

**COISDE CHEANTAR AN LARTHUAISCIRT  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 AT 2.00 P.M**

**4937.** Election of Chairperson

**Order: Councillor Ciarán O'Moore — Proposed by Councillor Micheal Mac Donncha and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland**

**4938.** Election of Vice Chairperson

**Order: Councillor Tom Brabazon – Proposed by Councillor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Councillor Ciaran O'Moore**

**Emergency Motion**

**Cllr Michael O'Brien**

That this area committee

- Notes that following the dismissal of its co-ordinator in March 2015 the Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre has not functioned normally with a number of user groups continuing to boycott the facility
- Further notes that in response to this and court proceedings taken against members of the community who support the reinstatement of the co-ordinator resulting in substantial legal costs an intervention from the Centre's main funders, TUSLA, has led to the appointment of an interim board tasked with restoring the normal functioning of the centre
- Further notes that a Dublin City Council official and an elected councillor have both been appointed to this board without any prior discussion at the North Central Area Committee
- Calls on the new appointees to the interim board to take all necessary steps to convene an Annual General Meeting of the centre at which the centre's regular users have the status of voting members so that the will of the community can prevail over all matters relating to the running of the centre and its employment practices

**Order: Defer to September North Central Area Committee meeting pending more information**

**4939.** Minutes of meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Order: Noted**

**4940.** Questions to Area Manager

**Order: Noted**

**4941. Area Matters**

a. Clontarf to Amiens Street Cycle Route

**Order: Joint Information meeting with Central Area Committee to take place 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

b. Preparing for Life

**Order: Noted**

c. Housing Allocations

**Order: Future reports to include Category of Housing Stock in the North Central Area Circulate List of all voids in North Central Area .**

d. Cromcastle Court Heating

**Order: Noted**

- e. Pre-Part 8 Notification for information purposes only –

Construction of Changing Rooms in Springdale Park, Raheny, Dublin 5

**Order: Noted**

- f. Naming & Numbering Proposal for development on a site at 1-12 Castle Vernon, Dollymount Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

**Order: Agreed**

- g. Public Domain Report

**Order: Noted**

**4942. Items for following meetings**

**Report on Usage of Fairview Pavillion over the last 12 months**

**Rules and regulations for homeless people while in Hotel Accomodation**

**Greendale Court Senior Citizen Complex, Kilbarrack**

**4943. Roads and Traffic Matters**

- a. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on the 23<sup>RD</sup> June 2015

**Order: Noted**

**4944. Planning and Development Matters**

- a. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report

**Order: Noted**

- b. Proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of 15 Marino Green, Marino, Dublin 3 to David Mulligan and Emma Stapleton.

**Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council**

- c. Proposed disposal of site for a substation at Father Collins Park, Donaghmede, Dublin 15 to the Electricity Supply Board.

**Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council**

- d. Proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of 15 Saint Aidan's Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3 to Eileen O'Connell.

**Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council**

**MOTIONS:**

**4945. Motion in the name of Councillor Seán Haughey**

That a full report be given to the North Central Area Committee regarding the recent removal of the wall around the green in Thorndale Estate, Artane by the Parks and Landscape Services Division. Who sought the removal of this wall? What incidences of anti-social behaviour at this location have been reported? What consultation took place with the local residents regarding this action? Did Dublin City Council have a legal right to do this? How much would it cost to rebuild the wall? That meaningful discussion now take place with the residents on this issue.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4946. Motion in the name of Councillor Micheál MacDonncha**

This Area Committee urges that, following the refurbishment works at Greendale Court, priority in letting the new one-bedroom apartments be given to current tenants, especially given that the 'two-into-one' scheme is designed primarily to improve the living conditions of tenants in bedsits and also that this is a small, cohesive community that wishes to remain together.

