

**ITEM NO. 1**

**LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL**

A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 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, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne, J. Leddin and J. Long

**STAFF :** Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager  
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service  
Ms. C. Curley, Director of Service  
Mr. V. Murray, Acting Director of Service  
Mr. G. Dillon, Acting Director of Service  
Mr. J. Field, Head of Finance  
Mr. R. Tobin, Senior Planner  
Mr. D. Keane, Senior Engineer  
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. E. Creamer, Staff Officer

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

Cllr. Lilly Wallace on the death of her brother Donal O'Shaughnessy.  
Family of the late Dr. Brendan O'Regan  
Family of the late John Goldsberg  
Family of the late Mabel Slattery.

The City Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the City Council, also wished to be associated with the votes of sympathy.

The Meeting adjourned for fifteen minutes as a mark of respect.

The Meeting reconvened at 4.20 p.m.

**1. MINUTES**

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

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

## **2. MINUTES**

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

“That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Fahy read out letter of thanks from Chief Justice Murray for according him the Civic Reception and indicating what an honour it was to be recognised by his native city in this way.

## **3. MINUTES**

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

“That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

Cllr. Long clarified that at this Meeting he stated that Green Routes could be delivered by executive decision and not “should be” as stated in the Minutes and he asked that the Minutes be amended accordingly.

## **4. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2008**

The Chairman’s Report, Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendation from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 :

“Notice of Motion – 5 (a)

“That Limerick City Council make the necessary provisions to prohibit completely the parking of any wheeled vehicle or trailer\* etc. on any green area in its charge \*including bicycles, mechanically propelled vehicles, trailers, “sulkies” or any item mounted on an axle and two or more wheels, or any other item so specified by the Council”.

Signed : Cllr. Michael Hourigan

Cllr. Kevin Kiely

Cllr. John Cronin

The Report of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure dated 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 was unanimously approved on the proposition of Cllr. Houlihan, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan.

Cllr. Kiely expressed concern that there was no water pressure in Kenyon Avenue and Kileely for last two weeks and he asked that the matter be investigated. He expressed concern that the junction of Ballynanty and Kileely was dangerous and asked for an up to date report on proposals for the junction.

Cllr. Hourigan expressed concern at parking on green areas during matches in the Gaelic Grounds which is causing damage to these green areas. He asked that the GAA be contacted regarding finding a solution. He also asked that the broken bulbs on the bridge be repaired. He pointed out that there is a big difference in charges for water connections outside peoples houses. In his opinion, there should be a standard cost for replacing water connections. He asked for an up to date progress report on taking in charge for 2008 and what is proposed for 2009. Cllr. Hourigan also expressed concern at difficulty for motorists coming from Shelbourne Road onto Condell Road and asked that this junction be examined.

Cllr. Cronin agreed with Cllr. Kiely regarding the water pressure in the northside of the city and added that parts of Farranshane have been without water also. He referred to the memorial stone which was beside the Treaty Stone and which was not replaced after the work in the area was completed and he asked that it be returned to it's original position.

Cllr. Wallace expressed concern at the colour of the water in Sycamore Avenue, Colbert Park and Rathbane and asked that it be examined.

Cllr. Gilligan pointed out that he fully supports the planning application submitted by Richmond Football Club. He suggested that consideration be given to putting in a light rail or tram into the area before anything is built there.

Cllr. K. Leddin referred to the water pipes in the North Circular Road and added that there has been many water leakages over the last few years. She referred to the two sets of traffic lights outside the Hilton Hotel and asked if the second one was necessary as it could cause an accident. She agreed with Cllr. Hourigan regarding parking in the green areas surrounding the G.A.A. Grounds and suggested railway type sleepers be laid there to prevent such parking.

Cllr. McLoughlin stated that he was assured the wall which was rebuilt in Sir Harry's Mall would be the same height as the existing wall, however, it is much higher which makes it impossible to view the river.

