

**Motions with Replies**  
**Central Area Committee Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

**Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello**

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to erect directional signage at a number of key locations, including the corner of North Circular Road and Berkeley Road and also at Berkeley Road/Eccles Street to provide unambiguous direction to the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Emergency Department, following a number of serious incidents last year, one of which proved fatal. (A number of patients in cardiac arrest were mistakenly brought to the Whitty Building (new building NCR) as a result of unclear/lack of signage. This caused a delay in their treatment and in one case may have contributed to a death. Because the Mater is a Cardiac Centre of excellence Ambulance drivers from a wide geographical area attend with patients. Owing to their lack of local knowledge they regularly miss the turn when trying to find the Emergency Department).

**Report**

Dublin City Council is required to erect appropriate F210 Signage (White "H" on Blue background with appropriate arrows) for All Hospitals.

I can confirm that the existing signage does direct traffic to Eccles Street (not North Circular Road) where the entrance to the Accident and Emergency Department entrance is currently situated.

**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that DCC provide G.A.A. clubs in the area with artificial grass on hard surface play areas in order that they can train safely.

**Report**

If the councillor wishes to contact the department in relation to a specific location the issue can then be considered .

**Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe**

That this Committee requests the Area Manager write to the Luas Cross City to express our concern that the Luas Cross City Team appear to be substituting concrete paving slabs and surrounds for what was previously specified as granite as part of the public realm works for the Luas Project in the vicinity of Dominick Street, Dublin 1.

**Report**

A letter will be forwarded to Luas Cross City if the members agree the terms of the motion.

**Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe**

With regard to the public realm in Phibsborough this Committee requests Dublin City Council to consider the following:

- Place traffic signs on utility poles so as to reduce the amount of street clutter
- Remove unnecessary poles in proximity to Doyle's Corner in Phibsborough
- Replace excess bollards with planters or trees

- Reduce the amount of guard rails whose efficacy has been questioned in recent times
- Reduce street widths by widening footpaths on portions of the carriageway outbound from the junction
- Paint or otherwise upgrade lighting poles and other utility poles
- Take action to remove sandwich boards from the footpath
- Improve emptying of and maintenance of litter bins

### **Report**

A Local Environmental Improvement Plan (LEIP) is approved for Phibsborough. An Implementation Group is set up and its last meeting took place on 7<sup>th</sup> March. It is intended to develop a schedule of works from the 40 actions identified in the LEIP and deliver these environmental / public realm actions subject to available funding.

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Gary Gannon**

The elected members of Dublin's North Inner City agree to allocate €50,000 of our discretionary budget to the implementation of the recommendations made in the UN Women's Safe Cities Global Initiative which seeks to make public spaces safer for women.

In allocating the monies the Council will seek expert opinion from groups working in the area of women's equality and from those who serve to eradicate violence against women.

### **Report**

This is a matter for the members to agree or otherwise.

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Gary Gannon**

The members of this Area Committee request that DCC commits to convening and consulting with a committee of Magdalene survivors, with a view to establishing a memorial at the site of the Sean McDermott Street Convent, as recommended by the Quirke Commission and promised by the Government as part of the Magdalene restorative justice scheme.

### **Report**

This is a matter for the members to agree or otherwise.

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Eilis Ryan**

That this Committee calls for a full investigation into the circumstances of the recent fires on Mountjoy Square, and a review of the handling and outcomes of complaints received by Dublin City Council relating to inappropriate renovations carried out at that address.

### **Report**

It is not possible to comment on the recent fires, as these matters are the subject of legal proceedings.

Planning permission was granted on 2 November 1995 for a change of use from adult education centre to 32 no. residential apartments at nos. 1 & 2 Mountjoy Square North (Planning Register reference 0379/95 refers).

In 2003 a complaint was made that the building had been subdivided into separate residential units. However, there was no evidence to show that the aforementioned

permission had not been implemented within the statutory 5 year period allowed under planning legislation and the file was closed.

In 2005, a complaint was received that a satellite dish had been erected on the building's facade. Following enforcement action, the dish was removed.

In 2010, a complaint was received that development works were taking place to the rear of the property and that it was subject to both wet rot and dry rot. Following investigation, an endangerment notice pursuant to section 59 of the Planning and Development Acts was served on the owners requiring specified remedial works to take place.

Following service of the Notice, the owner appointed a Conservation Architect who addressed its requirements in consultation with the Council's Conservation Section. During the course of the works, further issues were identified and these were also addressed.

In 2014, a complaint was received that a door had been installed at basement level. Following enforcement proceedings, the door was removed and the wall reinstated.

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee instructs the Chief Executive to immediately replace the Housing Officer recently transferred and furthermore this Committee instructs the Chief Executive to inform the Housing Executive Manager that this Committee demands that housing allocations in our continue to be processed at Area Office level rather than by Head Office.

### **Report**

The central allocations office undertakes allocations for most areas within DCC and the Central Area is currently reviewing this option:

1. To streamline allocations in the most efficient manner possible;
2. To ensure consistency in the application of the scheme;
3. In recognition that many applicants may wish to discuss their options across all their areas of preference rather than individually contact multiple area offices.

Irrespective of the outcome of the current review, allocations officers in the central office liaise closely with Area Offices in relation to allocations. This has worked well for the other areas that have moved to a centralised allocations process.

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility of putting a security gate on the entrance to Croke Villas, given that residents of Croke Villas will all be shortly residing in the first block.

### **Report**

Dublin City Council has no plans at present to install a security gate to the Block 1 entrance in Croke Villa's. This is due to fire safety reasons. Gates/systems that meet safety standards are very costly and time consuming to install and as this block will only be inhabited temporarily it is not deemed feasible to carry out these works.

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee fully supports the vision and strategies set out by Dublin City BID Company T/A Dublin Town, on its Business Plan 2018 – 2022 entitled "Our Future in

Our Hands". Furthermore, we commit to working closely with Dublin Town to promote the City's central business district through its marketing, cleaning, safety perception improvement, employment creation, evening shopping and Christmas programmes.

**Report**

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