



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020**

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the Central Area Committee held on 8th September 2020.**

ORDER: Agreed with amendment made to item 6.

- 2 **With reference to the Questions to the Area Managers.**

ORDER: Noted.

- 3 **With reference to a presentation on Part 8 Development at St. Finbar's Court, Cabra, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Presentation noted.

- 4 **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of No. 26 Broadstone Avenue, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 5 **With reference to the proposed disposal of fee simple interest in a site at Railway Street, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 6 **With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way to rear of Goldsmith Street, Berkeley Road, Saint Vincent's Street North and North Circular Road.**

ORDER: Agreed to initiative procedure.

- 7 **With reference to update on former Convent/Magdalene Laundry site at Sean McDermott Street Lower, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 8 **With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 29/09/2020.**

ORDER: Report noted.

9 **With reference to Public Domain Unit.**

ORDER: Report noted.

10 **With reference to Housing Matters in the North East Inner City & North West Inner City.**

ORDER: Report noted.

11 **With reference to Community Matters in the North Inner City**

ORDER: Report noted.

12 **With reference to Cabra Glasnevin Area Report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

13 **With reference to Housing Matters in Cabra/Glasnevin.**

ORDER: Report noted.

14 **With reference to Community Matters in Cabra/Glasnevin.**

ORDER: Report noted.

15 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

16 **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

The following Emergency Motions were tabled:

**Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Christy Burke, Anthony Flynn & Nial Ring.**

That this Area Committee express our heartfelt sadness to the family and community of the late Fergus McCabe. Fergus was a champion of the people and fought against injustices, was a leader and a man of great dignity.

ORDER: Agreed.

**Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Ray McAdam & Colm O'Rourke**

That this Area Committee calls upon the Executive to provide a detailed update on the works undertaken to date in respect of delivering and implementing the Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes in East Wall, Cabra, Stoneybatter and Montpelier. Furthermore, this Committee calls upon the Executive to put in place a meeting with Area Councillors before the end of this month so that progress is not lost in advancing these most needed neighbourhood schemes.

ORDER: Agreed. Matter to be included on agenda for meeting to be organised with Central Area Councillors and the Environment & Transportation Department to discuss a number of issues.

**Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Janice Boylan, Nial Ring & Joe Costello**

That this Area Committee calls on Iarnród Éireann, the National Transport Agency and all other relevant stakeholders to investigate, assess and develop a DART commuter station to be located at the Canal end of Croke Park, which would be complementary to the DCC housing and National Handball and Community development at Sackville Avenue. This

should be done as part of the proposed plan to extend the DART service to Maynooth and, given that the line is already in situ, it is the view of this committee that the provision of a station at this location would provide a deliverable, cost effective, and much needed addition to the public transport offering in the area. Furthermore, it is the view of this committee that the possibility of the provision of similar facilities at Cross Guns Bridge should also be assessed as the proposed extension of the DART represents a unique, one-off opportunity to provide alternative and additional public transport options for the area. Finally, this committee instructs the Area Manager to write to the Minister for Transport advising him of our deliberations and agreed position on this matter".

ORDER: Agreed. Letter on behalf of the Central Area Committee to be sent to the Minister for Transport. Letter on behalf of the Central Area Committee to be sent to the National Transport Authority.

**Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Cat O'Driscoll, Eimer McCormack, Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Janice Boylan & Joe Costello.**

There are valuable and indeed priceless artefacts contained in the Magdalene Laundry building on Sean McDermott Street, and members are concerned that some of them may be in a perilous condition, having suffered long term neglect as well as exposure to internal and external elements which have caused this deterioration.

In light of the foregoing, and in order to ensure the preservation of these artefacts, this committee agrees that DCC should immediately commission and complete, a comprehensive record of all artefacts including a detailed description, state of repair, care/repair needed and then submit, to this area committee, a proposal for the future care, maintenance and custody of the items to ensure their future safety and security, with confirmation and assurances being given as to their availability for public display in any future of museum facility in the laundry building. The committee further acknowledges that the artefacts will remain the property of Dublin City Council at all times.

ORDER: Agreed.

**Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Christy Burke, Janice Boylan, Janet Horner, Darcy Lonergan, Ray McAdam, Anthony Flynn, Joe Costello, Seamas McGrattan, Colm O'Rourke & Declan Meenagh**

That this committee notes, with disappointment, the continued lack of progress on the building of a new school for Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire, Parnell Square, and in also noting that the "temporary" school is now in situ for over 20 years, agrees that the Area Manager should write, on our behalf, to the Minister for Education and the Minister for State with responsibility for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, expressing the disappointment, concern and frustration which we share with the parents and Board of Management of the school, at this lack of progress in providing this agreed new school in our area. Furthermore, this committee requests an immediate update from the Minister and Minister for State indicating the progress to date, reasons for lack of progress and specifically a clear indication of the timeline involved in delivering the new school and complementary/ancillary facilities.

