

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May 2018

Q1 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q2 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to install Children At Play and 30KPH Signs along New Ireland Road.

Reply

The standard 30K/h slow zone signage will be installed on New Ireland Road. Dublin City Council does not provide a larger or more prominent slow zone signs.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Executive Engineer, E&T

Tel: 222 2017

Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

This request for Children Crossing signage has been referred for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

Tel: 222 2528

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Area Manager to ask the Housing Manager whether the properties at (*details supplied*) are owned by the Council and if so, whether they are being leased to a service provider or are there local authority tenants living there.

Reply

The properties at (*details supplied*) are being used as private emergency accommodation, primarily as contingency accommodation for families experiencing homelessness, who are at risk of rough sleeping. Dublin City County has a contract arrangement with the owners / management of the properties.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange an urgent inspection of the living conditions and extreme dampness in this flat (*details supplied*).

Reply

We are disappointed to hear that dampness is still an issue at this address as extensive damp proofing and insulation works have recently been carried out here. We will make arrangements with the tenant in the next week to have this matter further investigated

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
Tel: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of the small space between Loreto College and (*details supplied*) with a view to landscaping or placing of a seat in this small area.

Reply

Planting is not a viable option at this small space due to the presence of many underground services and inspection covers. The site is immediately adjacent to a private house so the addition of a bench here would not be deemed suitable as it could attract anti-social behaviour. A planter could be placed on the site however this would need to be considered as part of the overall plan for planters in South Central for 2019.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q7 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q8 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section (*details supplied*).

Reply

Arrangements are being made to have the immersion repaired and to have the windows inspected. This property has also been included in Phase 2 of the retrofitting programme.

Contact: Frank D'arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community
Tel: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a clean-up of (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q10 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q11 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a small playground at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

The residential area at *(details supplied)* would be considered to be too close to the new playground at Willie Pearse Park to merit the addition of another new facility. The location does mean crossing one road however it is only 500 metres from this playground.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that the following housing case be looked into *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please arrange for repairs to be carried out to the footpath along Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, from Grange Cross to Rossmore Drive. A number of sections of the kerb are broken / missing for a number of years. In addition, some repairs are needed at the base of the trees along St John's College.

Reply

Road Maintenance will survey and record any defects found in this section of footpath over the coming weeks. These defects will be added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that serious consideration be given to addressing the serious problems along Ballyfermot Road adjoining the Ballyfermot Primary Health Care Centre and the junction outside Lidl Supermarket, Ballyfermot Road. It is crazy that all traffic on Ballyfermot Road outward bound has to stop if a car is turning into Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate. It is essential that one lane is allowed progress out of Ballyfermot towards Clondalkin / Palmerstown as the current situation is choking the area with traffic build ups.

Reply

This issue came up last year and it was not recommended to make any change to the junction as it would only push the problem further down to the next junction. The Area Engineer will look into this issue again and see if the situation has changed and will get back to you with the findings in due course.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer

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- Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager that I be given a full report on the following (*details supplied*).
- Reply**
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council please give me a full report on the following (*details supplied*).
- Reply**
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager to ask Housing Maintenance if, as I was told a few weeks ago, that the following will be carried out (*details supplied*).
- Reply**
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager to please give an indication if DCC would consider the purchase of (*details supplied*).
- Reply**
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager to look at the possibility (*details supplied*).
- Reply**
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).
- Reply**
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
Can the Area Manager please look at what happened to the burial records of the old cemetery at the Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, and what now remains under the large mound at the site, next to where the old Tennis Courts once stood. As a young boy we played in the old graveyard and historical records would be very welcome.
- Reply**
The burial records for the cemetery at the Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot are listed as 'Unknown' in the Directory of Graveyards in The Dublin Area.

*Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
Email: parks@dublincity.ie*

Q22 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide full details of the proposed tree planting in the new Crumlin Village Plaza Scheme? Local residents were very angry at the removal of the Cherry Blossom trees last month and want to know the exact nature of the planned replacements including the number of new trees, species and location.

Reply

The shallow roots of the Cherry Blossoms outside the Sorting Office had lifted the footpath in several places thereby presenting potential tree trips. The area had become dangerous for the many pedestrians including elderly people who use this area. It was decided therefore, as part of the upgrade of east side of Crumlin Village to replace the existing trees. It should be noted the number of new trees will exceed the number of trees removed.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dubincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask for our Road Maintenance Section to repair a cracked section of roadway on Windmill Road Crumlin? The location is adjacent to the road ramp close to the intersection where Raphoe Road meets Windmill Road.

Reply

This defect has been logged onto our works list. There are some outstanding carriageway works still ongoing on neighbouring Raphoe Road and when these repairs are completed Road Maintenance have planned to carry out carriageway repairs along the length of Windmill Road in the coming weeks.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide details of where the proposed "Welcome to Crumlin" signs will be located? The triangular park between Old County Road and the Crumlin Road would make an ideal location for one of the signs.

Reply

There are a number of issues to be considered in relation to such signage:

- The boundaries of Crumlin, Drimnagh and Walkinstown are confusing in some locations and the installation of signage is likely to alienate some residents.
- Signage in Crumlin Village and Terenure Village (which was then in the South Central Area) was installed in the last 6 years as the limits of the village areas are more easily delineated.
- The type of signage envisaged is designed for 'green' areas or footpaths of at least 5 meters in width. Although the suggested location conforms to this criteria (albeit may not be perceived as an entry point to Crumlin) other such locations are not easily identifiable in this area.
- Signage has been installed in other areas flush to garden walls but it is considered that this has little effect and is generally obscure to residents and visitors to the area alike.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5245
Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a report and update on the progress of naming the field adjacent to the HSE clinic on Old County Road as Dingle Field. A motion to this effect was passed at the January 2018 Area Committee meeting (see below)

Motion: This area committee agrees that the small public park between the Crumlin Road and Old County Road be named Dingle Field or Dingle Park. This Park before been taken over by DCC Parks Section was the site of a family farm owned by the Dingle family, local descendants of this family report that the family were involved in the land league and that the farmstead was visited by Charles Steward Parnell. Given the history and the longevity of the Dingle family connection with the field this area committee agrees to acknowledge the connection with naming the park after the Dingle family.

Reply

Motion 567 from the January meeting was referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee. It has now transpired that this was the wrong course of action to take.

The Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques Policy document, adopted by the Council at its meeting of 12th June 2017, states:-

16.2 “City parks, Fire Brigade stations, public libraries, civic offices and utility facilities will **not** be named after individuals or events. Names of parks, Fire Brigade stations and other infrastructure will reflect the locality or townland.”

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5108
Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section to trim back the hedging surrounding the half circle on Cashel Road? A number of residents are concerned that this quick growing hedge will once again overgrow this summer.

Reply

It is not possible to trim this hedge during bird nesting season (March- August)
This hedge is usually pruned once a year at least, outside this season.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our ITS Section (traffic lights) to once again take a look at the traffic light signals sequence at the pedestrian lights crossing at the junction at Sundrive Road and many other pedestrians. The problem is that when a pedestrian gets the green man to cross, oncoming traffic does not see a red light and go through the crossing. This happens for traffic coming from Herberton Road

direction and those vehicles travelling up the Crumlin Road and turning left onto Sundrive Road. Whilst the sequence was previously altered to give more time for these vehicles to pass through the pedestrian lights before the green man signal comes on, the problem persists and there is an accident waiting to happen. Can this matter be investigated and corrected as a matter of urgency.

Reply

ITS Section has now reviewed the traffic signals in question, Sundrive Rd/ Crumlin Road, in light of query. The pedestrian signals referred to, crossing Sundrive Rd outbound lanes, only run following traffic turning right from Crumlin Road to Sundrive Road and therefore these pedestrians should not be endangered by traffic approaching from Herberton Road nor left turning from Crumlin Road.

However, in the interest of improving pedestrian safety an extra delay has been added to pedestrian crossings at this junction. This measure will delay pedestrians being given invitation to walk, green man, and allow more time for vehicles to clear the junction before pedestrians commence to cross.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation.

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Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Parks Section to plant a new tree at (*details supplied*). This was promised on the 26th July of last year in an e-mail to this Councillor from the Parks Superintendent.

Reply

A tree will be planted here over the next two days.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to deal with and eradicate a rat infestation problem at (*details supplied*).

Reply

Treatment for rodent infestation is ongoing in (*details supplied*) by both the H.S.E. and D.C.C. We liaise regularly with the tenants in (*details supplied*) in relation to this and have advised them of the hazards of having food waste left exposed in open communal areas.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to provide a list of current voids, with bedroom sizes, including acquisitions in Area's K and L showing if they are with the depot or contractors and the expected date for them to be completed and available for allocation. Please ensure that this is a detailed list showing each property and not just a summary.

Reply

Property type	No of Beds	No of Units Vacant
House	1	2
	2	21
	3	11
	Total	34
Apartment	0	4
	1	23
	2	39
	3	1
	Total	67
Senior Citizens	0	8
	1	16
	Total	24

Period Vacant	No of Properties
0<3months	52
>3months <6months	44
>9months	29
Total	125

Of these 125 properties:

- 23 are ready for letting,
- 35 are expected to be ready between now and the early June,
- 40 are expected to be completed by early August,
- 23 by early September
- 4 to be completed by the depots

Housing Maintenance completed 284 refurbishments in the South Central Area in 2017 and has completed 86 units to date in 2018. A list of locations has been forwarded to Councillor Dunne.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankq.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*) if the following complaint from a constituent that was asked of me could be answered.

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q32 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q33 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q34 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q35 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q36 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q37 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.