



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th October, 2014 at 10.00 am.

Minutes

- 5938** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 9th September, 2014
ORDER: Agreed
- 5939** Questions to the Area Manager
ORDER: Noted
- 5940** With reference to Update Report on the Action Plan to deal with Dumping Issues in the North Inner City.
ORDER: Noted.

Planning and Development Matters

- 5941** With reference to a recommendation for the addition of 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 Henry Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
ORDER: Agreed to initiate the procedure.
- 5942** With reference to a recommendation for the addition of 9 – 10 Jervis Street, Dublin 1, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
ORDER: Agreed to initiate the procedure.
- 5943** With reference to a recommendation for the deletion of 35 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 5944** With reference to a recommendation for the deletion of 16a Henry Street, Dublin 1 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- 5945** With reference to the proposal for changes to the Community Grants Scheme 2015 and the incorporation of the Informal Adult Education Program into the Grants Scheme.
ORDER: Report noted.

- 5946 With reference to Dublin City Council Central Area 1916 Commemoration Project
ORDER: Report noted.

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 5947 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meetings held on 30th September, 2014.
ORDER: Report noted. Councillors requested that a Traffic Engineer attend each Area Committee meeting.

Central Area Matters

- 5948 With reference to a nomination from the Central Area Committee to the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force
ORDER: Councillor Jonathan Dowdall was nominated to the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.
- 5949 With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway at 24 Foley Street, Dublin 1.
ORDER: Agreed to initiate the procedure.
- 5950 Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit
North East Inner City Housing Issues
North West Inner City Housing Issues
ORDER: Reports noted. The Members comments were as follows:
- (a) That the following items be included in future monthly reports; St. Agatha's Court, Castleforbes, Grangegorman and the Luas Cross City Project.
 - (b) That an official from the Housing and Residential Services Department be invited to the next meeting to give a report on Father Scully House.
 - (c) That the plan for Halloween for the O'Devaney Gardens Complex to be given to the Councillors as soon as possible.
 - (d) That the Area Manager provides the Members with information in relation to proposals to use the O'Devaney Gardens complex for the provision of homeless accommodation .
 - (e) That a meeting of the JPC be held as soon as possible.
 - (f) Concerns were expressed at the allocation of units in Crinian Strand.
 - (g) The Area Manager to confirm how many properties are owned by Dublin City Council on Henrietta Street and for an inspection of the street to be carried out to assess the security of the vacant buildings.

Motions

- 5951 **Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to expand the litter cleanup programme in the Inner City area.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.

- 5952 **Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that all efforts be made to have all voids back in housing stock by year end.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.

- 5953 **Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee agrees that a solution be implemented to address the illegal dumping on Merchants Road.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

5954 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

That this Committee requests an update on 53 Merchants Road, East Wall as the site has been vacant for a number of years now. The matter has been raised previously and there has been no progress. Can the Chief Executive confirm the current time-frame to refurbish and re-allocate this property as that previously stated has not occurred? While we are waiting on this progress can the appearance of the property be improved as it is contributing to the negative appearance of this residential street?

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

5955 Motion in the name of Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this Committee calls on Dublin City Council to initiate a full procedure for an order of protected structure on the entire site known as the Croppies Acre. This site to include the section occupied by the OPW and the section (small park to the side) occupied by the Anna Livia sculpture.

This site also to be included as a National Heritage and memorial site as covered under the National monuments act in order to give it entire protection for the future of the citizens of the city and of the entire country. This is one of the most important sites and green spaces in our capital city and as we enter into the centenary celebrations of 1916 and indeed the war of independence it is highly appropriate that this site be brought up to the highest standard in order to honour those men and women who gave their lives in the cause and struggle for independence and freedom.

This site is now under the control of Dublin City Council parks Department and it is a matter of urgency that this site receives the nurture and attention it so rightly deserves. As a first gesture this park should be immediately opened to the public in that way with public access and public usage it is much easier to manage and easier to deter anti-social behaviour. It is an absolute disgrace to concede and keep this park closed as a result of the uncaring few who desecrate it on a regular basis. But there can be no worse desecration and indifference than the closing of this memorial garden.

Two well known leaders of the United Irish Rebellion also rest in the Croppy Acre alongside so many of Ireland's unknown soldiers. Mathew Tone, the younger brother of Theobald Wolfe Tone and Bartholomew Teeling were captured after the Battle of Ballinamuck, hanged in Provost Prison, Arbour Hill, and dumped without ceremony into the Croppy Acre.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Janice Boylan (Chairperson)

Cllr. Nial Ring (Vice Chairperson)

Lordmayor Christy Burke

Cllr. Ray McAdam

Cllr. Gary Gannon

Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe

Cllr. Éilis Ryan

Cllr. Jonathan Dowdall

Cllr Mannix Flynn

Officials

Rose Kenny, Executive Manager, Central Area

Eileen Gleeson, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area

Maire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer, Culture, Recreational, Amenity and Community

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

Tara Doyle, Senior Librarian.

Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area

Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area

Sean Smith, Area Housing Manager, Central Area

John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area

Simon Brock, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area

Cathy Cassidy, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area

Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area

Councillor Janice Boylan

Chairperson

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