



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 9th December, 2014 at 10.00 am.

Minutes

- 5973** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 11th November, 2014
ORDER: Agreed
- 5974** Questions to the Area Manager
ORDER: Noted
- 5975** With reference to a presentation on Croke Villas
ORDER: Presentation noted. Following discussions it was agreed that the Housing and Residential Services Department attend this meeting in January to update the Councillors on upcoming negotiations and to make a decision on the future plans for the complex.
- 5976** With reference to a presentation by Dublin Docklands
ORDER: Presentation noted. Dublin Docklands to provide a breakdown of public/private thoroughfares on the Boland's Mill site.

Planning and Development Matters

- 5977** With reference to the proposed disposal by way of a further licence of Units F02-F10, F11 and F13 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council. Further information to confirm that the building meets the standards for provision of childcare facilities in relation to outdoor space.
- 5978** With reference to the proposed disposal by way of a further licence of UnitG04 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council. Further information to confirm that the building meets the standards for provision of childcare facilities in relation to outdoor space.
- 5979** With reference to the Disposal of part of ground floor and first floor of Bridgewater Hall, 19/24 Summerhill Parade, Dublin 1 by grant of a lease
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 5980 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meetings held on 25th November, 2014.
ORDER: Report noted. Members requested that a revision of the presentation of the TAG Status Report be forwarded to the Transportation SPC.

Central Area Matters

- 5981 With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway at 24 Foley Street, Dublin 1.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council
- 5982 With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a portion of the footpath at the 'Bicycle Shop' Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council. Cllr Ring asked for clarification on the implications of rectifying the title on this property in particular for the Residents above the shop.
- 5983 Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit
North East Inner City Housing Issues
North West Inner City Housing Issues
ORDER: Reports noted. The following items were raised;
(a) Manager to examine the possibility of providing Christmas Trees at further locations for Christmas 2015 i.e. Portland Square and Stoneybatter.
(b) Update requested on the derelict site on Ryder's Row owned by Dublin City Council and the possibility of widening the footpath at this location.

Motions

The following motion was deferred from the November meeting of the Central Area Committee:

5971 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee agrees that negotiations with Croke Park on the Croke Villas site are terminated and that this complex be refurbished and put back into housing stock either by DCC or a voluntary body and financed by the recently announced housing capital budget.
ORDER: Motion deferred to the January meeting of the Central Area Committee.

5984 Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee requests that the replacement of lead pipes and the cost of replacing them, as the readings are high – some 8 times the level that is acceptable under the European Communities (Drinking Water Regulations 2007), be included in the Home Improvements Grant Scheme.
ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5985 Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee recognises that the monies given by Central Government towards the Housing Crisis was not enough for what is needed especially when dealing with such high numbers of housing cases and homelessness.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Minister Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

5986 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Committee supports the expansion of the Intensive Inspection Programme beyond March 2015, calls upon the Department of the Environment to provide funding for this expansion and requests that the Chief Executive ensures that the Programme is an open-ended programme of continuous inspections.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Minister Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

5987 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee request the Manager to arrange for an immediate investigation into the pedestrian light timing at the pedestrian lights located on the North Strand Road at St. Columba's Church with a view to recommending and putting in place a longer crossing time for pedestrians, especially at school starting and finishing times, in order to facilitate schoolchildren from the nearby National School crossing the main road at these lights.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5988 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee request the Manager to write to all involved in the cross city Luas project to ask them to ensure that all works in the O'Connell Street and surrounding areas are complete before Easter 2016 as the area will be used by many groups for 1916 centenary celebrations.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Railway Procurement Agency.

5989 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee request the Chief Executive to consider partially pedestrianising Georges Lane which runs between North Brunswick Street and North King Street, removing the free parking and redesigning the junctions at either end in line with new Design Manual for Urban Streets and Roads so as to make it into a more pedestrian friendly place, and a more suitable approach to the Grangegorman Campus.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5990 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee agrees with the Young People at Risk Co-Ordinator based in the Ballybough Community Centre in the North Inner City who has stated that there is an urgent need for an intervention with targeted investment in police resources and other services that will start to address the deep rooted causes of poverty and social exclusion in the North East Inner City and halt the further decline and ghettoization while giving the community hope for a better future for their children and urges An Garda Siochana and Government to provide sufficient resources to address these crucial issues.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Minister Leo Varadkar, T.D., Minister for Health and Minister Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., Minister for the Department of Justice and Equality.

5991 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to provide /apply sufficient resources to address the unacceptable continued rubbish and rodent issue at the entrance gate to the Blessington Basin and Moncke Place.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5992 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to put in place comprehensive signage at Mountjoy Square outlining what works are being undertaken to the railings and other parts of the park so that members of the public can understand and appreciate the importance of the proposed works.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5993 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to consider locating the Smithfield Christmas tree this year to the north end of Smithfield or at least relocate some of the potted trees to the north end of the square and improve the litter situation on the derelict site at Friary Avenue and Smithfield and consider applying ecopsychology principles to the redesign of this important urban space.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5994 Motion in the name of Councillor Jonathan Dowdall

That this Committee agrees to establish an exact date with Croke Park for the refurbishment of Croke Villas.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5995 Motion in the name of Councillor Jonathan Dowdall

That this Committee agrees to meet with An Garda Siochana concerning the anti-social behaviour at the Centra on Mountjoy Street, Dublin 7.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

5996 Motion in the name of Councillor Jonathan Dowdall

That this Committee agrees to provide Wifi to all the Senior Citizen facilities in the North Inner City such as Ballybough Court, Tom Clarke House, Brendan Behan Court and Killarney Court, to name a few.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Janice Boylan (Chairperson)

Cllr. Nial Ring (Vice Chairperson)

Cllr. Ray McAdam

Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe

Cllr. Éilis Ryan

Cllr. Gary Gannon

Apologies

**Lordmayor Christy Burke
Cllr. Jonathan Dowdall**

Officials

**Rose Kenny, Executive Manager, Central Area
Eileen Gleeson, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area
Gerry Geraghty, Executive Manager, Housing and Residential Services
Paul Clegg, Executive Manager, Dublin Docklands
Owen Walsh, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Division.
Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
Sean Smith, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area
Cathy Cassidy, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area
Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area**

Councillor Janice Boylan

Chairperson

9th December, 2014

