

Motions with Replies
Central Area Committee Meeting
14th November, 2017

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee congratulates all involved in the Beacon fire display at Railway Street, Dublin 1 on Friday 13th October.

Report

Letters of congratulations will issue if members agree the terms of the motion.

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That the Central Area Committee agrees to initiate whatever steps are necessary to extinguish the public right of way over the laneway which is between 20 and 22 St. James Avenue and which leads onto St Josephs Avenue.

Report

The matter of the laneway linking Joseph's Ave and James Ave has arisen on a number of previous occasions.

The laneway is to be kept unobstructed and immediately available for use in accordance with emergency evacuation strategies for the Croke Park Stadium. No gates or obstructions are to be provided on the laneway.

While Joseph's Avenue and James Avenue are the primary normal and emergency public egress routes at this end of the stadium this laneway provides a key emergency access route between these two primary routes for stewards, Gardaí, Dublin Fire Brigade and other emergency services in the event of emergency in the stadium or along either of these routes during egress from the stadium.

The laneway therefore forms an essential element of the emergency access and egress strategy for the Croke Park stadium as approved by the statutory authorities.

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That the Central Area Committee calls on the Chief Executive to do all that is necessary with our drainage and sewerage system throughout the northside, to combat the surge of rodents. Especially in light of the amount of tenants reporting sightings in some of our flat complexes. This problem is not only for the HSE to deal with, Dublin City Council need to step up in pest control, especially when we have situations where rodents are coming up sewerage pipes into peoples toilets.

Report

DCC Housing Maintenance's Section operates a Northside and Southside Mobile Crew who have specialised training in pest control. Over 150 locations in the city have been baited in a pro active approach to date in 2017. These sites are also monitored on an ongoing basis after the initial baiting is carried out. An increase has

been noted in rodent related requests relating both to communal areas and specific dwellings which are the remit of the HSE.

Increased building works across the city including Luas works may be a contributing factor in the increase in rodent numbers. Fly tipping also is a major attraction to vermin and there is increased evidence of illegal dumping in our housing estates and all attempts where possible are made to prosecute the offenders.

Dublin City Council appreciates the reporting of rodent sightings and we make every effort to address these infestations. The situation continues to be monitored.

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Niall Ring

That the Central Area Committee requests that a Dublin Bike Scheme be immediately located at North Strand Fire Station as this area has ample room for such an installation.

Report

A 15 station expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme will be commenced before the end of 2017, focusing on the Grangegorman area of the city. Any further growth of the scheme beyond the Grangegorman expansion will be subject to securing the necessary levels of funding for both the capital and annual operational costs over the lifetime of the scheme. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of scheme expansion to North Strand Fire Station, or the immediate surrounding areas at this point.

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Niall Ring

That this Central Area Committee supports the restoration and development of the Jewish Graveyard on Fairview Strand and further supports the use of the premises attaching thereto as a Heritage Centre to be licenced to an appropriate local Heritage/Historical Group following a consultation process. The Committee also requests that the 2018 budgets include an allocation for the upgrade of the graveyard and the house.

Report

A conservation report will be prepared in 2018 to establish the condition of the cemetery walls, building etc. It will provide detail as to the appropriate works and likely costs necessary to refurbish the building.

Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillors Nial Ring, Ciaran Cuffe, Eilis Ryan, Gaye Fagan and Ray McAdam.

That this Central Area Committee fully supports the building of Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire at Dominick Street and calls on the Minister for Education to confirm that, in recognising and having regard to the inordinate delays to date on this project, the building of the school will now be prioritised and fast tracked by his Department.

Report

A letter will be forwarded to the Minister for Education if the members agree the terms of the motion.

Item 7

Motion in the name of Councillor Niall Ring

That this Central Area Committee fully supports the suggestion of Professor Mary Morgan, the new President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and the first woman to hold that position, that new Children's Hospital should be named after Dr. Kathleen Lynn rather than the name currently being put forward i.e. the Phoenix Children's Hospital, a choice of name that has been widely criticised and derided. This Committee further asks those involved in the decision making process to review their inappropriate and unimaginative decision and seize this once off opportunity to name the hospital after Dr. Kathleen Lynn, a true republican who worked with the poor of the North Inner City, set up food/soup kitchens in Liberty Hall during the 1913 lockout, was Chief Medical Officer for the ICA during the 1916 Rising, and subsequently set up St. Ultan's Children Hospital.

Report

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

Item 8

Motion in the name of Councillor Gaye Fagan

That this Central Area Committee calls upon the Roads and Traffic Division to include the rest of Church Road and East Road in the 2018 Road Works Programme. Both roads are badly damaged due to construction traffic and increased volume of traffic.

Report

Both roads will be considered for the 2018 Works Programme.

Item 9

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

This Central Area Committee agrees that in light of the impending opening of the Luas Cross City Scheme and the consequent rise in footfall that will ensue, that a public realm improvement scheme be prepared for the entire length of Parnell Street to include the following:

- Widened footpaths at Conway's Pub, 70 Parnell Street, outside the Ilac car park and other locations
- A pedestrian operated signal across Parnell Street at the junction with Jervis Street
- Provision of a segregated bike lane as vehicles constantly park in and obstruct the existing lanes
- Removal of surplus inappropriate old-fashioned pedestrian barriers at the junction with King's Inn Street
- Removal of plastic tactile paving at King's Inn Street junction and replacement with appropriate materials
- Traffic calming measures at the junction with Ryder's Row
- Pedestrian priority at the Capel Street junction
- Tree planning on the north side of the street between Ryder's Row and King's Inn Street

Report

The City Centre Transport Project team are currently reviewing the lay out on Parnell Street with a view to proposing improvement works such as those suggested by the Central Area Committee and Cllr. Cuffe above. Any such proposals will be discussed with the Central Area Committee.

Parks and Landscapes Service will consider the possibility of selective and appropriate planting of trees on the footpath at this location in the context of the 2018 Tree care programme for the area.

Item 10

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Committee calls on the Manager to find the funding to put spikes on the roofs of St. Michan's to stop the birds from nesting and ruining the new paint job that is currently being done. The residents have taken such pride in the complex and want to keep it looking well. This issue is prevalent across the city and we need to have this implemented or else we are wasting money on paint jobs that will get ruined by birds.

Report

This matter will be investigated and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.