



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019**

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th November, 2019**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Area Matters**
 - a **Election of Members to Commemorations and Naming Committee**
Order: Cllr. Mícheál Mac Donncha proposed Cllr. Larry O'Toole and Cllr. Daryl Barron seconded.
 - b **Discretionary Fund Report North Central 2019**
Order: Presentation noted. The Councillors requested a six month review going forward and a tick off system by use of a spreadsheet would be helpful.
 - c **Report on Extinguishment / Extinguishments of Laneways in Marino**
Order: Noted. General Presentation to be circulated to NCAC. Coílin O'Reilly to follow up with Cllr. O'Farrell in relation to a particular laneway issue.
 - d **Donaghmede Roundabout**
Order: Coílin O'Reilly to have an on-site meeting with Cllr. Tom Brabazon and other Councillors and the Senior Transport Officer.
 - e **Oscar Traynor Road Development**
Order: Hugh McKenna to provide a written report NCAC members including an update on the Gael Scoil.
 - f **Naming and numbering of a new residential development on the site of the Brethren Meeting Room, The Glen, Watermill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5.**
1-12 Jameson Court, The Glen, Watermill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5
Order: Agreed.

- g **Pre Part 8 Millwood Court**
Order: Report noted. The Councillor made observations and requests re the future plans for Millwood Court and these were noted and forwarded to Housing Development.
- h **Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 10 Carleton Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.**
Order: Agreed.
- i **Proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the properties known as 85 and 87 Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9.**
Order: Agreed.
- j **Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the front of 212 Malahide Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.**
Order: Agreed.
- k **Housing Supply Report**
Order: Noted. Cllr. Gilliland requested an update on Cromcastle Court and the Darndale Spine Site.
- l **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**
Order: Noted. Colin O'Reilly to follow up with the Boxing Officer regarding the age profile being lowered.

4 **Roads and Streets Matters**

- a **Minutes of TAG Meeting 26th November, 2019**
Order: Noted. Colin O'Reilly to follow up on Cllr Cooney's enquiry regarding Clontarf Baths access points.

5 **Items for following Meeting**

Planner for Santry Area to be invited to January meeting.

6 **Motions**

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**
This area committee calls for the installation of lights throughout Fairview Park.

Reply:

The Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Scheme proposes the creation of a 4m wide esplanade (shared-use pedestrian and cycle path) inside the perimeter of Fairview Park between West Wood gym and Annesley Bridge. This is in order to provide an upgraded cycle track in place of the existing footpath and cycle track outside the park perimeter. The scheme also proposes extending the esplanade by widening the existing footpath on the northern bank of the River Tolka, between Annesley Bridge and John McCormack Bridge, as part of the Tolka Valley Greenway through the park. The scheme proposes public lighting along both sections.

The provision of public lighting in other areas of Fairview Park is a matter for the Parks & Landscape Services Division.

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The Parks Service does not install lights in public parks as they are officially closed after dark.

The revised proposals for the Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway includes a lit shared surface within the park just inside the first treeline.

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**Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City**

Order: Report to Councillor.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

The North Central Area Committee recognises the housing potential of the corner vacant green (underpass) space bordered by the Oscar Traynor Rd, the Kilmore Rd and Cromcastle Road. This space is adjacent to the local Primary Care Centre, opposite Northside Shopping Centre and local bus stops as well as a short walk from the local church. Given this location, the North Central Area Committee therefore call for the bringing forward of plans to develop this site for senior citizens housing and community area that would allow a portion of the developed units to be used for financial contribution to allow local older persons to down size within their community and provide DCC with additional family housing. If brought forward ahead of the regeneration of Cromcastle Court this development would support the detenanting of older citizens from Cromcastle Court to a purpose-built complex immediately within their local community.

Reply:

The concept of homes for older people close to villages and neighbourhood centres is supported and very much supported in the City Development Plan, section 5.5.4 in particular, which states *"As a general rule step-down housing for the elderly should be located in close proximity to existing village centres/ amenities, to enable people to continue to interact with their local communities"*.

