

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 17th November 2015

A minutes silence was held for the members of Connors, Lynch and Gilbert families who died in the Carrickmines fire, and the victims of the Paris terrorist attacks.

NWA/276/15. Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2015.

ORDER: Agreed with amendment that the proposed traffic management plan for Walsh Road, being drawn up by Consultants, would be circulated to residents.

NWA/277/15 Questions to the Area Manager (November)

ORDER: Agreed.

NWA/278/15. Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer

ORDER: Noted. Fergus Synnott will follow up with Irish Rail in relation to contact with residents of Ashington. He will also follow-up on the reported NRA proposals for a level crossing at Ashtown.

NWA/279/15 Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 1-29 Kinvara Road, 3-55 Kinvara Avenue, rear of 35-45 Kinvara Park.

ORDER: Agreed.

NWA/280/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the city council carry out a survey of the footpaths and roads on Glenbeigh Road and surrounding roads and make any repairs deemed necessary.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/281/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the area manager construct a footpath at the outside of the the wall at the entrance to Kempton.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/282/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That a city council official meet with the residents of Charleville Road to address a number of concerns the residents have raised in relation to drainage.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/283/15 Joint Motion in the name of Councillors David Costello and Cieran Perry

That this committee supports the local residents request for the erection of gates on Connaught St and Dalymount Lane and recommends Dublin City Council to proceed with the extinguishment of the right of way over the laneway.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Item to be listed on the December Agenda.

NWA284/15 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

That this committee accepts responsibility for the wall which is the boundary with the public domain in front of St. Vincent's Cottages, Ashtown, Navan Road and calls on the manager to put in place; i) a timeline to inspect the structure and ii) a plan to replace or repair the wall.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Fergus Synnott to request a re-examination of ownership, and refer the structure to the Dangerous Buildings Section.

NWA/285/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus McGrattan

This Area Committee supports Colaiste Mhuire's request for pedestrian lights and a lay-by outside its gates on Ratoath Road and calls on traffic engineers to hold an on-site meeting with the Scoil.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/286/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

This committee asks that the new senior citizens complex at Dunmanus is named after local Volunteer Michael O'Hanrahan, who was executed for his participation in the 1916 Rising. Michael O'Hanrahan and his family lived at 67 Connaught Street and his sister Eily and brother Henry also took part in the rebellion during Easter Week. Michael O'Hanrahan was a senior member of the Irish Volunteers and third-in-command in Jacob's biscuit factory. He was executed at Kilmainham on 4 May 1916 and buried at Arbour Hill.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/287/15 Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Asst. Area Manager

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/288/15 With reference to the proposed exchange of land with the ESB at 12 Valeview Gardens/21 Valeview Drive, Finglas, Dublin 12

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/289/15 With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 90 Dunsink Avenue, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Francis Mahon

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/290/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That the manager arranges for an Environmental Improvement Plan for the Jamestown road area and surrounding lands. I am concerned about the ongoing traffic issues on the road that appear to be passed from one year to the next. In light of possible development in this area and the vast amount of land that is available there, I think we need a detailed plan for the area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/291/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Area Manager arranges for a wooden knee rail to be located around the green area at the Fast Building on Wellmount Road. The section placed adjacent St. Michaels School further up the road has proven successful on maintaining the grass verges there.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/292/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager arranges for the re-introduction of the Financial Contribution Scheme in the Finglas area with a view to using the finance gained to provide new Senior Citizen accommodation at the site in Scribblestown. This initiative will free up housing for families in the Finglas area and allow senior citizens to acquire more modern suitable accommodation. It would also create a more dispersed local tenure diversity than placing approximately 100 Social Housing units on the one site.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Motion to be forwarded to the Housing SPC.

NWA/293/15 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

That this committee rejects the TAG report in relation to the need for a pedestrian crossing at Lidl on the junction of McKee Ave and St Margaret Road in Finglas.

Report received from TAG:

"I refer to Question No.49 submitted to the North West Area Committee meeting of 16th September, 2014, regarding the above.

I wish to inform you that the Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 18th August, 2015, reported that in order to provide pedestrian facilities at the Lidl shop on St. Margaret's Road it would be necessary to reconfigure the existing roundabout. The estimated cost of implementing the scheme is approximately half a million euro. The National Transport Authority had considered funding the scheme as part of the accommodation works for the Finglas Improvement Scheme. This funding commitment is no longer available following lack of support for the overall scheme and the reduced funding for the sustainable transport measures grants in 2015. At present Dublin City Council do not have the necessary finances to fund the scheme"

ORDER: Rejected. Clarification to be sought from Traffic on whether there is a requirement for a pedestrian crossing at this location, irrespective of funding being available.

NWA/294/15 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

Given the new ownership of the Barry Shops in Finglas West that this committee calls on the HSE to revisit the possibility of locating the Primary care center adjacent to the shops.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/295/15 Traffic Service Requests, Status Report dated September 2015

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/296/15 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting dated 15th October 2015

ORDER: Issues with the format of the TAG Report to be submitted to the Transportation SPC.

NWA/297/15 Update on Proposed Royal Canal Cycleway – Sheriff Street Upper, Dublin 1 to Ashtown, Dublin 15 by Christopher K Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer

ORDER: Noted. Recommendations will be brought to the City Council in December.