In reply, the Acting Director of Service stated that a study is underway on the causes of low water pressure in some areas of the city and a report will be submitted to Council shortly on the matter. Tenders are presently being assessed for the junction of Ballynanty and Kileely Road and it is hoped that work will commence there in the next 4 – 6 weeks. A gully cleaning programme for 2008 is being prepared at present. This will be circulated shortly. He said he was aware that some of the bulbs on the bridge were broken and agreed to replace same. These would be replaced by St. Patrick's weekend. It is hoped to carry out work on the upgrade of the lights on the bridge in the longer term. This will be done as party of the City Centre Strategy. Eleven estates are on the list to be taken in charge and are currently being assessed and a full report on these will be submitted to Council shortly. Water pressure throughout the city is being monitored and priority given to areas of low pressure. He assured members that the memorial plaque beside the Treaty Stone will be put back in place once the building work has been completed. He agreed to carry out an examination on the traffic lights outside the Hilton Hotel. He informed Cllr. McLoughlin that the wall at Sir Harry's Mall is at a level to prevent flooding and added that there is a footpath to be constructed in front of some parts of the wall. He informed Cllr. Wallace that he was not aware of a water quality issue in Colbert Park, however, he agreed to get the water analysed immediately by the water laboratory and report back to her on the matter.

**5. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2008**

The Chairman's Report, Environmental Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, was noted.

Cllr. Kennedy referred to the Baggot Estate which is a very important green area in the city and, in his opinion, sufficient effort and progress has not been made in this very important amenity. He asked for an update on any achievements there to date.

Cllr. Scully indicated that we need to be more serious as a local authority in relation to climate change and he indicated that he will be proposing that a carbon budget will be included in Limerick City Council's Annual Budget in 2009.

Cllr. Byrne also asked for an update on the Baggot Estate. She referred to the street sweeping programme and stated that streets should be swept at least once a week. More bins are also required throughout the city.

In reply, the Director of Service referred the Members to the City Centre Strategy which the Members had recently adopted which undertook to develop a Climate Change Strategy for Limerick City Council and Limerick City. The Strategies would be developed through the SPC and brought to Council in due course for adoption. Suggestions made would be considered during the drafting. Progress in the Baggot Estate is slow due to the fact that we are endeavouring to create a wetland here and it requires the input of a number of agencies. A clean up of the area was carried out and the gardai are working with Limerick City Council in regard to the anti social behaviour issues. In regard to funding she could not give any confirmation until a definite plan has been drawn up and costed. For clarification purposes there is no civic amenity site proposed for the Baggot Estate. She informed members that new initiatives are being looked at for litter control in the city centre.

**6. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2008.**

The Chairman's Report, Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendations from the Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Long :

**Grants Under the Arts Act**

<b>Individual/Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mary Meskell – Artist	300
Stephen Ryan – Performing Arts Student	300
Gavin Hogg – Artist	300
Tom Fox – Artist	300

Patti O'Neill – Book on landscape + art = architecture	500
Dominic Taylor – CD Album	200
Martin Bennis – CD	200
Torch Players – The Playboy of the Western World	700
Expressive Arts Theatre – ad in programme	200
Bare Space Theatre Company – Into the Woods	500
Limerick Musical Society – It's Broadway	500
Quarry Players	700
Fresh Film Festival	1,000
Earth to Earth Exhibition, LSAD	200
National Band Championships of Ireland	200
ClassicalLinks : 2 concerts in St. Mary's Cathedral	500
Buck Jones and The Body Snatchers at the Georgian House	600
The White House Poets	700
Limerick Jazz Society	1,000
Island Theatre Company 20th Anniversary Celebrations	500
Presentation Primary School – Intercultural Project	500
Children's Book Festival – Limerick City Library	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€10,900</b>

### **Sports / Recreation Grant-aid Scheme 2008**

<b>WARD ONE</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
Ballynanty Rovers A.F.C.	€1,000
Limerick City Gymnastic Club	€1,000
St. Munchins Boxing Club	€4,500
St. Munchins Community Centre	€1,000
<b>WARD TWO</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
Abbey Sarsfields GAA Club	€1,000
Athlunkard Villa F.C.	€1,000
Corbally United F.C.	€ 750
Fairview Rangers F.C.	€ 750
Geraldines F.C.	€ 750
Richmond R.F.C.	€1,000
Star Rovers F.C.	€1,000
St. Marys R.F.C.	€1,000
St. Patricks GAA Club	€1,000
<b>WARD THREE</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
Claughaun GAA Club	€ 750
Emerald Athletics Club	€ 200
Granville Rangers F.C.	€ 750