The vacant corner site on Oscar Traynor Road next to the Primary Care Centre has the potential to deliver housing for persons of various age groups including older people. It is proposed to bring this site to the Active Land Management team within Dublin City Council or review and consideration. As part of this process a housing need assessment will be carried out which will also take into account adjoining proposals for Cromcastle and Woodville.

**Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City**

**Contact: Fiona Cooper, Senior Executive Planner
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Order: Report to Councillor.

c Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

Could the manager look at the cost rental housing model and ear mark possible sites in DNC for progressing this housing model.

Reply:

The Housing and Community Services Department would like to expand the affordable cost rental model to all 5 of its administrative area committees. However, there is currently no legislation underpinning the affordable cost rental.

Notwithstanding the Housing and Community Services Department in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government are endeavouring to develop a pilot project in St Michael's Estate.

Arising issues including inter alia affordability, finance, servicing finance, corporate risk exposure etc. will ultimately inform DCC's strategy on the extent of any subsequent rollout of this model.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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Order: Report to Councillor.

d Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

Could an exhibition space be provided for the history of St. Annes Park in the park.

Reply:

There is currently a display of the history of the assembling of the various landholdings that made up the demesne under the arched entrance to the Red Stables Building and a model of the former Guinness Family residence St. Anne's House. The historic tiles that were lifted and conserved from one of the follies in the park have been mounted and will be on permanent display with interpretation in the newly restored Winter Garden once the failed glazing units have been replaced.

Spaces are available within the Red Stables buildings for temporary and traveling exhibitions and the permitted improvements will create additional accessible spaces on the first floor for such displays.

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Director of Services
North City

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Order: Report to Councillor.

e Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

That the Council prune back the trees on the southern side of Skelly's lane to make the area safer for pedestrians during the Winter months.

Reply:

The trees growing along Skelly's Lane are mature large canopy trees growing in very wide verges that contribute greatly to the amenity of the area. While the majority of the trees appear to be in acceptable condition crown raising would appear to be appropriate in a few locations. Arrangements will be made to have the trees inspected and lower hanging foliage removed to open up clear views beneath the trees as part of the tree care programme for 2020.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent - 2226625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Report to Councillor.

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

That this area committee agree to install lighting through Rockfield Park from Elmount Road to Whitethorn Close. This is used as a short cut by many local residents, particularly those coming off buses on the Malahide Rd and using the park as a way through to Whitethorn. Residents have complained that it is intimidating at night with little light, as there are tall trees also. There are lights at the cross section and all it would take is the installation of one/two lights. Please see map attached indicating the area to be lit. Lighting of this pathway through the park would contribute to goals of increasing pedestrian permeability in the city.

Reply:

As there is an existing lit route across the park that can serve these commuters albeit slightly longer than is proposed the provision of lighting along this route would be considered very low priority in terms of future Parks Improvements Programmes.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent - 2226625
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Order: Report to Councillor.

g **Motion in the name of Daryl Barron**

This Area Committee seeks installation of Double yellow lines along Briarfield Road/Villas in Kilbarrack to deter car parking adjacent to Kilbarrack Dart Station. Emergency vehicles cannot access this road during weekdays which has caused major problems locally to residents in Briarfield. With several schools located in this area, the safety of children must be taken serious by Dublin City Council. I seek on behalf of the residents a review of the current situation with a view to working towards a resolution for the locality.

Reply:

This request is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group

and the Councillor will be informed of the recommendation. (Ref: 7010529).

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and
Transportation Department.
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Order: Coilín O'Reilly to meet Cllr. Barron to look at area with a traffic Engineer and report back to Councillors.

h Motion in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

That this Area Committee calls on the Manager to commence the process for the provision of a Local Area Plan for the Santry area in view of the absence of adequate infrastructure or strategy for the significant number of new housing units already granted or being proposed for the area and is opposed to the rezoning of any sites in Santry prior to drafting an LAP.

Reply:

Section 2.2.8.1 of the City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 (the Development plan) sets down policy in relation to the preparation of area specific plans. This section sets out a hierarchy of plans ranging from statutory local area plans to non-statutory schematic masterplans and local environmental improvement plans. Table F of Section 2.2.8.1 contains a “Schedule of Proposed Statutory Local Area Plans / Strategic Development Zones to Deliver the Core Strategy”. Santry is not included in the schedule. Section 2.2.8.1 also contains a list of thirty one areas/ villages, with the objective of preparing up to three local environmental improvement plans from this list, for each City Council administrative area, subject to resources and priorities. Santry is not included in the list.

The preparation of the new Development Plan will commence mid 2020. As part of the preparation of the new Development Plan the elected members will have an opportunity to reevaluate the contents of the schedule and list referred to above and the priority of areas/ villages.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Brian Keaney, Senior Planner
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Order: A detailed report from the Area Planner (Brian Keaney) to be sought and also to be invited to the January NCAC meeting.

i Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That this area committee agree not to close Belmayne Allotments as part of the new Belmayne Town Centre and Belcamp Lands Masterplan – as presented to Dublin City Council in October 2019 and that this very much needed green

community space is protected and allowed remain at its current site.

Reply:

The Belmayne and Belcamp Masterplan will go on public display for a minimum of 6 weeks within a fortnight. The Masterplan sets out a structure from which the future housing, amenities, community facilities, road network and open spaces can be shaped around; giving the detail necessary to ensure the full implementation of the Clongriffin/Belmayne Local Area Plan.

In 2012, within the LAP, the use of the housing lands for temporary allotments was proposed and this has been successfully implemented in the intervening years. The masterplan does provide new areas of open space, as well as provision for a new school and much needed new housing. The open space areas within the masterplan will need to balance the provision of essential local play and amenity areas for families as well as meeting the local demand for allotments.

It is the intent of the Council to use the time during the public consultation on the masterplan, (in addition to including a reconfigured allotment area in the masterplan); to develop a number of viable options regarding further permanent solutions to the demand for allotments within the North Central Area and to bring these to the Area Committee prior to the finalisation of the Masterplan.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Deirdre Scully. Senior Planner
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Order: Report to Councillor.

j

Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That this area committee agrees to take every action necessary so as to ensure that McAuley Park Artane is not subjected to the same appalling destructive treatment it was subjected to this year during Halloween when the park was destroyed following bonfire activity and anti-social behaviour inflicted on local residents where wheelie bins were thrown onto the bonfire, fireworks etc were thrown into peoples houses scaring the elderly and vulnerable and that a report be given on the matter to include

- (a) an update proposals to provide a playground on this green
- (b) proposals to target this area next Halloween to in an effort to try and ensure that the same destructive activity is not inflicted on residents surrounding the park in 2020.

Reply:

- (a) This area has been identified as an area of deficit of play facilities in the Dublin City Parks Strategy adopted earlier this year. The Parks Service has had a couple of onsite meetings with local residents and is fully supportive of the provision of a playground at this location. However the delivery of same will depend on a future budgetary provision. The priority for the available capital funds for the short term is to bring all existing playgrounds up to standard.
- (b) The area was inspected repeatedly in the run up to Halloween and

any bonfire materials reported or found were removed. There is a significant issue with bonfire materials being stored in gardens and private property in the area and only being taken out onto the public open space at the last minute on Halloween night. Anti-social behaviour and intimidation of residents are matters for the Gardaí.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent - 2226625
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We would be happy to facilitate a Halloween Event in conjunction with the Community Team in the area in the future.

Contact: Aileen Doyle, Acting Community & Social Development Officer – 2228865.
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Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: Report to Councillor. Particular attention to be paid to this green next year.

k **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That this area committee agree to the erection in Maypark, Donnycarney, of an "animated historic map of Maypark" designed by local resident Sinéad Woods in conjunction with the local Maypark Activities Group.

