



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020**

1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting Monday 19th October, 2020.**

Order: Agreed.

2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

Order: Agreed.

3 **Area Matters**

a **Fairview Tea Rooms/ Park**

Order: Fairview Tearooms to go to Part 8 in early 2021 this will be funded under the Capital Programme 2021 -2023. Playground contractor appointed due to commence on site 2021.

b **Priorswood - Men's Shed**

Order: Noted.

c **Richmond Road**

Order: Coilín O'Reilly informed the Committee that a recent meeting had taken place with 2 residents from Richmond Road. He updated the committee on 4 key issues DCC are currently progressing.

d **Disposals at New Priory**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

e **Proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as Units 1-3 Whitehall Works, 96A Drumcondra Road Upper located to the rear of 94A-104 Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council. Coilín O'Reilly to follow up with Cllr. Roe regarding the laneway to the rear of disposal.

f **Proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 23 Brian Boru Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

g **Proposed grant of lease of a Crèche Facility at Churchwell Gardens, Ayrefield, Dublin 13**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

h **Proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a walkway/desire line across a site at Oscar Traynor Road. (from Castletimon Gardens to Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 17}**

Order: Cllr. Gilliland proposed deferring this item to the December meeting. She also requested better maps to illustrate exactly what is requested.

i **Housing Supply Report**

Order: Noted. Cllr Micheál MacDonncha requested a public meeting be facilitated with residents of Millwood Court in relation to the revised plan. Derek Farrell stated the residents would prefer a physical meeting (covid dependent) to go ahead in early December.

j **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**

Order: Noted. Cllr. Heney expressed her appreciation that the boxing programme is facilitating children from 3rd Class up.

4 **Roads and Streets Matters**

a **Minutes of TAG meeting**

Order: Noted.

Cllr Roe requested a Safety Audit on Griffith Ave cycle track Coilín O'Reilly to contact Covid Mobility.

5 **Items for following meeting**

Clúid – Whitehall Car Park Senior Citizens
Extinguishment Oscar Traynor Road
Kilmore Celtic
Kilmore Community Forum
Fairview Skateboard Park - potential upgrade

6 **Motions**

a **Motion in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask that this Area Committee votes to have the sack factory on the Swords Road Santry to be listed on the dangerous building register immediately for health and safety reasons.”

Reply:

Presuming the Councillor refers the abandoned warehouse buildings at **1 Church Lane, Sword Road Santry D9**, following a significant fire over Halloween week-end 30/31 Nov 2020, attended by DFB & Dangerous Buildings (DB) and the owners of the property.

DCC DB do not have a public ‘Register’ of buildings, however we maintain a database of thousands of buildings attended by DB over many years.

This abandoned warehouse has a listing on this database since January 2020, when the property was first brought to our attention, as open to casual entry & which DB re-secured at the time, and a subsequent **DB1 Notice** issued to the incumbent owners once confirmed.

A further **DB1 Notice** has been issued to the owners following the fire event and

DB attendances & making-safe emergency works over the w/end 30-31st October 2020.

Responsibility for all maintenance, repair, remedial or indeed demolition works to these premises as always remains with the owner.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: C. Goldenberg – Architect-in-Charge DB
Email: clare.goldenberg@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask that this Area Committee vote to have the site at the sack factory on the Swords Road, Santry to have a feasibility study done to assess if this area could be used as a Santry Village community quarter and a compulsory purchase order is made.”

Reply:

The possible compulsory purchase of the property in question will be very difficult to achieve without a very detailed and specific plan already drawn up for it. There have been several high profile compulsory purchase proposals across the country that have failed because the plan supporting the purchase was not detailed enough and/or the public good/need derived from the purchase was not well enough defined or explained. For instance, in this case it would be difficult to argue that there is a need for public space or park at this location when there is already a substantial park just across the road.

Citizens have a right to their private property and the right to do what they wish with it, within the law and without undue interference from the state. The issue of compensation for the private property owner if a compulsory purchase was to take place would need to be addressed. This would most likely be determined by the development potential of the overall site and Dublin City Council would be required to pay this amount. Obviously public funds are limited and a cost benefit analysis would have to be completed to determine if this was the best use of funding. There would also be a requirement to earmark funding for any potential public development that would take place on the site in addition to the cost of purchase. It is very unlikely that Dublin City Council has available unassigned funds in this magnitude.

The recent fires now mean that there is a possibility that the site in question can be put on the Derelict Sites Register. This is a long process where the private property owner needs to be given adequate opportunity to rectify and repair the site. The property owner may also define what the future use of the site is and a timeframe for this. Enquiries with regard to placing the property in question on the Derelict Sites Register will be made.

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Order: Agreed.

- c **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**
“To ask that this Area Committee supports the recent public safety proposal from the Transportation and Traffic SPC setting the default speed limit throughout the North Central administrative area and indeed the wider city at 30km/hr.”

Reply:

DCC Road Safety Section is in favour of the above motion in relation to support for setting the 30km/h default speed limits in DCC North Central administrative area and other areas of Dublin City.

Following lack of Council’s approval for recently proposed 2020 speed limit by-laws (Phase 5 Covid-19), DCC is preparing a new plan of action for another public consultation. The new plan will include efficient engagement and cooperation with Area Committees before the new public consultation is launched. DCC is planning to present relevant information to the Area Committees in early 2021.

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Contact: Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation

Email: helen.smirnova@dublincity.ie

Order: Vote taken Motion Not agreed.