Kennedy Park F.C.	€1,875
Limerick Junior Chess Club	€ 175
Pike Rovers F.C.	€ 937
Southill Power Lifting Club	€ 938
Roxboro United F.C. SCHB	€1,875
<b>WARD FOUR</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
Ballinacurra Gaels GAA Club	€1,000
Catholic Institute Athletic Club	€1,000
Hyde Rangers F.C.	€1,000
Our Lady of Lourdes Boxing Club	€1,000
Prospect / Priory United F.C.	€1,000
Summerville Rovers F.C.	€1,000
Weston Villa F.C.	€1,000
Young Munster R.F.C.	€1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€31,250</b>

Cllr. Kennedy asked for the fullest consultation with all the interested parties in relation to Caledonian Park. He referred to the Markets Field and pointed out that the title deeds say it must be used for sporting and recreational needs. He stated that the Chairman of Bord na gCon is agreeable to enter into negotiations with Limerick City Council in relation to the future of the Markets Field. He suggested that the City Council follow up on this and enter into immediate discussions with Bord na gCon in relation to the development of the Markets Field.

Cllr. McLoughlin welcomed the fact that the contractor for the skateboard park will be chosen by the end of the month and he congratulated the Director of Service on the matter. He expressed hope that the contractor is an experienced contractor and that the skateboard park will be completed by June. He thanked the Director of Service for the allocation for the Sports Partnership and congratulated the City Council on awarding a Grant of €4,500.0 to St. Munchin's Boxing Club. The Markets Field should be retained for sporting facilities.

Cllr. Walsh agreed with the previous speakers regarding the skateboard park and he urged that this project proceed as fast as possible. He welcomed the award of Grants and thanked the Director of Service for agreeing Programme of Grants with the Councillors.

Cllr. J. Leddin asked for an update in relation to the proposed new location for the city centre library. He welcomed the fact that the numbers of people using Watchouse Cross has exceeded expectations and agreed with the previous speakers regarding the retention of the Markets Field for sporting purposes.

Cllr. K. Leddin expressed disappointment that Feile Luimni was not awarded a Grant under the Arts Act.

Cllr. O'Hanlon agreed that the Markets Field should be retained as a sporting arena and suggested that it be used as a soccer pitch. The Garryowen area needs a community centre and this would be an ideal location also for same. He welcomed the selection of the developer for the skateboard park and said he

had full confidence in the officials. He thanked the Director of Service for facilitating meetings with Sports Organisations in Garryowen.

Cllr. Wallace welcomed the Sports Grants and thanked the Director of Service for allowing Councillors to have an input. She welcomed the skateboard park and expressed hope that it will be used.

Cllr. Walsh congratulated Andrew McAlwinney on his new appointment as Chief Executive of Limerick 37FC and wished him every success in his new role.

The Director of Service thanked members for their kind comments. He stated that he has a meeting with the consultants in the morning in relation to the skateboard park. He assured members that the project will be carried out properly and within the specified time. He thanked the Councillors for their help with the Grant Aid Scheme which is very significant to many groups. A number of options for the new city centre library are being looked at and it is hoped to have a positive report on this in due course. It is hoped to be submitting an application for provisional funding to An Comhairle Leabharlanna in the next few months.

The Head of Finance stated that there has been meetings between the Regeneration Committee and the Football Association of Ireland. He assured members that he will facilitate a meeting between the Councillors and the Irish Greyhound Board.

## **7. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

The Chairman's Report, Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 was noted.

Cllr. J. Leddin welcomed Bord na gCon's proposal for Greenpark which will be a major asset to the city. He enquired if there is any master plan for Greenpark.

Cllr. Byrne also welcomed Board na gCon's proposal for Greenpark which will be good for tourism in the region. She enquired about planning application for houses in Greenpark.

Cllr. Kennedy expressed concern that, in his opinion, the conservation areas of the city are not being restored and redeveloped as successfully as other areas. There should be incentives, tax reliefs, rates relief etc., for these areas.

Cllr. Long queried the existence of a document and CD relating to the Docklands Area.

In reply, the Head of Finance stated that he was not aware of the document or CD in relation to the docklands which Cllr. Long was referring to.

Cllr. O'Hanlon proposed that all members of City Council be invited to attend the meeting on the Markets Field and not just the Ward Councillors.

In reply to members, the Head of Finance stated that a meeting will be held shortly which will deal with any issues raised by members in relation to the Markets Field. He confirmed to members that Limerick City Council do not own land in Greenpark.

The Senior Planner stated that there are four planning applications in total for the Greenpark site. The first one was for four hundred houses, the second one was for filling of lands and the third for two hundred and fifty houses. Additional information was sought in respect of this planning application and the developer was asked to redesign the development. The application for a shopping centre at the roundabout was withdrawn.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Submitted letter from Private Secretary to the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of Limerick City Council's letter in connection with resolution agreed at Limerick City Council Monthly Meeting regarding taxi plates and indicating that he has referred it to the Department of Transport and Marine for attention and direct reply.

Submitted Letter from Jan O'Sullivan, T.D., supporting Limerick City Council regarding the issuing of taxi plates and enclosing copy of her correspondence to the Commissioner for Taxi Regulations regarding same.

Submitted letter from Deputy Peter Power, T.D., supporting the position adopted by Limerick City Council regarding the suspension of issuing taxi plates and stating that he will be contacting both the Minister and the Commissioner for Taxi Regulations in support of the City Council's motion.

Submitted letter from Commissioner for Taxi Regulation acknowledging receipt of Limerick City Council's letter and stated that it is not within the remit of the Commission to put a cap on the number of licences issued. Such letter also stated that their mission is to achieve a first class service for all. The Commission has published new vehicle standards for the SPSV industry which will come into effect for new licence holders from the 1st of January 2009. One of the objectives of setting new vehicle standards is the provision and maintenance of a quality service by small public service vehicles and their drivers. The letter also stated that the introduction of the new skills development programme will also ensure the continuation of a high level of service in the industry.

Submitted letter from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of representation from Limerick City Council in connection with issuing of taxi plates for Limerick City and indicating that a further letter on the matter will issue as soon as possible.

Submitted letter of acknowledgement from Kieran O'Donnell T.D., in relation to Limerick City Council's position regarding the suspension of issuing taxi plates and he stated that he would bring the contents of Limerick City Council's letter to the attention of the Minister for the Environment and also the Taxi Regulator

Submitted letter of acknowledgement from Michael Noonan T.D. also stating that he has written to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding the taxi regulations and will revert back as soon as he receives a reply.

Submitted letter from the Regional Health Forum West stating that four Regional health Forums have been established effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006. The function of each Regional Health Forum is to make such representation to the Health Service Executive as the Forum considers appropriate on the range and operation of health and personal social services provided within its functional area. The Regional Health Forum West's functional area is that covered by 11 Local Authorities in the western

area including Limerick and has 40 members including appointees from Limerick City Council. Attached was copy of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report and Schedule of Meetings for 2008 which was circulated to members.

Submitted list of Tenders opened in respect of the following :

- (a) Printing Requirements January – December 2008
- (b) River Wall and Suburban Weed Spraying Contract 2008
- (c) Mount Kennett Skateboard Park at Steamboat Quay, Limerick
- (d) Multi Disciplinary Professional Services and Delivery of the Limerick Public Realm Strategy.
- (e) Smoke Alarms 2008
- (f) Environmental Monitoring
- (g) St. Lelia's Church Boundary Works
- (h) Kileely Road Railings

## **9. 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 deferred :

Disposal of land consisting of an area comprising 0.1675 hectares situate at Mary Street in the City of Limerick and outlined in red on Drawing No. MIS 254 to Peter Madden or his nominees.

## **10. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

In reply to Cllr. Scully, the Head of Finance stated that the City Council's overdraft in the bank is a cause for concern, however, it is reflective of the quantity of activity taking place particularly in the capital account. The matter is receiving attention all the time and that he expected that a significant amount of the overdraft will be cleared by the end of March.

## **11. BUDGET 2008 IN REVISED FORMAT**

The adopted Budget 2008 in the revised format was noted.

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

It was unanimously agreed to approve participation by members at the following conferences :

2 Day Conference All Ireland Conference on Climate Change  
Held in Lough Erne Hotel, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh  
12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €691.30  
Conference Fee : €250.00

Local Authority Members Association Annual Spring Conference  
Held in Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath  
27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €431.37  
Conference Fee : €250.00

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference hosted by Rattoo Heritage Society  
Held in The Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry  
2<sup>nd</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €707.23  
Conference Fee : €265.00

Wexford Borough Council Conference “Better Local Government – Is it Working ?”  
Held in The Talbot Hotel, Wexford  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2008  
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €574.41  
Conference Fee : €225.00

### **13. TO NOTE UPDATE ON BOUNDARY EXTENSION**

The City Manager stated that the signing of Limerick City Boundary Alteration Order 2008 by John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, will take place at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 at Watch House Cross Community Library, Moyross. The Order will come into effect on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2008.

Members welcomed this boundary extension and expressed hope that the Minister will take into consideration the need for another boundary extension for the city.

### **14. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS**

The Meeting noted the list of Planning Proposals under consideration at 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 and Decisions taken from 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 to 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

Cllr. Kennedy stated that there is a lot of concern in the area regarding the proposed relocation of another school to Sexton Street. There are currently five schools already in Sexton Street and another school there would add to the traffic and other problems in the area. He asked the Mayor, Manager and Officials to look at this very carefully prior to making any decision on same.

Cllr. McLoughlin agreed with Cllr. Kennedy and suggested that the Department of Education and Representatives of the School get together to discuss the matter.

In reply, the Senior Planner stated that he has had a number of meetings with the Principals of the other Schools in Sexton Street and with Representatives from the Department of Education. He agreed to take members comments into consideration and to work with Representatives to assist the process.

In reply to Cllr. O’Hanlon, the Senior Planner agreed to list all the planning applications from Clohessy’s and to arrange a meeting with the Ward Councillors to discuss same.

Cllr. K. Leddin referred to 08/30 and expressed hope that the old monastery will be refurbished with taste and distinction.

Cllr. O'Hanlon referred to 08/26 – demolition of an existing derelict dwelling house and the construction of 4 no. apartments with 4 no. duplex units overhead and associated site works at Rhebogue Road and pointed out that there are a lot of Georgian houses in this area and, in his opinion, apartments / duplex units would not be suitable here.

## **STANDING ORDERS**

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

Cllr. Gilligan welcomed planning application 08/47 – change of use of existing ground floor storage building to coffee shop with ancillary facilities at 2, George's Quay, Limerick adding that it will upgrade the area. He voiced his opposition to 08/33 – development at 36 – 39, Nicholas Street.

Cllr. Hourigan stated that there was a condition attached to the planning permission for development at the Gaelic Grounds that Officials from the G.A.A. would meet with Councillors for the Area once a year to discuss any issues or concerns. He asked that they be reminded about this and informed that no further planning applications will be accepted unless this condition is complied with.

Cllr. Walsh expressed concerns regarding 08/48 development at Gooser's Corner Licence Premises, Corbally Centre, Corbally Road

In reply to Cllr. Cronin, the Senior Planner stated that the City Council can not regulate the selling of wines by shops as planning permission is not needed for this. The Guards give permission for shops to sell wines.

## **STANDING ORDERS**

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

### **15. AN BORD PLEANALA**

The Meeting noted the Decisions taken by An Bord Pleanala from 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 to 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

### **16. 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 :

“Given the increasing amount of people that chose to be cremated I propose that a wall of remembrance be built in one of our cemeteries to contain the ashes of those who died”.

Signed : Cllr. John Gilligan

## **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 replace the pvc piping in Kyleglass on the North Circular Road due to the large breakages on this pipe line”.

Signed : Cllr. Michael Hourigan

## **STANDING ORDERS**

Standing Orders were suspended for five minutes on the proposition of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. O’Hanlon.

## **18. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan :

“That this Council recognises the need for action on global warming and the need to conserve energy, reduce carbon emissions and also the need to reduce light pollution of our night skies.

That Limerick City Council will support Earth Hour 2008 ([www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)) by turning off all non essential lights controlled by the Council from 9.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 to support a collective worldwide effort to show the difference that can be made by this initiative and to raise public awareness of the need to use less energy.

This motion further requests that the City Manager will take all possible steps to implement the turning off of all non essential lights in it’s control as part of Earth Hour 2008.

Limerick City Council will write to the Chamber of Commerce and business community to lend their support to this initiative and that the City Manager will make a statement on this matter”.

Signed : Cllr. Kieran Walsh

Cllr. Walsh asked that an amendment be made to the Notice of Motion changing the times from 9.00 p.m -10.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. This was unanimously agreed.

## **19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. McLoughlin asked that steel shutters be used instead of grills to board up houses as the grills are being removed and used for dog kennels in St. Mary’s Park.

**THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED**

**A TRUE RECORD**

**T. MACKEY  
CITY MANAGER**

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

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**MAYOR OF LIMERICK**