Reply:

If a community group wishes to install an historic map in the park they should contact the undersigned.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent - 2226625
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Order: Report to Councillor.

l **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That the Manager outline to the Area Committee details of any responses regarding Metrolink he received from the NTA/TII who plan to put a permanent above ground intervention shaft and maintenance carpark into Albert College Park without any public consultation on the position/location of this structure which structure is required following material changes to the Metrolink resulting in the twin bore becoming a single bore and the tation moving from Na Fianna to Home Farm pitch; and that he say if he is aware;-

(a) that the NTA did not inform the public of the need for a permanent land take for the shaft from a Council park and that have they have not, as of yet informed the public of their plans to put a maintenance car park into a public park and

(b) the NTA is working on a shaft design but, the positioning of which, residents want to be consulted and if he can make a statement on the matter which affects residents in both Dublin North Central and North

West Areas.

Reply:

The Metrolink scheme is required to go through a full statutory planning process and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment report which will cover all the areas where this scheme will impact. There will be statutory consultation and the opportunity for all aspects of the scheme to be reported on and the public will have the opportunity to make their views known on all aspects of the design.

Coilín O'Reilly
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Order: Report to Councillor.

m **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That the manager provide an up-date on proposals for Richmond Road following the meeting prior to our last Area Committee Meeting and say what actions are proposed to be taken to acquire alternative parking for residents in the event that residents on street parking is removed in order to prevent the continuing and dangerous mounting of the footpath by motorists, particularly those diving HGVs up Richmond Road, causing serious hazard for vulnerable pedestrians and other road users, say if will ensure a 3 tonne ban/HGV ban is in place and obvious to road users and also if he will say if road traffic engineers involved in the Richmond Road Options Report are happy to discuss matters going forward with David Vaughan, Traffic Committee Chairman, Richmond Road and Grace Park Avenue Residents Association.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has submitted a report on this matter to members and this report was discussed prior to the November Committee meeting. It was agreed at this meeting that feedback from local residents would be considered and a written update would be circulated to members.

A 3.5 tonne Maximum Gross Weight sign is in place and it is positioned appropriately in accordance with the recommendations of the traffic signs manual. It should be noted that exemptions to this sign are in place as per the following:

“The Maximum Gross Weight (Traffic Management) Sign, RUS 015, indicates that vehicles whose gross weight exceeds that specified on the sign are prohibited. Gross weight means the ‘Design Gross Vehicle Weight’ as defined by the current Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations. The restriction applies irrespective of whether the vehicle is carrying a load. This sign is used where the weight restriction is for traffic management reasons: for example, to prohibit heavy vehicles from using residential roads.

Since the exemptions allowing for access are enshrined in the Regulations, there is no need for a supplementary plate.”

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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Order: Report to Councillor.

n **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That an up to date report be given to the Area Committee on the proposed tennis pavilion for Rockfield Park, with details of what exactly its purpose will be, and if and when it is expected to be constructed and if in the meantime the 5 aside football pitch could be up-graded and additional flower boxes installed in the park.

Reply:

The tennis pavilion and padel court project is listed on the 3 year capital programme to be brought to detailed design stage in 2020 and construction in 2021

It is proposed to return the redundant dust training area to parkland in 2020.

The Parks Service do not install flower boxes. However consideration could be given to including the location in the spring bulb planting programme for 2020.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent - 2226625
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Order: Report to Councillor.

o **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That an update be given on when a playground will be provided in Rockfield Park, particularly in the context of a commitment having been given by Parks Dept. last year that a small type playground could be provided.

Reply:

There are no proposals to construct a playground in Rockfield Park. As there is an existing playground a short walk away in Maypark, Rockfield would be considered very low priority for a new playground.

