



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020**

1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting held on the 18th May, 2020**

**Order:** Agreed.

2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

**Order:** Noted.

3 **Area Matters**

a **Edenmore Pitch and Putt Course**

**Order:** Report rejected by Cllr. Mac Donncha and seconded by Cllr. Daryl Barron. NCA support engagement / consultation with the Community.

b **Grass Cutting Contract**

**Order:** Report noted. NCA want a list of areas covered by Direct Labour.

c **Jack Nolan Report**

**Order:** Draft report expected by the end of July/ September.

d **Mapping Exercise of all SHD's/Planning Applications for Dublin 9 2019 - 2020**

**Order:** Noted. The Committee expressed the necessity that SHD Legislation not be renewed. Councillors requested a meeting be arranged with Fingal Co Co. Area Manager and Fingal Co. Co. Planners with DCC Officials and Councillors regarding Planning applications on their boundary.

e **Update on Industrial land at Belcamp**

**Order:** Report noted. Plans to remove waste are ongoing and plans to build wall being progressed.

f **Strategy to prosecute perpetrators of illegal dumping**

**Order:** Noted. Simon Brock to send replies to items raised.

g **Housing Supply Report**

**Order:** Noted. The Manager to confirm with Housing Department figures of Council Built properties in North Central Area.  
D. Farrell to update Committee on Oscar Traynor Road.

St. Ann's Court Report to be circulated

- h **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**  
**Order:** Noted. Cllr Cooney requested update on when St. Anne's Pitch and Putt course will reopen.

4 **Roads and Streets Matters**

- a **Minutes of TAG meeting held on the 15th May, 2020**  
**Order:** Noted.

5 **Items for following**

Progress Report on Restoration and Reopening of Pitch & Putt Course  
Edenmore  
Interaction between residents Newtown Court and Belcamp Lane (travellers)  
City Farm – Difficulties with encroachment and unlawful activity  
Richmond Road  
Report on innovative ways to reduce waste and littering with a possible pilot  
programmed at Bull Island /Clontarf Promenade

6 **Motions**

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**  
That this area committee agrees that the wooden bridge access to Bull Island should be closed to cars (excepting residents, golf club and disability access) to improve safety and quality of experience until such time as community consultation can be undertaken.

**Reply:**

The wooden bridge remains in the control of Dublin Port. Discussions are to be held later this week with Dublin Port and the Gardaí to ascertain if there is anything that can be done in this regard. It is not clear at this time how such restrictions could be monitored or enforced.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

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**Order:** Report to Councillor. Les Moore to update Councillors with possible solutions following his meeting with the Gardaí and Dublin Port Company.

- b **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**  
Welcoming the newly published Dublin City Council and Transport Authority Covid Mobility report with an ambitious plan to increase active transport to 89,000 commuters in the city, could this NC area request that Dublin City council agree to quickly expanding measures into the suburbs to link up with routes into the city, for example Fairview which is the second busiest for walking and cycling numbers in the city yet has a high

level of serious road injuries, with the Malahide, Howth and Clontarf road feeding into Fairview, it also have six lanes of traffic (so plenty of room to expand the pavements on both sides and two way protected cycle ways) as temporary measures awaiting completion of the new C2CC also Eastwall road and Alfie Byrne road, protection of cycle lanes there and all Collins Avenue before schools and DCU reopen in September, also to extend 30k zone to The Bull Island causeway or 10k under park by-laws and protected clearly marked cycleway and walkway, to limit car parking on both the causeway and wooden bridge entrance to applied for permit only, with a possible shuttle bus along the causeway during bathing season, also to make Vernon avenue by the shops and restaurants at the Coast end one way with expanded pavement and safe cycling, only loading bay and only disability parking.

**Reply:**

*“Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City”*, addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a “live” programme and a citywide approach is being taken. Work is underway on assessing feasible locations for interventions across the city and we have set up a dedicated portal for specific requests, [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#).

Regarding your specific requests for interventions, Fairview links up with the North Strand to City Centre route which has been identified as one of the key radial routes on the Interim Mobility Intervention Programme. As such it will be investigated as a priority. The additional locations will be forwarded to the Covid Mobility Team for consideration. If you have any further requests, please enter via the [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#) and we will process accordingly.

A dedicated webpage ([www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme](http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme)) has been developed to provide information on all aspects of the programme and will include all updates on implementation. In addition, Councillors will be provided with regular updates directly via email.

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**Director of Services**  
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**Order:** Motion Agreed report to Councillor. Fergus O'Carroll to have a full report on Causeway Road to include completion date.

