

Motions with Replies
Central Area Committee Meeting
11th April, 2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee write to the management of Crumlin, Beaumont, The Mater, St. James and St. Vincent's hospitals to ask that efforts are made to ensure free car parking for cancer patients as well as for other seriously ill patients, or a designated family member or carer during their treatment and that free travel also be sought from Dublin Bus.

Report

It was agreed that it will be forwarded to the City Council meeting as an emergency motion.

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee agree that No. 200 Clonliffe Road (a property which adjoins No. 202, which is already on the list of protected structures) be added to the list of protected structures and instructs the Manager to instigate the necessary process to achieve this.

Report

Any structure (or part of a structure) to be added to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), shall form part of the architectural heritage and be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest.

The assessment of special interest of a structure of architectural heritage is an executive function and the programming of assessments is an operational matter for the Planning & Development Department.

At present, there is a backlog of approximately 330 requests for the proposed addition of structures to the RPS which have yet to be assessed by the Conservation Section.

Assessment of special interest is also undertaken by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), under a national, rating system. The NIAH is currently undertaking a comprehensive survey of Dublin City, which informs the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, in the making recommendations to the City Council for the addition of structures to the City's Record of Protected Structures. No recommendations have been received to date for Clonliffe Road or the surrounding part of the city.

Given that the City already has a Record of Protected Structures (RPS) with, in excess of 8,500 entries, it is considered both prudent and good practice to await any recommendation regarding proposed additions to the RPS, including No. 200 Clonliffe Road, to be made by the NIAH, arising from its current survey of Dublin City, including the formal recommendation to be made by the Minister. This is also relevant, given the legal and other liabilities of owner(s) and occupier(s) of a structure where it is added to the RPS.

Following the adoption of the new Development Plan, the assessment of additions to (or indeed deletions from) the Record of Protected Structures has commenced, in association with:

- the consideration of recommendations for additions to the RPS published by the NIAH/Ministerial Recommendation, and
- the surveying of 10 priority areas to be considered for potential designation as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) as provided in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, which came into effect on the 21st October 2016.

The available resources of the Conservation Section will focus as much as possible over the coming years on the survey, review and drafting work associated with the programme for the preparation of these 10 priority ACAs for the historic core of the city, along with associated additions to (amendments of or deletions to) the RPS for these areas, as required under the City Development Plan.

A file for the proposed addition of No. 200 Clonliffe Road will be opened and added to the list of candidate additions to the RPS to await consideration in the future.

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee welcomes the recently published report by the Moore Street Consultative Group and further agrees with the recommendations contained therein.

Report

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

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee welcomes the amicable resolution of the dispute between Natrium and the former Clery's workers and further welcomes the commitment by Natrium to local labour at the construction and operational stage of its O'Connell Street (Clery's site) development, including the appointment of a Community Employment Liaison Officer. The Committee further acknowledges the positive intervention of former Lord Mayor and Committee member Christy Burke and current Lord Mayor Brendan Carr in helping resolve this dispute.

Report

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

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee formally acknowledges the following awards won by the Ballybough Community, Youth and Fitness Centre recently:

1. Overall best Public Building of the year in Ireland, in the LAMA Community & Council Awards 2017
2. The overall Grand Prix (a special commendation for outstanding excellence) again in the LAMA Community & Council Awards 2017.
3. Overall Community Excellence Award 2017 in the National Public Sector Magazine Awards.

This Committee also asks the Chief Executive to write, on our behalf, to the Centre Manager, Tracey Byrne, congratulating her and her staff on these great achievements.

Report

A letter will be arranged from the Chief Executive to the Centre Manager if the members agree the terms of the motion.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That the Area Manager write to the Chief Executive of the Citizens Information Service expressing concern at the proposed defunding and dissolution of the City Centre Dublin Citizens Information Service (O'Connell Street, Buckingham Street and Green Street Centres) within weeks of the North East Inner City Regeneration Framework and 'Reimagine Dublin One' initiatives being announced.

Report

A letter will be forwarded to the Citizens Information Boards if the members agree the terms of the motion.