For: Cllr John Lyons, Cllr Donna Cooney, Cllr. Catherine Stocker and Cllr. Dearbhail Butler

Against: Cllr Rachel Batten, Cllr Naoise O’Muirí, Cllr Damian O’Farrell, Cllr Terence Flanagan, Cllr Daryl Barron, Cllr Patricia Roe, Cllr Larry O’Toole, Cllr Michaél MacDonncha

Abstained: Cllr Deirdre Heney and Cllr Alison Gilliland

- d **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
“To ask the manager to support a review of the whole public domain be conducted to look at suitable solutions and a plan (using Covid mobility funding), to create safe active transport routes for all abilities due to many of the pavements being very broken and narrow throughout the Killester area.”

Reply:

A review can be undertaken by the Covid Mobility Team, however, to assist in this process, specific busy locations where footpaths are narrow and should be identified and submitted to covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Contact: Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.

Email: catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance

The repair of broken footpaths falls within the remit of Road Maintenance and

specific locations where the footpaths are broken should be identified and submitted in the first instance to Road Maintenance at roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

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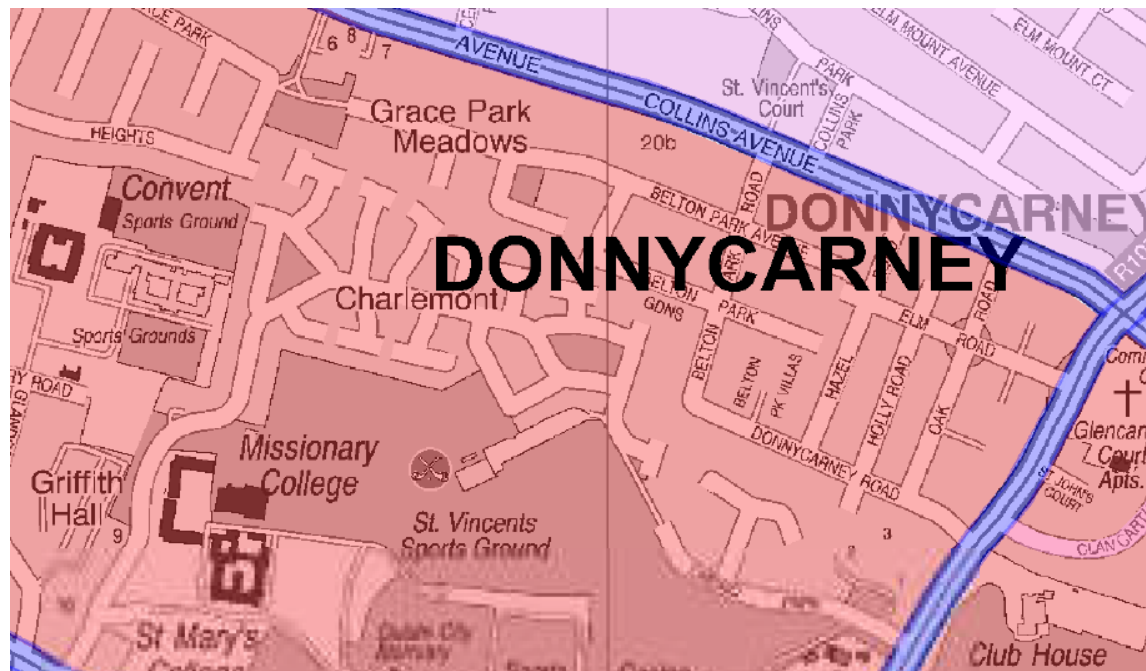
Order: Agreed. Councillor would like an overall plan.

e Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager that this committee agree that safe 30 KMPH residential zones with signage be extended to other areas in Donnycarney East to Grace Park Meadows, Donnycarney Road, Oak Road, Holly Road and Holly Road.”

Reply:

Under current Speed Limit Bye-laws 2020 Phase 4, the speed limit of 30km/h is applicable to all the area listed in the above question. Please see below the extract from the current Phase 4 2020 Speed Limit Bye-laws (purple and pink sections are 30km/h zones and blue sections are 50km/h arterial roads). Currently the installation of the new speed limit signage has been resumed in phases for all remaining areas and is expected to be fully in place by mid-2021. The Donnycarney area will also receive relevant speed limit signage within that timeframe.



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Contact: Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer,
Environment & Transportation
Email: helen.smirnova@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

- f **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
“To ask the manager can we actively seek alternative funding/borrowing for example EU green recovery funds to make Fairview park (which is a much needed amenity for North Central and North inner city) into a much improved green flag park.

The Councillor is concerned that due to funding constraints in Dublin City Council that the Tea rooms project in Fairview Park and other works to upgrade the playground may now be postponed.”

Reply:

Provision has been made in the 2021-2023 draft capital programme for the construction of the Fairview Tearooms in 2022 with completion and official opening in 2023. It is proposed to proceed with the Part 8 planning in early 2021.

The playground upgrade has been tendered and a contractor appointed, however due to CoViD related delays at all stages, the project is somewhat behind schedule but the contractor is scheduled to commence on site early in the new year.

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

Order: Agreed.

- g **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O Muiri**
To ask the Manager that this Area Committee expresses a Motion of Thanks on behalf of all users of St. Anne’s Park to the management and staff of the Park for the tremendous work they are doing to make the Park such a delight and a pleasurable experience for all citizens, in all weather conditions and during all daylight hours.”

Reply:

To be discussed at Area Committee.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
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Order: Agreed. This was seconded by Cllr. Larry O’Toole. Coilín O’Reilly to write to Les Moore, Fergus O’Carroll and Staff to commend them.

Councillor Donna Cooney

Chairperson
Monday 16 November 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Donna Cooney (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Catherine Stocker
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Members:

Daryl Barron
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Members:

Patricia Roe
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

Officers

Catherine Cahill
Sarah Brady
Deirdre Murphy
Connell McGlynn

Aileen Doyle
Coilin O'Reilly
Elaine Mulvenny

Fergus O'Carroll
Dara McLoughlin
Derek Farrell

Apologies:

Non-Members: