

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 20th June 2017

NWA/120/2017 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/121/2017 Questions to the Area Manager.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/122/2017 Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/123/2017 Proposed disposal of the side entrance to 15 St Fintan's Terrace, Cabra, Dublin 7.

ORDER: Recommend to City Council.

NWA/124/2017 Presentation on mid-term monitoring of the Ashtown/Pelletstown LAP 2014, Cáit Ryan, Executive Planner.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/125/2017 **Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

This Committee believes that 12 months is an excessive length of time for road reinstatement following works carried out by Dublin City Council or their contractors. As an example, some road repairs on Cabra Drive are outstanding since 2015 and further repairs after water mains works are outstanding since September 2016. I have been informed that these works are due to be completed by the end of 2017.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. The North West Area Committee will write to John Flanagan, Executive Manager (Engineering) requesting a more detailed explanation for the delays in repairing road reinstatements and also the quality of the reinstatements.

NWA/126/2017 Housing Cabra/Finglas Report, Derek Healy, Housing Manager.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/127/2017 Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/128/2017 Notification of intention to lodge Part 8 application for the proposed social housing development at Scribblestown, Finglas, James Nolan,

Executive Engineer and Mary Davis, Staff Officer, Social Housing PPP Bundle 1.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/129/2017 Presentation on Notice of intention to apply for a Part 8 under the Traveller Accommodation Project 2014 – 2018 to rebuild fire damaged house: - 8 Avila Park, Cappagh Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit, John Flynn, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/130/2017 **Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Manager provide this Area Committee with details of work being undertaken to relocate the Abigail Centre in order to fully develop the Kildonan Lands efficiently.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Eileen Gleeson, Director
Dublin Region Homeless Executive be invited to attend a future North West Area Committee Meeting.

NWA/131/2017 Presentation on the Water Framework Directive, Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021, Gerry O'Connell, Engineer, Environment and Transportation - Surface Water and Flood Management Services.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/132/2017 Derelict Sites Report, Paul Clegg, Executive Manager, Planning & Property Management.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/133/2017 Public Domain Report, John Twamley, Public Domain Officer

ORDER: Noted. Congratulations were extended to John Twamley by the Councillors on his recent promotion to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

NWA/134/2017 Sports & Wellbeing Partnership Report.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/135/2017 Traffic Service Requests, Status Report.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/136/2017 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/137/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

Can the Manager explain why the North West Area Committee no longer gets a quarterly Planning Enforcement report?

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/138/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

Given the influx of planning applications for Student Accommodation in Dublin, this committee calls on the Planning Department to prepare a policy to address the genuine concerns surrounding the overconcentration of such accommodation in residential areas. While the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022 does refer to overconcentration, the new policy would need to be more specific in relation to acceptable numbers of developments and bed spaces within a particular radius.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/139/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Keegan

This motion asks that any further housing developments on all our smaller sites in the Dublin North West Area be 100% public housing, also to establish some criteria to allow for families living in the community access to local homes. This is to avoid communities feeling short-changed as far as access to public housing.

ORDER: Motion failed.

NWA/140/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Keegan

This motion asks that the Manager to suspend the unworkable 30/30/40 housing ratio as it is prejudice and discriminatory to working families in our community. This policy is tantamount to social cleansing and indicates that in some way that all families seeking public housing are in some way nefarious and antisocial. If we were talking about coloured or ethnic diverse communities this policy would be considered racist. As it stands it is pro-market and anti-community.

ORDER: Motion failed.

NWA/141/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Keegan

This motion proposes that Dublin City Council Management be mandated to request the Minister of the Environment to increase the economic threshold barring working families from accessing public housing. Households with income up to 80,000 net should be considered eligible to access public housing.

ORDER: Motion to be referred to Housing SPC.

NWA/142/2017

Ballymun Area Office Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/143/2017

The proposed disposal of fee simple in Shangan Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

ORDER: Recommend to City Council.

NWA/144/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe

The North West Area Committee calls on the Council to initiate the closure of the laneway/extinguish the right of way of the lane adjacent to 40 Glasnevin Park, 42 Glasnevin Park, 113 Glasnevin Avenue, 115 Glasnevin Avenue.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/145/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Edel Moran, North Central

To ask the Manager to examine the footpaths on Shanowen Road as they are in bad condition.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/146/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the Council establish the ownership of George's Graveyard on Whitworth Road (behind National Council for the Blind), with a view to re-opening the graveyard to the public.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/147/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the Council install a footpath along the green at the entrance to Lorcan Road. This would be the natural route for residents coming from Magenta Hall and Lorcan Drive.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/148/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the Council starts the process to acquire 8 and 10 Ferguson Road. These houses have been derelict and empty for many years. By purchasing these homes we can improve the amenity of the entire street, and provide much needed housing.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/149/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That the Manager looks at measures to prevent parking from DCU in Shanowen Park as often there is nowhere for the residents to park.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/150/2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That this Area Committee expresses concerns with the FAI about the cessation of the Project FUTSAL programme for Ballymun/Finglas area and writes to the FAI asking them to reconsider this decision. The programme was set up to take on participants that were unemployed and out of education. Over the last 4 years there have been 87 participants who have coached 1,370 children.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. A letter will be sent on behalf of the North West Area Committee to the FAI and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership expressing concerns re the cessation of the Project FUTSAL programme.

NWA/151/2017

A.O.B.

The election of the new chair will take place as part of the Area Wide Matters at the July North West Area Committee Meeting.

NWA Councillors:

ORDER: Councillors Noeleen Reilly, Anthony Connaghan, Emma Murphy, Paul McAuliffe, Cathleen Carney Boud, David Costello, Cieran Perry, Andrew Keegan, Teresa Keegan, Aine Clancy and Andrew Montague.

Apologies: Councillors, Lord Mayor, Brendan Carr, Norma Sammon Seamus McGrattan.

Officials: Dave Dinnigan, (Area Manager), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Derek Healy (Area Housing Manager – Finglas/Cabra), Declan Ronan (Area Housing Manager – Ballymun), Fergus Synnott, (Administrative Officer – Cabra), Bridget Gilbert (Senior Staff Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer), John Twamley (Public Domain Officer), Sean Callaghan (Graduate Engineer), Eoin Corrigan (Executive Engineer), Gerry O’Connell, (Engineer-in-Charge), Cáit Ryan, (Executive Planner), Jane O’Donoghue, (Senior Executive Planner James Nolan), (Executive Engineer PPP), and Pat Teehan, (Administrative Officer) Traveller Accommodation Unit.

**Councillor Noeleen Reilly
Chairperson**

The meeting concluded at 5.10 pm