



## **NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**NWA/316/15** Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**ORDER: Agreed**

**NWA/317/15** Questions to the Area Manager (December)

**ORDER: Noted. Replies circulated. Appendix attached.**

#### **Cabra Matters**

**NWA/318/15** Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer.

**ORDER: Noted.**

**Fergus Synnott updated Councillors with regard to the Ashtown Level crossing and St. Vincent Cottages.**

**NWA/319/15** Connaught Street/Dalymount Stadium Laneway

**ORDER: Noted.**

**Cormac Healy, Project Manager, Dalymount Park gave a verbal update. Cllr. Perry noted on behalf of the residents the continued effort by DCC to manage the laneway. Cllr Perry and Cllr. Mc Grattan asked if Mr. Cormac Healy could provide an update at future meetings.**

#### **Motions:**

**NWA/320/15** **Emergency Motion 1 in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this committee instructs the Planning Department to re-initiate the Phibsboro Local Area Plan process immediately as the majority of content of the plan has already been completed. Statutory timelines should be the only delay in a renewed process.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**NWA/321/15** **Emergency Motion 2 in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That the Manager provides a comprehensive report on any discussions between any department in Dublin City Council and Castlethorn, the

developers in Pelletstown, on the subject of the proposed signalled controlled pedestrian crossing on Rathbourne Avenue. This pedestrian crossing is a requirement as per the planning conditions and school child safety is being compromised on a daily basis due to the lack of this facility. Castlethorn have informed the residents that they are under instruction from DCC not to install the pedestrian crossing until all construction in Rathborne is completed. This is likely to take many years.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/322/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe, Central Area**

That this Committee agrees that the existing cycle lane be extended along that portion of the Old Cabra Road (R805) currently occupied by parked cars on the western side of the road, and that the speed ramps be modified to deter motorised vehicles from entering the cycle lane.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**Finglas Matters**

**NWA/323/15** Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager

**ORDER: Noted.**

**Cllr. McAuliffe congratulated DCC on the successful events for both the Volunteer night and the Positive Wellness lighting up your community.**

**NWA/324/15** An Riasc Housing presentation, Seán O'Connor CEO Túath.

**ORDER: Noted**

**PowerPoint presentation. Councillors expressed their disappointment at the lack of correspondence between DCC, Túath and the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. The Councillors questioned the timeline of events. Councillors expressed their concern for the 13 couples who had already paid deposits for homes. The Housing Department to report on arrangements made under Part V of the Planning and Development Act.**

**Motions:**

**NWA/325/15 Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe**

The North West Area call on the manager to provide a full report on the An Riasc housing project on Farnham Drive. The committee support social housing provision in the area but believe that a mixed tenure positive social mix must be at the heart of any such development.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**NWA/326/15 Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe and Councillor Teresa Keegan**

The North West Area Committee rejects the secret deal done between Túath Housing and the developers of An Riasc. We call for the estate to have a good social mix and for those couples who paid deposits to be compensated.

**ORDER: Report to Councillors.**

**The Area Manager to write to the Developers of An Riasc to seek compensation for those who paid deposits.**

**NWA/327/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Manager begins procedures to take the Eastwood Estate, Rathvilly Road into the charge of Dublin City Council.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/328/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Cathleen Carney Boud**

That the Manager arranges for Ashgrove House in Finglas Village to be added to the record of protected structures.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**The Councillor requested that the Area Committee supports the initiation of this proposal. All Agreed.**

**NWA/329/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe**

The North West Area Committee call on the council to ensure the St. Helenas Rapid Housing Project is delivered with a good social mix as is the accepted planning practice and calls on government to introduce a scheme which will allow tenant purchase on this site.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**Councillor McAuliffe agreed to amend the wording of the motion to exclude the wording 'calls on government to introduce a scheme which will allow tenant purchase on this site'**

**NWA/330/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe**

To repeat an audit of the public lighting on Ballygall Avenue and put in place immediate measures to improve it.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/331/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe**

To introduce yellow lines to prevent parking in the stretch of road on Sycamore Park between the junction with Sycamore Road and immediately before, (but not in front or after) the first house on the left hand side. Cars turning onto the road are reporting this parking as a hazard.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**Area Wide Matters**

**NWA/332/15** Planning Enforcement Report July – December 2015, Fiacra Worrall, Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer.

**ORDER: Noted**

**Mr. Fiacra Worrall responded to a number of questions from Councillors.**

**NWA/333/15** Traffic Service Requests, Status Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/334/15** Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/335/15** Update on housing development on St. Helena's site, Tony Flynn, Executive Manager

**ORDER: Noted**

**Housing Programme Report circulated at the meeting.**

**Tony Flynn gave a verbal update on all housing programmes relevant to the area. Councillors raised a number of concerns including the lack of information available from the Local Offices.**

**Tony Flynn agreed to provide a regular update on the Housing Programme by way of report to the Councillors. It was noted that Brian Byrne will be available for consultation with regard to modular housing. Cllr. Costello requested reassurances be given to the Housing SPC with regard to the social mix of the Scribblestown site.**

**Tony Flynn to update Councillors, on the number of units due for occupancy before Christmas on the Poppintree site.**

**NWA/336/15** Public Domain Report, Jackie O'Reilly, Administrative Officer.

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/337/15** Sports Capital Grants for the North West Area.

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/338/15** Sports & Recreation Report North West Area.

**ORDER: Noted**

**Motions:**

**NWA/339/15** **Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

To ask Dublin City Council to put together a comprehensive guide on forming Co-ops. Given the large amount of vacant land available in the Dublin Northwest area particularly Ballymun and also given the constraints on the building of additional social housing units due to social mix requirements, Co-ops can be one instrument in providing affordable units for families in the area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/340/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this committee seeks a copy of the legal advice given to the Litter Prevention Office informing them that replying to questions from councillors regarding specific littering incidents is in breach of the Data Protection Act. Replies to Q.45 to the October North West Area committee meeting and Q.24 to the November North West Area committee meeting indicate a lack of transparency and a change of practice.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**Ballymun Matters**

**NWA/341/15** Ballymun Area Office Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/342/15** Ballymun Retail Study presentation by Pamela Connolly, Assistant Planner, Rob Fennelly, Senior Executive Planner, and Consultants Tony Quinn and Una Somerville from AECOM.

**ORDER: Noted**  
**Consultants Tony Quinn and Una Somerville provided a powerpoint presentation.**

**NWA/343/15** With reference to the proposed grant of a Lease of Unit B, Coultrey Neighbourhood Centre, Santry Way, Ballymun, Dublin 9

**ORDER: Agreed**

**NWA/344/15** With reference to the proposed disposal of site for a substation at Balcurris Close, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

**ORDER: Agreed**

**NWA/345/15** With reference to the proposed disposal of site for a substation at Balcurris Park West, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

**ORDER: Agreed**

**Motions**

**NWA/346/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

That this Northwest area committee calls for the construction of the road between Hampton Wood and Balbutcher lane as set out in the BRL Master Plan given the substantial increase in construction in the area. Severe pressure already exists unfairly on the residents of Carton Estate and this will increase further when the new units in Hampton Woods are opened.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/347/15 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the manager installs bins for dog foul waste in Ellenfield Park.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**AOB**

Reminder: **The Draft 2016 Community Grants Report** will be discussed in the main Conference Room, Floor 2, Palace Street at 5.30 pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> January (before the City Council meeting).

**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, Seamus McGrattan.**

**Officials:**

**Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager, Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Anthony Flynn (Executive Manager – Housing), Brian Byrne (Area Housing Manager – Finglas), Donal Barron (Area Housing Manager – Ballymun), Catherine Quinlan (Senior Staff Officer), Fergus Synnott (Administrative Officer – Cabra), Jackie O'Reilly (Public Domain Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Fiacra Worrall (Ass. Planning Enforcement Officer), Pamela Connolly (Assistant Planner), Cormac Healy (Project Manager, Dalymount Park),**

**Others:**

**Consultants Tony Quinn, Una Somerville (AECOM), Seán O'Connor (CEO, Túath).**

**Apologies:**

**Cllr. Brendan Carr.**

**Councillor Áine Clancy  
Chairperson**

**The meeting concluded at 5.40pm.**