



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2020

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting Monday 21st September**

Order: Agreed.

- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

Order: Agreed

- 3 **Area Matters**

- a **Draft Belmayne - Belcamp Lane Masterplan: Assistant Chief Executive's Report**

Order: Presentation Noted.

- b **Covid Mobility update North Central Area**

Order: Noted.

- c **Update on Stardust Memorial Park**

Order: Presentation noted.

- d **Edenmore Pitch and Putt Course**

Order: New report issues and Agreed. Consultative forum to be set up by q. 4/ q. 1 2021.

- e **Wooden Bridge**

Order: Agreed.

- f **Update on Cromcastle and Woodville Development**

Order: Presentation noted.

- g **Agreement of Heads of Term for Lease of Creche Facility at Churchwell Gardens, Ayrfield (Social Housing PPP Bundle 1 Site)**

Order: Deferred to November meeting.

- h **FOLD - Integration and Support of Tenants**

Order: Noted.

- i **Fairview CYMC**

Order: Noted. Commitment given to keep the NCAC updated.

- j **Proposed Disposal of one apartment in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.**
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- k **Proposed Disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 111D Malahide Road, Dublin 3.**
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- l **Proposed Disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 12 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3.**
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- m **Proposed Disposal of a plot of land at Malahide Road Clare Hall, Dublin 17**
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- n **Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new residential development on lands at St. Paul's, Sybil Hill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5. Foxlands, Sybil Hill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5**
Order: Subject to judicial Review agreement reached to remove this item.
- o **Housing Supply Report**
Order: Noted The Manager informed the NCAC that Leona Fynes will be moving to Ballymun while Brian Kavanagh will take over her role with effect on 26th October.
- p **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership**
Order: Noted Cllr. Cooney commended the Sports and Wellbeing Partnership for the many great activities they continue to progress.
No progress to date regarding boxing for the 7 – 10 age group.
Commitment has been given to progress this matter.

4 Roads and Streets Matters

- a **Minutes of the last meeting of TAG 29.09.20**
Order: Noted The Manager to look for a rationalisation of TAG minutes.
Cllr. O'Farrell queried Griffith Court. Cllr Lyons queried the rat run from Swords Road onto Lorcan Road flyover. The Manager to report directly on both.

5 Items for following meeting

Mens Shed Priorswood
 Fairview Tea Rooms/ Park in general
 Letter of Condolance to Raheny Shamrocks /Family on recent death of Pat Hooper
 Update on the proposals for St. Anne's – Toilets and progress to date
 Update on Santry River Greenway
 Cllr O'Muirí requested a letter of commendation be sent to Mick Harford from the NCA following his retirement.

6 Motions

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha**
This Area Committee mandates the Parks Department to develop an off-lead area for dogs in Fr. Collins Park, while maintaining a strict on-lead policy for the rest of

the park.

Reply:

The Parks Bye Laws currently allow dogs to be exercised off leads before 11am and in the last hour before the park is closed providing the dog is under effective control. The dog park in St. Anne's is 40m X 40m (approximately 1/3 of an acre) which is quite small by international standards, most recommendations are for at least 1 acre. With 6 football pitches, 2 playgrounds, one skate park, the ponds, boardwalk etc. there is effectively only 1 area of flat grassland available, located just north of playground 2, which could receive a facility of adequate proportion and size to allow dogs to run off lead. This is a very prominent space and a dog run would be highly visually intrusive and is quite near the playgrounds. Ideally such a facility would be located in a quieter area of the park away from playgrounds and children who may be fearful of dogs.

However this is also the only sizable area in the park of flat grassland available to visitors to the park for picnics or yoga and that is suitable for activities and events such as exercise classes, family fun days, markets etc. Dog parks are not for every dog and many dog owners avoid them. It would be very difficult to justify giving over this prime area to a dog run that would only be used by some of the dog owners visiting the park and would severely limit the potential of the park to serve the wider community.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Report to Councillor

b Motion in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

"That this Area Committee agree to have a meeting with Traffic management with a few to explore a solution to Traffic issues on Oscar Traynor road with particular attention to the area from Northside shopping centre and the M1 Junction."

Reply:

The exact nature of the above request is not clear to us the Transport Advisory Group will contact the councillor to ascertain the exact nature of the issues being raised above and to help to identify which team in DCC would be most appropriate to discuss the above motion in further detail.

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Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.
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Order: Report to Councillor

c Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"The North Central Area Committee commends the work of former Assistant Garda Commissioner, Dr. Jack Nolan, in researching and analysing the views of the Darndale community and those associated with the community and formulating his findings into a set of key set of recommendations and an action plan as published in the recently published DCC report *Darndale - A long view and an enduring challenge*. The North Central Area Committee recognises the absolute need for these recommendations and action to be realised. Therefore , the North Central Area Committee calls on the Office of the Taoiseach to commit cross-departmental support and funding to Dublin City Council to enable its realisation. "

Reply:

For discussion at Area Committee and if agreed a letter will be issued.

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Order: Noted. This report needs a cross Departmental approach.

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

"The North Central Area Committee recognises the health and environmental benefits of walking and cycling. The Committee recognises its role in supporting and facilitating walking and cycling both for recreational purposes as well as transport options. Therefore, the North Central Area Committee calls for DCC to put in place a project plan and timeline to ensure that the Santry Greenway be realised by the end of the term of the current North Central Area Committee."

Reply:

Work has commenced to procure a design team for the Santry River Greenway. Further updates will be provided in March 2021.

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Contact: *Christopher K Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer.*
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e **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

"To ask that this area committee supports Clontarf Action Group's attempts to improve the aesthetics at the location of the 'yellow flood defence bags' along Clontarf Promenade. Currently we are developing a 'wildflower screen / banner' prototype to cover and enhance the appearance of the yellow bags."

Reply:

The Drainage Division is not aware of any project to enhance the aesthetics of the current flood defences.

If the Action Group would like to send proposals to the Drainage Division, we will review them, and then give our opinion.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Services
Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

This appears to be a very attractive option , however we will run it by the relevant Dept's to assure use of the proposed banner has widespread agreement .Yellow bags are so clearly and universally identifiable as to the purpose of use etc and this a factor which comes to mind ref the above.

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Order: We will ask the Engineer to investigate and report to NCAC if these Screens / banner prototype covers reduce the ability of the defence of the yellow bags.

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

"That this Area Committee agree to have the former 'milestone' at Old Malahide Road re-erected. The milestone was removed some years ago during remedial works of the boundary of Cadburys factory.

This milestone was one of a number of historic markers alongside the road from Dublin city to Malahide."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection of the Old Malahide Road for evidence of the milestone in question. No evidence of this was discovered for the old location however a staff member remembers that it was located towards the end of the cul-de-sac.

Google Maps street view was also inspected along the Old Malahide Road at Cadburys boundary wall and there is no evidence of the milestone in question as far back as 2009 insitu.

The depots have been searched to see if this was removed during works and not replaced. The stone was not discovered in our depots.

I can only assume that this stone has been missing since before 2009 based on the fact that it is not at the locus in Google street view at this date.

Road Maintenance Services has no knowledge of the location of the milestone and so cannot re-erect this.

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Contact: **Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**
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Order: Report to Councillor

g **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That a previous request to make Vernon Avenue one way for a trial period be reported on by the Manager as the village end of the Avenue is very tight for motorists with limited road space to navigate their journey onto the seafront and vice versa towards its junction with Kincora Road.”

Reply:

Vernon Avenue is a key arteria for the village of Clontarf and its surrounding residential area. It accommodates commercial vehicles which serve the many businesses and shops in the area, and is a bus route and emergency services route.

The section from Kincora Avenue to the coast however does not have a bus service and if this was the section to be trialled then it would require more extensive work to determine alternative routings for traffic and its impacts, if the alternative route should also be one way in the opposite direction and what direction each one should be.

This is a larger body of work which we would have to investigate if there is local support for this type of intervention.

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Contact: Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
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h **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That the Manager, working with An Garda Siochána locally, ensure that the City Farm St. Anne's Park is protected from fireworks and bangers this Halloween weekend and that he make every effort to ensure that no fireworks bangers or fires are set off/take place in the vicinity close to the farm in order to protect animals and staff there.”

Reply:

The St Anne's City farm is as secure as possible given its location in a City park. The perimeter is fully secured and now monitored by CCTV. In relation to the care of the animals during Halloween, Farm volunteers will be in attendance and will remain in place through the night.

Concerning fireworks being set off in the park in the vicinity of the Farm this will be brought to the attention of the local Garda Siochána.

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Contact: **Noel McEvoy Executive Parks Superintendent**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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i **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That the manager, in relation to on-going damage being caused to the green in McAuley Park, Artane, on an annual basis (pre-Halloween) say what efforts he can make/suggest to ensure that this destruction is prevented from taking place again next year and comment on the suggestion by local resident that a railing be erected around the park which can be locked at night to assist in the protection of the green from vandalism caused by bonfires and if he can make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

Both the parks contract manager who looks after the contract to remove bonfire materials and parks local management are aware of the issues at this location. Bonfire materials will be removed when reported right up until the day of Halloween itself providing it is safe to do so. To enclose the park would require approximately 875m of railing which would require a massive apportionment of an appropriate budget.