Go dtugann an Coiste seo dá aire, le díomá, an easpa dul chun cinn leanúnach maidir le scoil nua a thógáil do Ghaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire, Cearnóg Pharnell, agus ag tabhairt dá haire freisin go bhfuil an scoil "sealadach" in situ anois le breis agus 20 bliain, aontaímid gur chóir don Bhainisteoir Ceantair scríobh, thar cheann an Choiste, chuig an Aire Oideachais agus chuig an Aire Stáit atá freagrach as Cultúr, Oidhreacht agus an Ghaeltacht, ag léiriú dó an díomá, an imní agus an frustrachais atá orainn, araon le tuismitheoirí agus le Bord Bainistíochta na scoile, leis an easpa dul chun cinn maidir leis an scoil nua seo a thógáil inár gceantar. Ina theannta sin, iarrann an coiste seo nuashonrú láithreach ón Aire agus ón Aire Stáit ag léiriú an dul chun cinn go dtí seo, na cúiseanna leis an easpa dul chun cinn, agus léiriú soiléir ar an amlíne atá i gceist chun an scoil nua agus na háiseanna comhlántacha / coimhdeacha a chuir ar fáil.

#### RATIONALE:

We have all been in receipt of recent correspondence on this issue. In my opinion, we have to show support for this project and a letter to the minister is needed. 20 years is a long wait!

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Minister for Education and Skills.

#### **Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Christy Burke, Anthony Flynn, Janice Boylan, Ray McAdam, Colm O'Rourke, Joe Costello, Declan Meenagh,**

That this Committee requests the Area Manager to write, on our behalf, to the family of the late Fergus McCabe R.I.P. expressing our sincere condolences to them on Fergus' passing. The committee also wishes to place on record our appreciation of the huge contribution Fergus made to this community. Fergus selflessly gave so much of his time, expertise and energy to our community and since the 1980s he was the foremost drug campaigner in the North Inner City and his input into various task forces, state agencies and drug crisis organisations has literally saved hundreds of lives.

We acknowledge and appreciate his leadership and involvements in the National Drugs Strategy as well as organisations such as the Drugs Task Force, Inner City Organisations Network, the Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign, the Community Policing Forum, NYP and of late, YPAR, demonstrating how Fergus always used his talents, expertise and commitment to put the welfare, safety and future wellbeing of the people of this community to the fore.

Our sympathies especially go to his wife Helena, his children Ella, Kathy and Eoin, his grandchildren and extended family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to the family.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke and Councillor Anthony Flynn**

That this Central Area Committee request an update as to why the pool in Sean Mc Dermot Street is closed to schools and small clubs in the area, as local schools in the area have appealed to me to ask Dublin City Council to carry out the works needed at the pool.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Area Committee requests the Manager to examine and implement other ways in which inclusive and meaningful feedback can be collected, such as central postal address, telephone feedback, local collection points for observations/comments/suggestions (e.g. shops, residents groups etc) in order to obtain maximum feedback on the Grangegorman Filtered Permeability Trial and not exclude those who do not have access to internet facilities.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Area Committee fully supports the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (Mater Hospital) proposed development, consisting of 112 beds in a newly commissioned building on site, and acknowledges and commends the hospital management's pre development contact/consultation with all stakeholders including local residents, public representatives and planners.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.

**Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello**

That this Area Committee agrees to make a contribution to the cost of the Stoneybatter Christmas Lights in 2020, as it has done in previous years. The Christmas lights will provide a necessary lift for businesses and residents following a very difficult year.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

**Motion in the name of Councillor Darcy Lonergan and Councillor Cat O'Driscoll**

That this Area Committee requests the Area Manager to call for a meeting with the Parks Superintendent and Head Engineer of the Phoenix Park to discuss the dangerous lighting currently in the park & seeks seasonal lightning at key commuting/leisure times, 7 am-9am and 5 pm to 10 pm.

ORDER: Agreed. OPW to be invited to attend a meeting of the Central Area Committee.

**Motion in the name of Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and Councillor Darcy Lonergan**

That this Area Committee requests a review of lighting in public parks, within the central area, with the aim of improving lighting for morning and evening commuters. With dark winter evenings and mornings approaching and more people opting to walk and cycle the promotion of safe and well lit paths and cycle lanes becomes more important.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

**Motion in the name of Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

That the Central Area Committee calls on Technological University Dublin (TUD) to provide space for the kickboxing club in Cabra at the TUD Broombridge Sports Grounds, as part of TUD's community outreach. A proposed development on Bannow Road in Cabra consists of the demolition of a warehouse unit which is currently the home of the kickboxing club, which would leave the club without a home. The club is of great benefit to the wider community, particularly to young people.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Technological University Dublin.

**Councillor Janice Boylan**

**Chairperson**

**Tuesday 13 October 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Janice Boylan (Chairperson)  
Christy Burke  
Janet Horner  
Eimer McCormack  
Cat O'Driscoll  
Nial Ring

**Members:**

Joe Costello  
Darcy Lonergan  
Seamas McGrattan  
Colm O'Rourke

**Members:**

Anthony Flynn  
Ray McAdam  
Declan Meenagh  
Cieran Perry

**Officers**

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**