**Order: Report back to September North Central Area Committee meeting**

**4947. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this local area committee agrees that the safety wall surrounding the green at the entrance to Thorndale which was recently removed without resident consultation be reinstated as a matter of urgency.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4948. Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán O'Moore**

That this Area Council agree that a homeless family staying in a hotel be allowed to take a short respite break/holiday offer by the St Vincent De Paul or any other charity without been penalised.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4949. Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That Dublin City Council and the Chief Executive ensure, in relation to the Part V111 redevelopment of Greendale Court Senior Citizen Complex, Raheny, that the current residents of Greendale Court complex be transferred to the refurbished units when these units become available.

**Order: Report back to September North Central Area Committee meeting**

**4950. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

The members of this local area committee appreciate all the hard work and commitment demonstrated by DCC staff. Councillors are aware of and want to acknowledge the enormous effort staff put into their work which may seem to go unnoticed at times. Thank you.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4951. Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

That this Committee discusses ongoing issues with littering & anti-social behaviour in Fairview Park and seeks an Action Plan to deal with same.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4952. Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

That the current residents of Greendale Court Senior Citizens' Complex be treated as a discrete group of residents with regard to the upgrading/conversion of the complex: that those residents who moved from the current vacant block into the block currently in use be given

preference to move back once its conversion is completed; that no-one from the housing transfer list or the social housing waiting list be offered a unit in the upgraded complex until current residents who wish to remain living in the complex are accommodated.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4953. Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

Noting the work carried out over the past year by our local area staff, a number of elected representatives in conjunction with the local residents and several local agencies and the Gardai in improving the park in Darndale which has led to many positive developments including increased public usage, less dumping and fewer horses, almost daily fishing at the pond, and a major fun day, not forgetting to mention the significant sporting success of the local football club, Darndale FC, it is most disappointing to hear from residents of recent problems in the park.

There has been a recurrence of some of the problems that were a consistent feature of the past year, namely the presence in the park of both horses and quad bikes, as well as the issue emerging with the dumping of needles and condoms in the children's' playground.

A key factor in the recurrence of some of the park's problems is the lack of a physical presence of workers in the park, who could provide a sense of safety and security whilst assisting with local events and clubs, carrying out some basic work, all the while enhancing community life by assisting in the creation of a vibrant park life. Tremendous efforts by DCC local area staff to bring this situation about were destroyed by the intransigence of the Department of Social Protection some months ago.

Further noting the plans for the park in the months ahead, including further boundary and football pitch improvements, the renewal of the all-weather pitch, as well as grant applications for the second pitch and some outdoor gym equipment and the installation of two seats on a trial basis, it is imperative that this area committee demand the following:

The immediate deployment of Dublin City Council staff to Darndale Park to work as Park Rangers, similar to the situation one finds in our neighbouring local authority, Fingal. The presence of Park Rangers would transform the park's fortunes, protecting the improvements already secured and ensuring that the proposed plans for the park in the months ahead can proceed with the certainty that the time and resources, both financial and physical, will not be wasted. Most importantly, a message would be sent to the local community that Dublin City Council is most serious about ensuring the future viability of the Darndale Park.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**Councillor Ciarán O'Moore,  
Cathaoirleach  
Dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.**

**Attendance**

Councillor Ciarán O'Moore (In chair)

Councillor Paddy Bourke, Councillor Tom Brabazon, Councillor Declan Flanagan, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Councillor Seán Haughey, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones, Councillor John Lyons, Councillor Micheal Mac Donncha, Councillor Denise Mitchell, Councillor Micheal O'Brien, Councillor Damian O'Farrell, Councillor Naoise O'Muirí, Councillor Larry O'Toole

**Dublin City Council**

Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager,  
Jim Kelly, Assistant Area Manager  
Dympna McCann, Senior Staff Officer  
Fiona Moore, Staff Officer  
Tony Mc Gee, Executive Engineer  
Chris Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer  
Philip Mills, Acting Clerk Of Works  
Mary Flynn, Administrative Officer  
Sheila Hennessy, Senior Staff Officer  
Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer  
Jim Lee, Community and Social Development Officer

Marian Vickers, Northside Partnership  
Noel Kelly, Northside Partnership

Niamh Fannon, RPS Consulting Engineers  
Michael Noonan, RPS Consulting Engineers