



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017

- 1 **Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 12th September 2017**

ORDER: Agreed.
- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

ORDER: Noted.
- 3 **With reference to a presentation by "Save Our Streets Stoneybatter"**

ORDER: Presentation noted.
- 4 **With reference to a presentation on Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Regulations) 2017**

ORDER: Presentation noted.
- 5 **With reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Units T08 and S02 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 6 **With reference to Community Lettings in the Central Area**

ORDER: Report noted.
- 7 **With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 26th September 2017**

ORDER: Reports noted.
- 8 **With reference to 1917 Commemoration Project applications**

ORDER: Agreed.
- 9 **With reference to updates on the following: Public Domain Section, North West and North East Inner City Housing, North East Inner City Programme Office, Grangegorman Development, Central Area Age Friendly and Central**

Area Sports Report

ORDER: Reports noted.

10 **With reference to 2 nominations - Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway Design Stage**

ORDER: Councillor Eilis Ryan and Councillor Ciaran Cuffe were nominated to the Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway Design Stage.

11 **With reference to Motions to the Area Manager**

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee calls on the Housing Executive and his team to liaise in a fully transparent way with the O'Devaney Gardens Consultative Forum on every aspect of the plans for the site. The Consultative Group is calling for access to tender documents, plans, meaningful discussions and a full input into making a sustainable community on the site. This must be the way it is going forward for all of the site. Full community consultation was promised and it must be delivered upon.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to fully investigate and look into changing the Regulations around Air B & B's. In the midst of a housing crisis we have given landlords a loophole to use their properties in this manner which not only adds to the pressure of the Housing crisis but doesn't help build communities when it's very transient accommodation. I understand and know that Dublin City Council are currently investigating such full-time Air B & B lets. And it is the very opportunity to make the call for the changes needed. It is disturbing in light of the crisis with housing that this is becoming more and more prevalent and houses are being taken from the regular renting market in favour of Air B & B.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee calls on the Management and City Architects to seriously consider the request from residents in and around Arklow Street, Dublin 7, to have some of the openings that use to be walk ways closed off in the plans for the O'Devaney site. One of these has become a community garden and is now a cul de sac which allows safe play for the local children. I am calling for a full report to be carried out with full consultation with the community and the local Bridewell Garda Station.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive and Planners to actively listen to the residents of Stoneybatter, Smithfield and surrounding areas and stop with plans to divert traffic up Blackhall Street and into the heart of our village. Option 7 is not the preferred option by the majority of residents, business owners and school goers. And this needs to be stopped and another option, which is Option 8, needs to be seriously considered and implemented. Everyone wants a safe environment for cyclists and we can obtain that without seriously impacting on the livelihoods of people who live, work and go to school in the area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Eilis Ryan

That the Chief Executive will within two months report to the Council, for their consideration, in relation to people with disabilities, setting out:

1. The current situation in relation to matters which the Council has direct responsibility for
2. An overview of which areas of the Council's work will require improvements,
3. The areas where engagement of this Council with other public bodies would improve participation for people with disabilities and the names of those public bodies, and
4. The measures taken and planned by this Council to ensure the participation and engagement by people with disabilities and their representatives in local decision making structures and mechanisms, with a view to budgeting and planning for 2018 and beyond for the Council to advance implementation of the UN CRPD

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

Following granting of planning permission for development of Aldborough House, Portland Row (Ref 3457/17) this Committee requests the Chief Executive to make contact with the owners of Aldborough House and the Abbey Theatre with a view to discussing the possibility of the National Theatre moving to and operating from Aldborough House as part of the overall redevelopment there.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to write to the operators of the Luas (Transdev) and request that, on the first official day of operation of the cross city lines, commuters using the new service will be allowed travel free in recognition of the disruption to Dublin traffic caused by the cross city Luas works to the commuters/drivers/cyclists/pedestrians of Dublin.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Transdev.

