

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 16th February 2016

NWA/23/16 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2016.

ORDER: Agreed.

A special North West Area Committee Meeting will be held on 24th March at 3pm in the Finglas Civic Offices which will deal with a composite motion on Housing and Planning in Finglas.

Councillor Costello proposed that motions submitted to the City Council by the North West Area Committee be reviewed with the aim of prioritising the motions.

ORDER: Agreed.

NWA/24/16. Questions to the Area Manager (January)

ORDER: Noted. Replies circulated.

NWA/25/16. Nomination to the Cabra/Finglas Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

ORDER: Noted. Councillors invited to nominate a representative.

Cabra Matters

NWA/26/16. Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/27/16. Update on Dalymount Park Project, Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer, Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/28/16. Proposed Extinguishment of 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: Recommend to City Council.

Finglas Matters

NWA/29/16. Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager.

ORDER: Noted. Councillors welcomed a plan for a Men's Shed in Finglas and the proposal to locate it on the Kildonan Lands site. Councillors asked that they be informed when properties in An Riasc are being allocated.

NWA/30/16 With reference to the disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 47 McKee Avenue, Finglas, Dublin 11.

ORDER: Agreed.

Motions:

NWA/31/16. Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

Considering the housing crisis and scarcity of housing in the Dublin City Council area, this Area Committee directs the Manager to utilise the small vacant sites in the ownership of DCC at 2 Casement Grove, 307 Casement Road and 74-75 Fairlawn immediately to help reduce the housing list. Can the Manager investigate the possibility of 1 and 2 bed maisonette style housing to try and maximise the units per site.

ORDER: Sites at these locations will be part of the discussions at the Special Meeting on the 24th March.

NWA/32/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

That this council looks to support the retention of large retailers such as SUPERVALU in Finglas Village through a process consultation with retailers in relation to public domain improvements.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Dublin City Council are anxious to keep anchor tenants in the village. The public domain in the area can be looked at in the context of a possible Local Environmental Improvement Plan.

NWA/33/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

That this council supports the establishment of a primary care service in the Finglas West/South area and would like to meet with the HSE to discuss their Plans and timelines.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/34/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

Please provide the report in relation to communications between DCC and Tuath housing in relation to An Riasc as promised in the report to my motion last month. The delay in receiving this report is unacceptable.

ORDER: Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department provided details on the background context to the site's acquisition.

NWA/35/16 **Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello**

That this council supports the development of a family resource centre for Finglas West, Modelled on the good work carried out in St. Helena's.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Area Wide Matters

NWA/36/16 The Team Dublin Clean-up 2016, Brian Hanney, Waste Management Division.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/37/16 Community Grants Scheme 2016.

ORDER: Noted

NWA/38/16 Traffic Service Requests, Status Report dated 16th February 2016.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/39/16 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting dated

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/40/16 Planning Enforcement Report October to December 2015, Fiacra Worrall, Assistant Enforcement Officer

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/41/16 Public Domain Report, John Twamley, Public Domain Officer

ORDER: Noted. John Twamley was invited to attend the next Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum, Iona Residents Association Meeting and Ellenfield Resident Associations Meeting

NWA/42/16 Housing Allocation Report 2016 – Current Waiting Lists Statistics and 2015 Total Lettings Report.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/43/16 Sports & Recreation Report North West Area

ORDER: Noted.

Motions:

NWA/44/16 **Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Manager provides up to date details for street sweeping in the Northwest Area. The schedule is supposed to be once every 12 weeks but a quick search on many streets (two examples provided) throughout the area it looks like the real frequency is once every 12 months.

ORDER: Motion taken with Presentation from Brian Hanney, Waste Management Division. Street cleaning is carried out every 12 weeks in accordance with Dublin City Council policy. The website was not being updated regularly to reflect this. This issue will soon be rectified.

Ballymun Matters

NWA/45/16 Presentation on proposed Ó’Cualann Cohousing Alliance CLG’s plans for the co-op sites in Ballymun – Hugh Brennan, O’Cualann; Joe Kennedy and Tim Crowley, Housing Alliance.

ORDER: The Councillors welcomed the scheme. Report from O’Cualann Cohousing Alliance to be circulated to members.

NWA/46/16 Ballymun Area Office Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager

ORDER: Noted

NWA/47/16 With reference to the proposed grant of lease of Workshop 1, Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11 to Quinns Convenience Store Limited

ORDER: Deferred. Dave Dinnigan to arrange a meeting with Paul Clegg, Planning and Property Management and Planning Enforcement to discuss the issues with this tenancy.

NWA/48/16 With reference to the proposed grant of lease of Workshop 2, Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11 to Garridebs Limited.

ORDER: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

Motions

NWA/49/16 **Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

That this committee calls on the manager to remove the Ban on HAP for homeless families in Ballymun. I am consistently getting this response in relation to queries regarding families staying in hotels.

“However, I am pleased to confirm that the household is eligible for the “Housing Assistance Payment” (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist in accessing the private rental market. This means that they are eligible to be considered for one month’s advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council”

For Homeless families in Ballymun this is not an adequate response as there is a ban in place. How many Ballymun families who were staying in Emergency accommodation last year found accommodation through HAP?

ORDER: Agreed. Mary Taylor will liaise with DCU and DIT and ask that they undertake social research on the implications of removing the ban on HAP in Ballymun. The new Chair of the Ballymun Town Civic Alliance is Deiric O’Bróin.

NWA/50/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That the Dublin Northwest Area Committee recognises the work youngballymun has done in the area over the last ten years in Early Childhood development and intervention. We call on the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to cease all plans to close youngballymun and not only continue to fund the programme in Ballymun but to look at rolling it out in other communities.

ORDER: A letter will be sent from the North West Area Committee requesting that the Minister retain youngballymun.

NWA/51/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the manager addresses the issue of dog dirt in Poppintree Park. It's a great park for dog owners, but it needs to be kept clean for all the children that play in the park.

ORDER: Report to Councillor

NWA/52/16 Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors David Costello and Anthony Connaghan

That the Northwest Area Committee formally recognises Kildonan Lands Development Group and their efforts to draft a master plan for the area.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor

Attendance:

NWA Councillors:

ORDER:

Áine Clancy, Anthony Connaghan, Emma Murphy, Paul McAuliffe, Noeleen Reilly, Cathleen Carney Boud, David Costello, Seamus McGrattan, Andrew Montague.

Officials:

Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager, Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Donal Barron (Area Housing Manager – Ballymun), Catherine Quinlan (Senior Staff Officer), Derek Healy, Area Housing Manager, Fergus Synnott (Administrative Officer – Cabra), John Twamley (Public Domain Officer), Bridget Gilbert (Senior Staff Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer), Neil O'Donoghue (Traffic Engineer, NWA), Brid Brosnan (Parks and Landscape Services), Fiacra Worrell, Planning Enforcement, Helen Smirnova, Traffic, Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer, Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services., Brian Hanney, Senior Executive, Officer, Waste Management Division.

Consultants: Ó'Cualann Cohousing Alliance CLG - Hugh Brennan, O'Cualann; Joe Kennedy and Tim Crowley,

Apologies: Councillors Teresa Keegan, Noel Rock, Cieran Perry and Andrew Keegan

**Councillor Áine Clancy
Chairperson**

The meeting concluded at 17.30