NWA/298/15 With reference to exchange of lands at Finglas and Ballymun with Fingal County Council.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/299/15 Public Domain Report, Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer.

ORDER: Noted. Councillors expressed their thanks for the outstanding Halloween festival events and the work carried out by the Public Domain crew gathering bonfire material.

NWA/300/15 Sports & Recreation Report North West Area

ORDER: Noted. Bruce McDevitt to be invited to the December/January meeting to discuss sports facilities in the North West Area.

NWA/301/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Teresa Keegan

That the Manager arrange immediate briefing session for residents in respect of the proposed modular housing developments in both Finglas and Ballymun in order to address concerns.

ORDER: Motion to be submitted to the City Council. Chair to seek responses from the Housing & Residential Department on issues previously raised by the Councillors at a briefing given by the Assistant Chief Executive of Housing & Residential Services. Briefings will be held for Councillors and residents when designs for the proposed modular housing development are available.

NWA/302/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus McGrattan

This Area Committee thanks all Dublin City Council for their efforts in the run up to and during Halloween. Once again waste management recovered a

huge amount of bonfire material and community staff provided welcome alternative activities for each area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/303/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

This committee recognises and appreciates the successful Halloween operation carried out by Dublin City Council in the North West Area and we would like to thank all the staff involved. We would also like to thank the Gardai for their support.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/304/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

This committee calls for the replacement of the traffic engineer for the North West Area prior to the present incumbent leaving. .

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Area Office to request report on staffing resources from the Head of Technical Services. HR Department to clarify current status of Employment Control Framework.

NWA/305/15 Ballymun Area Office Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager.

ORDER: Noted

NWA/306/15 With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of Unit 2, Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

ORDER: Noted

NWA/307/15 With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year licence for the use of an area at Poppintree Community Sports Centre, Balbutcher Lane North, Poppintree, Dublin 11.

ORDER: Noted

NWA/308/15 With reference to the proposed disposal of land adjoining 35A Oldtown Road, Santry, Dublin 9.

ORDER: Noted

NWA/309/15 Modular Housing naming & numbering.

ORDER: Noted. Naming and numbering agreed at Balbutcher Lane "Baile na Loachra".

NWA/310/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the manager to carry out repairs at Santry Community Centre as pyrite has been identified in the basement and has caused other issues. To ask the manager to issue the centre with a long term licence. Those involved in the centre have raised most of the money themselves to build the centre and I think Dublin City Council should assist them in whatever way they can to solve any ongoing problems with the roof and other related issues.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/311/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That this area committee supports additional resources for Poppintree Park in terms of security of the park. Gangs of youth are entering the park after hours and are causing a lot of destruction in the park. On Friday 23rd October a ceremony took place in the park to celebrate the Green Flag and to raise the flag. By Sunday the pole and the flag had been taken down. Residents that live beside the park are plagued by anti social elements despite the best efforts of the Gardaí. Once the park is looked up at night there should be no ability to access it but unfortunately this is happening.

ORDER: Noted. Motion to be submitted to the North West Area Joint Policing Committee.

NWA/312/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That this area committee continues to support positive ageing week in Ballymun, Santry, Whitehall and Glasnevin. Given the new North West area partnership has no allocation of funds for positive ageing week; it is a concern where the funds for 2016 and future years are going to come from. Positive ageing week is a fantastic series of events for our senior citizens in the area and it would be disaster to have to cancel or roll back on any of the events.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/313/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe

The North West Area Committee call on the City Council to renew any planning permissions required to ensure the Co-op are able to build as soon as possible homes for 40 families on the site on Balbutcher Lane and on which the council has partially identified sites for 22 social Housing units built using modular building techniques. Furthermore the NWAC call on the council to meet any additional costs which the Co-op incur as a result of the 22 sites being selected by the Council.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/314/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe

The NWAC call on the Manager to arrange for a plebiscite to be carried out on the eastern end of Home Farm Road from Corpus Christi Church to Drumcondra Road asking residents if they are in favour of a disk parking scheme on this part of Home Farm Road.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/315/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Chris Andrews, South East Area.

That the manager arrange for the railings on Jamestown Road to be repaired blocking access to Poppintree Park park and to look at putting some sort of grease paint to stop youths jumping the gates keeping in mind health and safety issues.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Attendance:

NWA Councillors:

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

Officials:

Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager, Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Brian Byrne (Area Housing Manager – Finglas), Catherine Quinlan, (Housing – Finglas), Fergus Synnott (Administrative Officer – Cabra), Jackie O'Reilly (Public Domain Officer), Bridget Gilbert (Senior Staff Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Christopher K Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer, Road and Traffic Planning.

Apologies:

Cllr Andrew Montague, Cllr Seamus McGrattan.

A.O.B.

Councillors noted the clash of the Area Committee with the City-wide Joint Policing Committee and asked that this be avoided in future.

The Draft 2016 Community Grants Report will be presented to the North West Area Councillors for their consideration prior to the January City Council Meeting in City Hall in January 2016.

**Councillor Áine Clancy
Chairperson**

The meeting concluded at 4.10pm.