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Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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j **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That the Manager please refer to numerous requests from local residents to install 'embedded' type bins on Dollymount Strand (similar to those used by Fingal Council as the barrels that are current in use are less than desirable on our primary City beach and if he can make a statement on the matter and that he also consider installing bins on the causeway road and one or two after wooden bridge towards beach..”

Reply:

Given the protected status of the habitats on Bull Island including the beach it is not possible to install permanent bins at this location. Over 40 temporary bins are installed on the beach for the bathing season, the majority of which will be removed in the coming weeks as the weather turns. It is a huge body of work to keep these bins serviced during the bathing season.

Bins are not installed on the causeway road or after the wooden bridge on the approach to the beach as such bins would be vulnerable for abuses and dumping as has happened here in the past. As there are no businesses, shops of food outlets along these roads any litter here has to be carried in by visitors to the beach or café who should ideally respect the Nature Reserve status of the island and should use the available bins at these locations.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Order: Report to Councillor.

k **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

"In relation to the pencil bollards and the 70 large polka dots installed on Seafield Avenue, that the Manager address the upset caused to local residents by the installation of same without any prior consultation with residents who feel the peaceful and attractive ambience of the road has been negatively affected by the installation of same and if he can agree to at this stage consult with residents with a view to removing the pencil bollards and polka dots and installing a more agreeable measure to address a parking problem at the entrance to Greenlanes School."

Reply:

Front-of-school congestion is a chronic problem across Ireland in rural, urban and suburban settings. This issue is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which requires space for social distancing on footpaths and avoiding congregation of people at school gates. On 1st July 2020, the Health Service Executive (HSE) released 'Interim Recommendations' for the reopening of schools including promoting of active travel to school and encouraging parents to park further away from the school and then walk with their children to avoid congestion.

High volumes of vehicles at school gates mean small children have no safe access to school, often having to maneuver around parked and turning vehicles to get into the school grounds. Reducing the number of drop offs and pickups by private vehicle at the school gate will free up space at school gates to allow for safe physical distancing while reducing hazards for children walking, cycling and scooting to school.

The School Zones initiative, created by the NTA in collaboration with Green-Schools, aims to create a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools. The School Zone design gives priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. In addition, reducing traffic at school gates significantly improves air quality further improving quality of life for children and all others in the vicinity.

Eye-catching traffic calming measures, such as colourful circles, encourage traffic to slow down. Pencil-shaped bollards discourage parking on pavements and stopping, or even dropping pupils off in/near the School Zone. Overall visibility at the approach to school entrances is improved and public space is reallocated to pedestrians and those choosing active travel. The playful appearance of these features was not overlooked – the colourful dots are purposefully designed at 2.0m distances to discourage children from jumping between them. Consistency in the colour scheme and the proposed elements are considered key, since the long-term vision is to establish a recognisable national School Zone template. However, the proposals are carefully considered by designers on a case by case basis. In general, a School Zone must cover the main pedestrian and cycle entrances, so that drivers understand the treatment relates to a school.

We initially piloted two School Zones in the Dublin City Council administrative area; one in Francis Street School, D8 and one at Central Model School, D1. Following extremely positive feedback for the schools and parents, we contacted

all primary schools in DCC inviting all interested schools to complete an application form for a School Zone. Greenlanes NS applied and was deemed a suitable location for a School Zone. It was implemented to improve safety for the children walking and cycling to school including for the children of the recently established cycle bus.

The Covid Mobility Team have been in touch with a number of residents on Seafield Avenue in relation to their concerns. We are also taking on board messages from those in favour of the initiative in the area. The safety of children on route to school is our priority in this instance.

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Contact: Covid Mobility Team.
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Order: Report to Councillor.

| **Motion in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

"To ask this North Central Area Committee to support the proposal of introducing an Enclosed Dog Track in Father Collins Park and explore funding for this in next year budget in 2021. Similar to the one in St. Anne's Park in Raheny."

Reply:

The Parks Bye Laws currently allow dogs to be exercised off leads before 11am and in the last hour before the park is closed providing the dog is under effective control. The dog park in St. Anne's is 40m X 40m (approximately 1/3 of an acre) which is quite small by international standards, most recommendations are for at least 1 acre. With 6 football pitches, 2 playgrounds, one skate park, the ponds, boardwalk etc. there is effectively only 1 area of flat grassland available, located just north of playground 2, which could receive a facility of adequate proportion and size to allow dogs to run off lead. This is a very prominent space and a dog run would be highly visually intrusive and is quite near the playgrounds. Ideally such a facility would be located in a quieter area of the park away from playgrounds and children who may be fearful of dogs.

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Order: Report to Councillor

- m **Motion in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**
“To ask this North Central Area Committee to support the proposal of introducing a Safety Forum for Kilbarrack, Dublin 5. The other local adjacent communities all have a Forum available to them apart from Kilbarrack and I believe with the Anti-Social and other issues locally will be a great benefit to the community and DCC.”

Reply:

Currently the Donaghmede Forum serves four resident groupings in the wider area stretching From Grange Abbey to Grange Woodbine and including the Donahies and the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association.

We could possibly incorporate another resident grouping into this Forum. Doing so would include two Garda districts both Raheny and Coolock. We would have to liaise with both Raheny & Coolock Gardai given attendance of Gardai being required at the Fora .

We would if giving consideration in arranging a separate Forum (not possible currently) pair Kilbarrack with a second area (broad based) where interest in a forum was already expressed. A live Forum would also be our preference, and we envisage an initiative to consider that the establishment of a New Safer Forum could be activated when it is safe to do so. We estimate this to be mid 2021 and of course again this is contingent of agreement with the Gardai

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Order: Report to Councillor

- n **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
“That bollards and or planters to protect the pavement from illegal parking on Vernon avenue be provided as soon as possible following on from my motion in July 2019, this has been dangerous for some time but increasingly so now with Covid 19 mobility and physical distancing concerns.”

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Area Engineer for further investigation. We will report back to the Councillor with our findings in the coming days.

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Contact: Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment &

Contact: **Transportation Dept.**
Email: catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie

Order: Report to Councillor. The Manager to talk to engineer to resolve this issue.

- o **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
“That the possibility of providing a protected cycleway from Sybil hill to Seafield road along Vernon avenue and the possibility on Castle Avenue to link up Howth Road to Clontarf S2S as secondary busy routes and also as a busy school routes be examined.”

Reply:

The above request has been added to the list of areas to be examined by the Covid Mobility Team. A response will be forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

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Order: Report to Councillor

- p **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
“That a pedestrian crossing and a traffic warden is provided to cross Mount Prospect road by Seafield Avenue as it's a busy route to Green Lanes and Belgrave schools also for children going to training and games in St Annes Park.”

Reply:

In relation to Pedestrian Crossings, the current position is that the funding for 2020 has been fully allocated but the request will be noted with a view to consideration for the 2021 Capital Works Programme. (Reference: 7002063)

Contact: Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Email: catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie

A request (7017273) for a school warden on Mount Pleasant Avenue at the junction of Seafield Avenue has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Carmel Curran, School Warden Coordinator.
Email: carmel.curran@dublincity.ie

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Director of Services
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Order: Report to Councillor

- q **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
“Could a suitable site be found in the Clontarf, Killester, Raheny area for the educate together school for this area which has had to use a temporary site since September 2019 in Sutton Fingal area, outside the catchment area, we have a shortage of primary schools in these areas and perhaps a site either owned by Dublin City Council for housing or to be included in a mixed use development”

Reply:

The Housing Department have stated that there are a number of sites in this electoral area, but that they have been earmarked for Housing purposes. This is a well-developed area and we are not aware of any other sites that would be suitable for the purpose of building a school.

Contact: **Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer**
Tel: **222 3488**
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Given the current climate it will be a challenge re identifying a site in the catchment, however we will liaise with the Councillor regarding details to see what direction DCC would be able to point to on the basis of the best of available /existing information.

Contact: **Elaine Mulvenny, Ass. Area Manager**
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Order: Report to Councillor

- r **Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**
“That this committee asks the council to engage with North Dublin Cat Rescue with a view to financially and otherwise supporting them to put in place a Trap, Neuter, Release programme for feral cats in the area. This voluntary organisation has been working over the years to manage cat colonies but is entirely financed by fundraising and personal contributions and has been negatively impacted by Covid. A fertile cat can birth up to four litters in a year and feral cat colonies are often subject to poor health.”

Reply:

The opening hours of North Dublin Cat Rescue are currently quite limited. We will engage with this group but prior to doing so see what is being done in the area of Animal Welfare given the shortage in funds going to all voluntary groups.

If we financially support one voluntary agency ref Animal Welfare we could be called upon to support all. It is not clear what other supportive actions can be taken at the moment however following initial contact we should be in a better position to know what is possible. We can arrange to update the Councillor subsequently .

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Contact: **Elaine Mulvenny Ass, Area Manager**
Phone: **222 8846**
Email: **elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie**

Order: The Manager to contact our animal welfare to see if there is a budget for this.

Chairperson
Monday 19 October 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

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Donna Cooney
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó'Muirí
Declan Flanagan

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Dara McLoughlin
Derek Farrell

Deirdre Murphy
Connell McGlynn

Apologies:

Non-Members: