Limerick it should be chaired by the Mayor. He pointed out that the women of Limerick have not been formally commemorated either for the part they played in times gone by in the saving of the City and suggested that this be incorporated with the enhancement of the walls.

Cllr. O'Hanlon said he would welcome a Committee to monitor and promote the old Walls of Limerick and said the City Council should continue to support the Civic Trust. He referred to the Old Walls at Johnsgate Village and congratulated the Co-Ordinators who did a very good clean up in this area. However, there was a lot of glass there which makes it very difficult for workers.

The Director of Service (Community & Enterprise) thanked members for the comments in relation to the plans for the Walls of Limerick which are an important feature of our medieval past. A programme of work for the walls has been set out and it is hoped to begin work next year. He assured members that a Committee will be set up to discuss the Walls of Limerick and Cllr. Scully's suggestion will be discussed by such Committee. A programme of work will be set out each year and the City Council will continue to apply for funding.

Cllr. K. Leddin expressed concern at the dilapidated condition of Kate O'Brien's house in Mulgrave Street and asked if the City Council has any plans to purchase same and was informed by the Director that he will look into the matter.

Cllr. O'Hanlon expressed concern that the Canal is not being maintained and is dangerous for children fishing and playing in the area.

In reply, the Director of Service (Environment) stated that a maintenance programme for the Canal area is in place. Misplaced palisade and wooden fencing has been replaced there and planting and weeding has also taken place. Litter in the area is still a problem, however, every effort is being made to address it.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan added that a railing is needed around Troy's Locke as it is very dangerous at present. Also the type of planting and furniture there will have to be examined as a lot of vandalism takes place in the area.

#### **4. REPORT, ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2008**

The Chairman's Report, Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, was noted.

Cllr. Kiely stated that he chaired the Meeting in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. Kieran Walsh who he asked to resign as Chairman due to his non attendance at the meeting. He pointed out that as a quorum was not present, no recommendations were proposed from the meeting. He expressed concern in relation to this especially as a very important presentation on the Opera Centre was scheduled for the Meeting. Cllr. Kiely added that he was only made aware at the end of the meeting by the Head of Finance that there was not a quorum.

The Head of Finance pointed out that there was no quorum present at the commencement of the meeting and he informed Cllr. Kiely of this fact at the start of the meeting. The Head of Finance said that a meeting could proceed without a quorum and Cllr. Kiely proceeded with the Meeting.

Cllr. McLoughlin pointed out that Cllr. Kiely did not mention during the Meeting that there was no quorum present.

Cllr. Kennedy pointed out that there was nothing to stop the meeting going ahead without a quorum and various items being discussed, however, no decision could be made on anything. It was common sense to proceed with the meeting and to allow the presentation go ahead. It would therefore appear that any recommendation on a Notice of Motion is invalid.

Cllr. Walsh apologised for not attending the Meeting but pointed out that he was out of the country on holidays. He added that he asked another Councillor to Chair the Meeting, however, that Councillor was unable to attend either. He thanked Cllr. Kiely for Chairing the Meeting and added that he was not resigning as Chairman of the Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee just because he missed a meeting.

Cllr. Kiely pointed out that the next Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting is not until next October. He therefore proposed the adoption of the following Recommendation from the Meeting which was seconded by Cllr. Ryan :

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

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan stated that as there was not a quorum present at the Economic Policy Development and Future Planning SPC Meeting this was not a valid Recommendation and, therefore, could not be agreed at this Meeting.

Cllr. Long asked that clarification be circulated to members on how sites are deemed derelict.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2008 (DEFERRED AT MONTHLY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2008)**

Submitted the following Recommendation from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 (deferred at Monthly Meeting of City Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2008) :

Notice of Motion

“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. P. Kennedy.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and unanimously agreed that this Notice of Motion would be listed on Agendas of Limerick City Council until the matter of Green Routes is resolved.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Submitted a publication “ Every Step of the Way – Women accessing power in Dublin City” which is an initiative of the Dublin City Council Working Group on International Women’s Day 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. Noted.

Submitted publication “Councillors’ News” by the Association of County and City Councils. Noted.

Submitted list of Tenders opened in respect of the following :

Pre qualifications for Urban Renewal, Green Routes and other Road Works Projects 2008 – 2010.  
Anti Skid Surfacing Contract  
Longpavement Water Connection  
Tourist Trail Roadworks Phase 1

Submitted letter from Denis Leonard, Limerick Civic Trust, expressing sincerest appreciation, on behalf of his family, to His Worship the Mayor, City Council and City Manager for message of sympathy on the death of his brother John.

