



NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2015

- NW/182/15** Election of the Chair.
ORDER: Councillor Áine Clancy was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Andrew Montague and was duly elected.
- NW/183/15** Election of the Vice Chair.
ORDER: Councillor Cathleen Carney Boud was proposed by Councillor McGrattan, seconded by Councillor Keegan and was duly elected.
- NW/184/15** Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2015
ORDER: Agreed
- NW/185/15** Questions to the Area Manager (July).
ORDER: Noted. Replies circulated. Appendix attached.
- NW/186/15** **Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors: Cieran Perry, Noel Rock, Anthony Connaghan and Teresa Keegan**

This committee rejects the Dublin City Council Review report on the Abigail centre. In particular, Recommendation 2, which proposes increasing the number of clients to 55, is unacceptable. The positive elements in the report are negated by this recommendation which clearly goes against the spirit of the discussions with the community representatives. This committee also supports the mandate given to the WFRTA committee by the local community, to continue their efforts to close the Abigail centre in its current form.

ORDER: The councillors requested a number of follow up reports from the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and requested the removal of the wording noted in recommendation 2 to increase the number of

clients to 55. The Assistant Area Manager agreed to report back to the DRHE with the Councillors requests and suggested the item be added to the September JPC for update.

Cabra Matters

NW/187/15 Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer.
ORDER: Noted

NW/188/15 Naming of new development – Sheltered Housing Scheme
“Broome Lodge”, Fassaugh Avenue, Cabra, Dublin 7.

ORDER: The councillors unanimously rejecting the naming of the new development and asked for a number of naming options be brought to the September Area Committee meeting. Mr. Aidan Maher reminded the councillors that the Heritage Officer is invited to attend the September meeting.

Motions

NW/189/15 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

This Area Committee supports the Cabra Historical Society's request to paint a mural of the 1916 Proclamation on the gable wall of Canon Burke senior citizen complex on Fassaugh Avenue.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

NW/190/15 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

This Area Committee welcomes the recent environmental improvements on Fassaugh Avenue and calls on DCC to continue these works on to other main roads in Cabra.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

NW/191/15 **Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the city council initiates the procedure to extinguish the public right of way at the laneway between Kinvara Avenue and Kinvara Road.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

NW/192/15 **Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the City Council repair the fence between the playing fields at Glendhu Park and Kempton.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

NW/193/15 **Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the city proposes a plan how to address the concerns of parking in Ashington if the proposed railway goes ahead.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

Finglas Matters

- NW/194/15** Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Asst. Area manager.
ORDER: Noted. The Councillors congratulated the staff involved in the organisation of the Finglas Festival and noted its success.
- NW/195/15** Sports Development Report Finglas Area.
ORDER: Noted
- NW/196/15** Housing Allocations Report, Mary Flynn, Administrative Officer.
ORDER: Noted. Ms Mary Flynn committed to report on the Housing Allocations and attend the area committee meetings quarterly.

Motions

NW/197/15 **Motion in the name of Councillor Cathleen Carney Boud**

That the manager urgently considers options to address the dangerous situation at the Ballygall swale where motorised bikes are using it as a track almost every night now. Older residents there are terrified and there is an immediate concern about the safety of children. As the previous suggestion of railings has been refused, can the manager now suggest what can be done before someone is seriously injured or even killed. This is not in a park; it is taking place outside the front of people's homes. The new grass which was sown is now destroyed and the "green" is once again an eyesore that just looks like a dirt track.

Please see photos attached

ORDER: Report to Councillor

Area Wide Matters

- NW/198/15** Traffic Service Requests, Status Report dated 2015.
ORDER: Noted.
Mr. Eoin Walsh confirmed to the Councillors that the design stage for a pedestrian crossing at Tolka Valley Road was complete and the tendering process will begin in September.
- NW/199/15** Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting dated 2015
ORDER: Noted.
- NW/200/15** Public Domain Report, Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer.
ORDER: Noted. The councillors unanimously rejected the Pilot Project to reduce junk mail.
- NW/201/15** Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.
ORDER: Noted.

Motions

NW/202/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to continue to fund the refurbishment of voids given the current crisis in the supply of housing. This committee acknowledges the deficit in funding being provided by the Department of the Environment and also calls on Minister Kelly to refrain from the serial announcements of funding and to actually provide the promised finance.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

Ballymun Matters

NW/203/15 Ballymun Area Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager.
ORDER: Noted.

NW/204/15 With reference to the proposed extinguishment at the laneway to the rear of 4-14 Whitworth Road and 14-22 Grattan Parade.
ORDER: Agreed to initiate the proposed extinguishment.

NW/205/15 Ballymun Rent Assessment Update
ORDER: Noted.

Motions

NW/206/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen O'Reilly

To ask the Manager with immediate effect to release the 25 housing Units in the Plaza Ballymun to house people on the housing and homeless list.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

NW/207/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the Area Manager prunes the trees behind the houses that back on to the motorway on Shantalla Road and Lorcan Park. The trees are very big and I get regular requests for them to be pruned.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

AOB

Councillor Áine Clancy requested that the schedule of meetings be added as an item to the September Area Committee Meeting Agenda.

Attendance:

NWA Councillors:

ORDER: Áine Clancy, Anthony Connaghan, Emma Murphy, Paul McAuliffe, Teresa Keegan, Séamas McGrattan, Noeleen Reilly, Cieran Perry, Noel Rock, Andrew Montague, Brendan Carr, Cathleen Carney Boud.

Officials: Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Donal Barron (Area Housing Manager – Ballymun), Brian Byrne (Area Housing Manager – Finglas), Dick Whelan (Area Housing Manager – Cabra), Fergus Synnott (Administrative Officer – Cabra), Mary Flynn, (Administrative Officer- Housing Allocations), Eoin Ward (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Eoin Walsh (Assistant Engineer), Patrick Smith (Environmental Liaison Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Lois Salmon (Assistant Community Officer)

Apologies: Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager.

Councillor Áine Clancy
Chairperson

The meeting concluded at 16.40 pm.