

COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 10th November, 2015 at 10.00 am.

Minutes

Standing orders were suspended in order that a minute's silence be observed in memory of Sean Carey former Assistant Chief Executive, Dublin City Council.

- 6168** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 13th October, 2015
ORDER: Agreed. Councillors requested that (a) the Manager writes to the Garda Commissioner to ask her to meet with a delegation from the Central Area Committee to discuss Fitzgibbons Street Garda Station (b) an update be sent to them for the Housing Sites at Infirmary Road and North King Street and (c) the Manager contact Croke Park to ask them to meet with the users of the handball club to try to resolve their issues.
- 6169** Questions to the Area Manager
ORDER: Noted

Planning and Development Matters

- 6170** With reference to the proposed grant of licence of No.15 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1.
ORDER: Members agreed to recommend to the City Council subject to the receipt of information on the previous use of the building.
- 6171** With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year Concession to The Tram Café to operate a café in Wolfe Tone Park, Jervis Street, Dublin 1
ORDER: Members agreed to recommend to the City Council. A meeting to be organised with the Parks Superintendent to update Councillors on the plans for Wolfe Tone Park.
- 6172** With reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Units T08 and S02 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7.
ORDER: Agreed Recommend to City Council.
- 6173** With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the front to No 55 Church Street, Dublin 7 to Dermot Forbes.
ORDER: Agreed Recommend to City Council.

Housing and Residential Services Matters

- 6174** With reference to a presentation on the Traveller Accommodation Programme.
ORDER: Presentation noted. The Councillors asked that a letter be sent to the Traveller Section conveying the Central Area Committee's appreciation of the input of Dublin City Council Staff to the Traveller Accommodation Programme.

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 6175 With reference minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting of 27th October, 2015.
ORDER: Report noted. Queries forwarded to the Traffic Engineer

Central Area Matters

- 6176 With reference to North Inner City Action Plan
ORDER: Report noted. Manager to investigate the possibility of ring fencing the Development Levies to fund this plan.
- 6177 With reference to Central Area Sport and Recreational report
ORDER: Report noted. Request from Councillor to investigate the possibility of installing a Boccia/Boules court in Smithfield.
- 6178 Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit
North East and North West Inner City Housing Issues
Halloween Report
Grangegorman Development
Central Area Age Friendly Update
Community Development Section
ORDER: Reports noted. Councillors had the following requests (a) That the Manager ask for information as to what further legislation is required to ensure all households take responsibility for the management of their waste. (b) that the GDA are requested to set up outreach programmes in the local area to inform locals of the educational opportunities available to them in the new campus.

Motions

The following emergency motion was tabled;

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee agrees that DCC meets with the contractor who is working on the pyrite damage in order to repair damage done at a number of houses during these works - example poor replacement of wall and floor tiles, kitchen tops replaced with like for like materials – to repair damage to a headboard, to clean sinks units that are blocked up as a result of works.
ORDER: Agreed.

6179 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee calls on the Garda Commissioner to include the refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station in a Programme of Works and that the station be reopened at the request of local residents.
ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Garda Commissioner.

6180 Motion in the name of Councillor Gaye Fagan

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to liaise with Greyhound Waste regarding the removal of the bag service in East Wall. Not all homes have the amenity to store a bin. Also, a number of residents are elderly and live alone, Greyhound have offered a smaller bin at a cost of €13 a month, some of our senior citizens only put a bin out every 4 to 6 weeks which was costing – e.g. one tag per month €3.65. How can they justify such an increase.

They are only offering a monthly charge whereas in other areas customers have the option of a lift service. Also, when this service is rolled into all areas in the inner city, could we be updated with a report as to whether the amount of illegal dumping has increased or decreased due to these changes. Also it was brought to my attention the safety aspect for senior citizens trying to get the bin down steps.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

6181 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Area Committee calls upon the Waste Management Section of Dublin City Council to facilitate Sunday opening at the Grangegorman Recycling Centre as a matter of urgency given the success of the initiative earlier this year.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

6182 Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Area Committee calls on government and the management of DCC, to commemorate the women of Cumann na mBan who courageously took part in the 1916 Easter Rising. And that these women should be given the respect they deserve by having art work or statues erected in their honour.

I am suggesting we identify the funding and put them in the parks that DCC own and look after. This would be a very welcomed initiative and it is only fitting that these brave women are honoured and remembered for all their sacrifice's and dedication to freeing Ireland.

ORDER: Agreed. Councillor Boylan asked the wording of her motion be amended to include "all women" who took part in the 1916 Easter Rising.

6183 Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Area Committee calls on the Manager to make sure that the cleaning and removal programme in place for the leaves that are falling in our leafy suburbs be removed more often than they are at present. I am very concerned about the piles of leaves on the footpaths and with the wet season coming on quickly the danger of someone falling and really hurting themselves is ever present.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

6184 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee agrees to allocate an agreed amount from its discretionary fund towards the erection of a suitable monument/memorial/plaque at the "suicide plot" at the junction of Ballybough Road and Clonliffe Road, subject to the permission of the site owners (JC Decaux) for the erection of a suitable memorial etc. and confirmation to DCC Central Area Office that the remaining amount has been raised locally.

ORDER: Agreed.

6185 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee agrees that Dublin City Council work with the Grangegorman Development Agency, Dublin Institute of Technology and Health Services Executive to seek the delivery of a publicly accessible swimming pool and other sports facilities within the Grangegorman campus and shall report back to a meeting of this Committee within three months with a progress report on the issue.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Attendance

Cllr. Nial Ring (Chairperson)
Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr. Ray McAdam
Cllr. Janice Boylan
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Gaye Fagan
Cllr. Gary Gannon

Absent

Cllr. Eilis Ryan

Officials

Rose Kenny, Executive Manager, Central Area
Eileen Gleeson, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area
Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer, Traveller Accommodation Section
Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area
Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer, Central Area
Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area

Councillor Nial Ring
Chairperson
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