While there is considerable merit in the provision of smaller scale play opportunities in local parks the priority for the short to medium term is to bring the existing playgrounds in the area up to standard and then address the areas of deficit of play facilities.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent -
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Order: Cllr. Heney to forward email from Les Moore to Coilín O'Reilly for follow up regarding Rockfield Park.

p **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

To re-establish the local traveller accommodation sub-committee of the LTACC, with membership comprised of the Artane-Whitehall LEA councillors, the Traveller Accommodation Unit and local Traveller representatives.

Reply:

The Traveller Accommodation Unit will contact the Councillor to set up a preliminary meeting regarding the scope and terms of reference of the sub-committee with a view to formalising an arrangement through the LTACC.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer - 2222283.
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Order: Defer to January Meeting.

q **Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

The North Central Area recognises the success and benefit of the Darndale Night League run during the month of November. In particular it acknowledges the large number of young people that engaged with the leagues and the positive relationships that were being formed between local residents and local organisers during the leagues. In light of the lack of safe local weekend evening activities that promote such positive engagement the North Central areas calls for the night leagues to be extended and other evening activities to be funded and supported.

Reply:

This programme has been a very surprising success. This was a collaborative effort between Gardai, FAI and DCC, to improve community relations and to provide crime diversionary goal oriented activities in the form of sport.

The FAI have trained the Gardai in the delivery of the programme and they have been very hands on in their participation and engagement with children. The interaction between the young people and the Gardai has been extremely positive,

The number of participants in the younger age group is the biggest it has ever been and up on the previous roll out by 20% to 75 + every night.

We still have some difficulty attracting the 14-17 year olds, which are the crucial ones, although ten young people from this age bracket did, in fact turn up for the training.

The Gardai have visited all second level schools in the area and the FAI have been active on the streets before the LNL every Friday to try to engage with this

Current demographics of the area to include:

- Population
 - Age profile
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Income levels
 - Crime statistics
- A profile of the current level of services including a mapping of existing statutory, community and voluntary groups, structures and programmes operating in the Darndale area.
 - A review of previous and existing statutory and non-statutory plans and reports for Darndale.
 - Carry out a public engagement process with all the key stakeholders working and living in the area to garner the opinions of local people, community groups and statutory service providers as to the issues in the area and ideas to address these issues.
 - To review best practice in the area of socio-economic and community development on a national and international level to identify successful actions from other areas which may be applicable to Darndale.
 - Indicative topics such as Community Development, Sports, Arts, Environment, Public Realm, Education & Training, Safety & Policing, Health Promotion and Economic Development/Job creation should be considered and addressed
 - Develop a set of sustainable objectives and actions, to be implemented over a 3 year period, to address issues and put a structure in place to manage the implementation of these actions.
 - Recommend revised operational and management structures for oversight of issues in the area.

Timeframe

The report should be completed by the end of May 2020.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: **Coilín O'Reilly, Director of Services, North City – 2228870.**

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Order: Jack Nolan to meet all Councillors, Statutory Agencies, Residents and Community Groups in January.

7 Deferred Motion 6 d from November Meeting of the North Central Area Committee

Motion deferred to January 2020 meeting.

Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Chairperson
Monday 9 December 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Daryl Barron
Racheal Batten
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Officers

Colin O'Reilly
Elaine Mulvenny
Yvonne Kirwan
Joanne O'Sullivan
Madeleine Ebbs

Apologies:

Lawrence Hemmings

Non-Members:

Pauline Ebbs(Cllr. Roe Santry)
Frank Keoghan (Cllr. Roe Santry)
Annemarie Keoghan (Cllr. M McDonncha Santry)
Joe O'Gorman (Cllr. Roe Santry) he left.

Members:

Patricia Roe
Tom Brabazon
Micheal Mac Donncha
Larry O'Toole

Dara McLoughlin
Derek Farrell
Connell McGlynn
Hugh McKenna
Fergus O'Carroll

Members:

Donna Cooney
Deirdre Heney
Naoise O'Muiri
Declan Flanagan

Deirdre Murphy
Fiona Moore
Leona Fynes
Brendan Kenny
Sarah Brady