**c Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

This area committee believes that the introduction of the Strategic Housing Development legislation in Dec 2016 has resulted in a vastly diminished planning system that has disenfranchised locally elected representatives and the Irish public, allowed private interests to by-pass local-authority development plans and local area plans, is less transparent and has failed

in its stated objective of "fast-tracking" housing; therefore, this committee calls on national government and the relevant minister to **immediately** repeal the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 and the Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017, return the planning powers to the local authorities and restore democracy to the planning system.

If passed by this area committee, the motion will be sent to the Housing SPC and a letter written to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government informing it of our stated position and intention.

**Reply:**

The Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (the Act), introduced new streamlined arrangements, for a limited time-period, to enable planning applications for strategic housing developments (SHDs) of 100 or more housing units, or student accommodation or shared accommodation developments of 200 or more bed spaces, to be made directly to An Bord Pleanála (the Board) for determination. The Board is then required to make a determination on such an application within a period of 16 weeks of the lodgement of the application.

In June 2019, a Strategic Housing Development Review Group was established to review the operation and effectiveness of the SHD provisions. The Report of the SHD Review Group indicates that the SHD arrangements have generally been a success and recommends some changes to improve the system. The Ministerial Response accepts some of the proposed changes including some streamlining of the existing SHD arrangements so that interested parties will have access to the planning application documents at the earliest opportunity, thereby enhancing public participation in the SHD process. This will involve some minor legislative changes to be incorporated in the next available Planning and Development Bill. Full details of the review report are available at the following link:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/conclusions-minister-housing-planning-and-local-government-review-strategic-housing>

The SHD provisions came into effect on 3 July 2017 and will now apply until 31 December 2021. There is no objection to a letter being written to the DHPLG in the terms set out in the motion.

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**Order:** Motion Agreed on condition that "immediately" be place before repeal (as above) Motion to be referred to the Housing SPC. A letter will also be written to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government informing it of our stated position and intention.

d **Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

The North Central Area Committee recognises the significant level of vehicular and pedestrian use along the Oscar Traynor Rd. The North Central Area Committee recognises the significant level of development that will take place along this axis of this road in the near future - Santry developments, development on the Lawrence Lands, Cromcastle Court redevelopment, the underpass site, Bunratty Phase 3 and the Chivers site development. Given the importance of this route the North Central Area Committee seeks that a comprehensive traffic, transport and public realm plan be put in place to upgrade and develop this route in a sustainable way that future proofs its aspect and use for the next decade.

**Reply:**

Many of the issues raised in the motion are addressed through the Development Management (planning application) process.

The Transportation Planning Division within E&T Department is a multi-disciplinary team that inputs to the Development Management process. The division reports on planning, Strategic Housing Development (SHD) and part 8 applications and is represented on the MUHDS working group (previously the Housing Land Initiative). An important part of the division's role is to shape private developments in a way that facilitates and encourages sustainable movement. This involves proactive engagement with developers at pre-app stage in the preparation of mobility strategies for sites which provide for an integrated set of measures addressing the mobility requirements of all modes. The strategies address vehicular access and movement, connectivity to public transport, permeability and environment for pedestrians and cyclists, car and cycle parking provision, servicing and emergency access and shared mobility provision e.g. car clubs. Through the Development Management process, setbacks for wider footpaths are achieved, new footpaths and pedestrian crossing facilities are provided and the public realm is upgraded as part of the developments to DCC requirements. The same approach is being applied to all development sites citywide including the above mentioned sites.

A transport study was commissioned late 2016 for the Housing Land Initiative site at Oscar Traynor Road. The report by Arups examined transport issues in the wider area around the site. One of the challenges identified was the connection across the Swords Road to Santry Village. A study is currently under way to look at options for improving the pedestrian and cycling environment at the interchange.

The Bus Connects project will improve public transport connectivity for the area as well as infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists.

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**Order:** Motion agreed. Following the North City Housing Development meeting Derek Farrell and Connell McGlynn to provide a public realm plan for the NCAC.

**Chairperson**  
**Monday 15 June 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Daryl Barron  
Catherine Stocker  
Tom Brabazon  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell  
Alison Gilliland

**Members:**

Patricia Roe  
Terence Flanagan  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheal Mac Donncha  
Larry O'Toole

**Members:**

Donna Cooney  
Racheal Batten  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Naoise O'Muiri  
Declan Flanagan

**Officers**

Coilin O'Reilly  
Derek Farrell

Dara McLoughlin  
Yvonne Kirwan

Deirdre Murphy  
Connell McGlynn

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**