## **7. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

Submitted the following Disposal of Property in accordance with Notices already circulated under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Long, seconded by Cllr. Houlihan :

- (a) Disposal of additional area measuring 0.0532 Hectares hatched on Drawing No. AG/2060 REV 1 to Southill Youth Centre or its nominees.

Submitted the following Disposal of Property in accordance with Notices already circulated under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely :

- (c) Disposal of land consisting of a plot of ground 0.206 hectares in area situate at Dock Road in the City of Limerick and outlined in Red on Drawing No. AG-2098 to McInerney Homes Limited or their nominees.

## **8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Submitted Financial Statement for the month of May, 2008 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Houlihan.

## **9. AUTHORISE THE BORROWING BY WAY OF OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2008**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to authorise the borrowing by way of overdraft for half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008. It is estimated that the Council's overdraft requirement during the half year from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 will not exceed €32,000,000.

## **10. DRAWDOWN OF A LOAN FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO FUND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and unanimously agreed to approve drawdown of loan from the Housing Finance Agency to fund Housing Capital Programme in the sum of €15m.

## **11. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES**

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

2008 Merriman Summer School "From Brian Boru to Paddy Hillery : continuity and change in Irish History and Society"

Held in Ennis, Co. Clare

17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €904.98

Conference Fee : €130.00

95<sup>th</sup> Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Annual Conference 2008

Held in Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo

10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €787.58

Conference Fee : €200.00

Tipperary Remembrance Trust "Remembrance Weekend & Conference"

Held in Excel Heritage Centre, Famine War Museum & St. Mary's Church, Tipperary

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €345.82

Conference Fee : €150.00

Kerry Life Education Limited “Getting a Grip 2008 – Addiction, Proofing our Communities”

Held in The Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €319.67

Conference Fee : €230.00

Ballymote Conference “Using our Heritage to it’s Potential”

Held in The Ballymote Coach Hotel, Ballymote, Co. Sligo

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €618.57

Conference Fee : €100.00

28<sup>th</sup> Annual MacGill Summer School & Arts Week 2008

“A Feast of Friel: The Life and Works of Brian Friel”

Held in Glenties, Co. Donegal

12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €1,502.60

Conference Fee : € 150.00

The 21<sup>st</sup> John Hewitt International Summer School

“Let There be no Wall”

Held in The Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre, Armagh

28<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €1,013.74

Conference Fee : € 224.00

Parnell Summer School

“Continuity and Change in Irish Culture, Society and Politics”

Held in Avondale, Co. Wicklow

12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €1,115.12

Conference Fee : € 250.00

7<sup>th</sup> Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend

Held in Strule Arts Centre, Townhall Square, Omagh, Co. Tyrone

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €764.03

Conference Fee : €100.00

The Humbert Summer School

Held in Ballina, Killala, Lacken & Kilcummin, Co. Mayo

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €756.41

Conference Fee : €300.00

Cobh and Harbour Chamber One Day Conference  
Held in The Commodore Hotel, Cobh, Co. Cork  
12<sup>th</sup> September, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €324.87  
Conference Fee : €120.00

The Society for Folk Life Studies Annual Conference  
“Lakeland Culture Recording Change”  
Held in The Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry  
18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €460.11  
Conference Fee : €295.00

Mid West Regional Authority & Citizen First Conference  
“Citizen First... Using Technology to include all citizens”  
Held in Ennis, Co. Clare  
25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €202.78  
Conference Fee : € 60.00

Association of Irish Regions 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
“Ireland’s Waters: An Untapped Resource”  
Held in Inchydoney Island Lodge & Spa Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork  
17<sup>th</sup> October, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €387.21  
Conference Fee : €170.00

Third Sector Forum : “Local Authority Financing :  
A Crisis brewing, the challenge for Councillors”  
Held in Killarney Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, Killarney, Co. Kerry  
16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €460.11  
Conference Fee : €235.00

**12. APPOINT CHAIRPERSON TO THE SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC  
POLICY COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2008 (THIS VACANCY  
OCCURS DUE TO RESIGNATION OF CLLR. MICHAEL HOURIGAN)**

It was proposed by Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr. J. Long as Chairperson to the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 (this vacancy occurs due to resignation of Cllr. Michael Hourigan).

**13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON VARIATION NO. 1 OF THE LIMERICK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 – 2010 AND TO RESOLVE TO MAKE THE VARIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

It was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. O'Hanlon and agreed to approve the City Manager's Report on Variation No. 1 of the Limerick City Development Plan 2004 – 2010 and to resolve to make the Variation in accordance with the City Manager's Report.

In reply to Cllr. Kiely, the City Manager stated that this matter relates to the Strategic Plan for the city centre and has gone to public consultation and was fully supported. He now wishes the Project to progress.

Cllr. Kiely expressed reservations in relation to this matter and asked that his reservations be recorded.

Cllr. Kennedy pointed out that this is a very significant plan for the city and paid tribute to all concerned in the progression of same including Officials, Elected Members and business people and expressed hope that the funding and co-operation will be there to see it through.

**14. CONSIDER CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 IN RELATION TO THE FORMER GREENPARK RACECOURSE, DOCK ROAD, LIMERICK.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Long and unanimously agreed to approve City Manager's Report on Material Contravention of Development Plan 2004 in relation to the former Greenpark Racecourse, Dock Road, Limerick.

**15. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS**

The Meeting noted the list of Planning Proposals under consideration at 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 and Decisions taken from 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

Cllr. K. Leddin voiced her opposition to planning application 08/163 development at Limerick Boat Club, Wellesley Pier and added that such proposed development would be out of proportion and character with the surrounding area and expressed hope that the planning application will be refused.

Cllr. Hourigan agreed with Cllr. K. Leddin adding that in it's present format it is eighty per cent commercial and twenty per cent non commercial and should be the other way round.

In reply, the Senior Planner stated that additional details have been sought from the applicant and he agreed to circulate such request to members for their information. He added that the developers considers it barely financially viable in it's present proposed format. Also, the Boat Club was deemed a protected building in 1969 and the jetty is mentioned as being of historical interest.

Cllr. Houlihan referred to planning application 08/195 replacement of existing perimeter fence with 4m high pre-cast concrete wall and associated civil works at ESB Substation, Galvone Road, Southill and stated that, in his opinion, this proposed wall is excessive considering there is a high wall already around this industrial estate.

In reply, the Senior Planner stated that this substation is very dangerous and contains many chemicals and electricity and safety is paramount. He pointed out that the City Council will be considering granting planning permission in this case.

#### **16. AN BORD PLEANALA**

The Meeting noted the Decisions taken by An Bord Pleanala from 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

#### **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 provide as a matter of urgency the funding for the resurfacing of the Greenfields Road and Southville, Gurteen Road”.

Signed : Cllr. Maria Byrne

#### **18. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

“Following the success of the new Pery Gateway in the Peoples Park and the increased usage of this gate I wish to propose a Notice of Motion that Limerick City Council immediately proceed to provide a pedestrian crossing adjacent to same as this is a very busy junction”.

Signed : Cllr. Maria Byrne

#### **19. 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 Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council would provide a children’s playground or play area at Arthurs Quay Park. This motion is based on the following facts: -

- (a) It would greatly improve the quality of life of inner city children.
- (b) It is our aim to continue to improve this city as a vibrant centre for all our citizens.
- (c) In our bid to encourage inner city apartment living, it would be an attraction, even a necessity.
- (d) In recognition of the Council’s commitment to urban renewal to facilitate the ever increasing numbers of young families taking up residence in the city, to provide a playground would be most important.
- (e) The Park has become a valuable leisure amenity for people of Limerick and visitors alike, a modern playground at the heart of Limerick City would provide a focus for modern urban city living”.

Signed : Cllr. Kathleen Leddin

It was agreed that all members of City Council be invited to attend the next Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting to allow all members an opportunity to discuss this Notice of Motion.

## **20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

At the request of Cllr. Houlihan, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gilligan said he would contact the Regeneration Agencies and organise a Meeting with them and the Elected Members.

Cllr. Wallace pointed out that the grass on embankments and around trees is not being cut and asked that this be addressed. She also asked that railings be erected along Childers Road and enquired when work will be starting on the fire safety upgrading works at Nos. 1 to 110, Glasgow Park.

In reply, the City Manager stated that he was aware of the seriousness of completing this upgrading work as soon as possible. Every effort is being made to obtain funding from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for this work but to date same has not been received. The City Council, however, is endeavouring to move this work forward.

**THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED**

**A TRUE RECORD**

**T. MACKEY  
CITY MANAGER**

**CONFIRMED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2008**

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**MAYOR OF LIMERICK**

