

Motions with Replies
Central Area Committee Meeting
12th December, 2017

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Glasnevin Trust and ask if it their intention to include further names on the so called 1916 Memorial Wall in Glasnevin Cemetery and, if so, to detail what names are being considered for inclusion, and if public consultation will take place on any proposed addition of names.

Report

A letter will be forwarded to the Glasnevin Trust if the members agree the terms of the motion.

Item 2

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That this Committee supports the submission made by me to the Seanad Public Consultation Committee in respect of its public consultation on the Status, Treatment and Use of the National Anthem. The main points made in the submission are as follows:

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my opinion, there should be no changes made to either Irish or English version. I have read and heard of proposals to change wording to lessen the militaristic tone of the Anthem but, in deference to those who wrote and translated the Anthem, we should not interfere with their work.

Also, some people have quite mistakenly assumed that the first line of the chorus "Sine Fianna Fáil..." was written after the foundation of the Fianna Fáil political party in 1926 and that somehow the name of the fledgling party could have influenced his translation work. This is absolutely untrue as my Granduncle first worked on the translation in 1916 and completed his work before 1923, well before the foundation of Fianna Fáil.

1. The foregoing statement is not just based on family knowledge and lore (a daughter of Liam is still alive and well). Historian Ruth Sherry, in her article entitled "The Story of the National Anthem", published in History Ireland (Issue 1, Spring 1996) states that Liam Ó Rinn's translation was published in the army magazine, An tÓglach, on 3rd November 1923. More persuasive and significant is the fact that an almost identical text was printed in the Freeman's Journal on 3rd April 1923, under Ó Rinn's pen name "Coinneach".

2. The Government should issue guidelines on the use of the National Anthem. This, I believe, should be on the lines of the guidelines issues in relation to the National Flag. The guidelines should also include reference to standing at attention (and how to do so) when the National Anthem is being played. It is galling to observe sportsmen and sportswomen standing "at ease" or with arms around each other whilst the Anthem is being played. Simple guidelines on this would give the Anthem the due respect it deserves.

3. I would support the National Anthem being enshrined officially in legislation in the Irish language.

4. I would ask that the Committee strongly consider recommending that the National Anthem be made a compulsory part of the education curriculum and enshrined in legislation to ensure its implementation.

5. I would submit that the guidelines, if agreed and published, should be in booklet format and distributed to every household in Ireland.

6. The success of the presentation of the National Flag to every school in the country to commemorate/celebrate the 1916 Rising has been widely acknowledged. I would submit that the committee recommends a similar programme for the National Anthem".

I have circulated the full document I sent to the Committee separately but the above are my actual submissions. The Committee intends to hold public hearings on Tuesday 5th December and I have been invited to attend and contribute to this public hearing.

Report

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

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee expresses its concern about the delays in SICAP funding in the inner city and requests that the Senior Management Team resolve this issue without delay and ensure that the issues referenced in the Mulvey Report and elsewhere are resolved without further delay.

Report

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme 2018 – 2022 was subject to a national public procurement, with a deadline of 6th October 2017 for submission of tenders. The Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) ratified the outcome of that process at its meeting on 9th November and notification letters were subsequently issued to tenderers for each of the five Dublin City 'Lots' on 24th November.

The Dublin City LCDC and the Council Executive can confirm that the Dublin Inner City Community Co-Operative Society have been informed of the outcome of the public procurement process for SICAP 2018 – 2022 for Lot 2.5 Inner City and of the LCDC proposal to enter into a negotiated procedure. Pending the response of the Dublin Inner City Community Co-Operative Society to that proposal by 08 December 2017, it has been confirmed to the Dublin Inner City Community Co-Operative Society that current SICAP funding can be extended up to 31st March 2018 in order to facilitate a negotiated procedure and to ensure that there is no disruption to services while the process is brought to conclusion.

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Area Committee calls for a full investigation into the road layout and traffic light system at Hanlon's Corner on the North Circular Road due to the high level of near misses, crashes and residents concerns.

Report

It has been recommended to alter the traffic signals to allow an early cut off on North Circular Road westbound amounting to 6 seconds. This means that westbound traffic will be stopped 6 seconds prior to eastbound traffic. This will allow vehicles and cyclists to safely clear the junction eastbound including right turn movements while westbound traffic is stopped.

It has also been recommended to rescind the most westerly 6m of the yellow box opposite Annamoe road to allow cars to legally stop before the traffic lights. This should reduce the amount of westbound vehicles breaking the amber light.

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Area Committee calls on the Co-op and the LCDC to engage in meaningful discussions re the SICCAP funding so they can come up with a strategy that will resolve all issues and concerns.

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Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Justice to immediately reinstate any funding withdrawn to An Garda Síochána in relation to overtime. We already don't have enough Gardaí on our streets and are dealing with serious levels of crime and antisocial activity.

Report

Overtime budget announced by Justice Minister on November 30th in the amount of €42M.