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee requests the Chief Executive to carry out a study with a remit to coming up with design/alteration/improvements etc. for the Luke Kelly Bridge so that it too benefits from the public realm improvements in the Ballybough Area. I requested that consideration to providing lanterns such as those on nearby Annesley Bridge be given for the Luke Kelly Bridge but this was deemed unfeasible. However, this Committee agrees that a full improvement plan should be commissioned and recommendations carried out as part of the NEIC Regeneration Programme (Strand four of the "Mulvey Report" - Physical Infrastructure - Refurbishment).

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee believes that a surface car park is an inappropriate use for the old Fish Markets Site and welcome the future provision of a Mixed Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site but notes that this facility will only occupy a small proportion of the overall site, and therefore requests that the City Architects prepare a scheme for a mixed use development on the remainder of the Fish Market site that would either be developed by the local authority or the private sector.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee agrees that the fine of €75 for waste management collecting waste outside of designated hours too early in the morning is set far too low and shall write to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government seeking a much higher fine, and shall circulate his response, once received.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Committee agrees to write to the Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority requesting that the Save Our Streets Stoneybatter and Smithfield community campaign be afforded the opportunity to have a formal input into the Independent Third Party Review of the various options and resultant information and documentation of the proposed Liffey Cycle Route.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the National Transport Authority

12 **With reference to Emergency Motions**

Emergency Motion in the names of Councillor Ray McAdam and Councillor Christy Burke

That the Central Area Committee strongly urges the Transportation Department to develop a comprehensive and effective traffic management plan for East Wall given the continued problems residents and local businesses are experiencing with parking in addition to the challenges they face on a daily basis with access across the East Wall district. Furthermore, the Central Area Committee requests that senior management in the Transportation Department presents to the December meeting of the Central Area Committee a draft traffic management plan for consultation with East Wallers to take place in the first quarter of 2018

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That the Central Area Committee agrees to request that officials from the Transportation Department, Central Area Office and Gardai from the Bridewell meet with the DeBurgh Road residents in an effort to address the repeated and continuing problems with illegally parked vehicles blocking DeBurgh Road and that parking restrictions are introduced to help alleviate the situation they are having to deal with on almost daily basis.

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That the Central Area Committee agrees that the following steps be taken in order to combat the serious rise in the illegal dumping occurring in and around O'Connell Avenue, Phibsborough over the course of the last four weeks, including:

- Erection of CCTV on O'Connell Avenue to counteract the repeated illegal dumping outside 11, 12 & 13 O'Connell Avenue.
- Contacting O'Connor Shannon, *Estate Agents*, for 13 O'Connell Avenue to insist sufficient waste storage facilities are installed within the curtilage of the property.
- Increase the frequency of street cleaning on O'Connell Avenue to at least once every two months.

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

This Committee sends our best wishes to the young woman who has received burns to her body from fireworks in Dublin 1.

That this Committee once and for all call for extra policing in the area and that Dublin City Council Senior Management be informed by the Garda Senior Management as to the names of the people involved in such anti social behaviour .This behaviour is going on too long and legal action must be taken

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Gary Gannon

The members of this Central Area Committee are growing increasingly concerned at the loss of community based services in the North Inner City.

In particular, we note with worry that CASPr (Community After Schools Project) which provides invaluable childcare and after school care facilities in the Dublin 1 Area, will effectively be forced to cut by 50%, the services that they provide to the area as a consequence of the austerity cuts to Community Employment (CE) which remain in place today.

We request that an invite be sent to CASPr director Ann Carroll to attend the next meeting of the Central Area Committee to make a presentation on how her vital service is now at risk of closure.

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Gary Gannon

That this committee notes that the decision taken at our meeting of July 12th not to recommend the Part 8 Proposal on the Clontarf to City Centre was omitted in Report 300/2017 presented to the full City Council for consideration on October 2nd, notwithstanding the fact that the same report referred to previously held meetings on the same proposal held in 2015.

ORDER: Agreed.

Councillor Ray McAdam
Chairperson
Tuesday 10 October 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Janice Boylan
Gaye Fagan
Eilis Ryan

Members:

Christy Burke
Gary Gannon

Members:

Ciaran Cuffe
Nial Ring

Officers

Apologies:

Non-Members: