

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
10th March 2021

- Q1** **Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services for an update on complaints, visits and fines to businesses for mismanaging littering outside their premises?
- Q2** **Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services are there plans for historical information, as agreed by this Committee, to be included while the “40 steps” are being refurbished?
- Q3** **Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services for an update on the works at the old Rialto Cinema that were reported to have been carried out on Sunday 21st Feb 2021 in the early morning hours?
- Q4** **Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services to liaise with the HSE and obtain a map of locations that house defibrillators and if a request for one in the Kevin St/Coombe area be made?
- Q5** **Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services will a submission to the HSE be lodged on behalf of this Committee on the future use of Brú Chaoimhín, Quaker Cemetery and the Weir Home for Nurses?
- Q6** **Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask that the Director of Services liaise with BAM to ensure that the fencing they have erected at the rear of O Reilly Ave, Ceannt Fort is secure and sturdy so as to prevent egress into the gardens and homes?
- Q7** **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services if the following could be addressed regarding the proposed linear park from Basin Lane to Suir Road Luas:
- a) There are concerns that the first phase, which is of more benefit to the hospital than the local community, will be completed and subsequent phases will not be followed though. To allay these fears, can the funding for the entire project be committed before any phasing of works commence?
 - b) Can the scope of the plan for the park include upgrades to the public realm for the laneway from the park to New Ireland Road?
 - c) Can further detail be provided on the amenities provided by the park to assure the local community these are age-friendly?
- Q8** **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services regarding the ongoing construction work at the site of St. James Walk/Brandon Terrace and that concerns have been raised about the potential release of hazardous materials. To arrest these concerns, can the Director of Services provide clarity on the following:
- a) Why was this demolition permitted to proceed without planning permission?
 - b) Was an asbestos survey carried out on this site prior to demolition? If so, can it be shared?

- c) I understand demolished waste on this site was left uncontained from March 2020 to January 2021 with two schools nearby and a number of homes, can assurances be made that none of this exposed waste was hazardous?
- d) This site has been an eyesore for some time, can DCC commit to liaising with St. James's Hospital to ensure that it is put to good use for community gain?

Q9 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services the status of a derelict building/site *at (details supplied)*. Is this on the derelict sites register, what action has been taken by DCC to bring the site back into use and if a statement could be made on the matter?

Q10 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if DCC street sweeping could include the footpath and public space at the junction of Brabazon Hall apartments/The Coombe (outside takeaway and newsagent) where local residents have complained of recent persistent litter problems?

Q11 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look again at the breach of planning with the unauthorised development of a garden shed into a rented dwelling *at (details supplied 1)*. This issue is just going on and on, are we totally powerless to do anything as a local authority? I am aware from neighbours that they have challenged the sworn affidavits stating the shed was used for residential purposes. I am shocked what this development has done to the neighbours along *(details supplied 2)* they feel they are just at the mercy of a landlord without any resource from the local authority.

Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look at the possibility of employing some part-time litter wardens for our communities, and look at the practices of other local authorities in both Ireland and adjoining jurisdictions on how they operate this tricky area i.e. enforcement. our system is no longer fit for purpose and needs a full overhaul at local and central government level. I regret without the ability to have some real enforcement ability, we will struggle to get the small number who just don't care to change their attitude.

Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look into the following housing request. *(details supplied)*

Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at the operation of community usage of the Inchicore Sports and Leisure Centre. I have had ongoing complaints from community groups and individuals on the accessibility of the centre. I am aware staffing levels are not at levels where they would want to be and the centre lacks investment in facilities / equipment etc. I am aware from my role in the CDET B the shared nature of running of the facility. Can the manager please explain this model fully, hours of operation of the centre and availability of public use of the facility?

Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at ensuring a busy retail area like Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 has a proper retail strategy drawn up that will influence permitted uses of retail in the community. Can Dublin City Council once again look at drawing up a comprehensive retail plan / strategy for the Ballyfermot area. The current planning system has failed the area miserably with large amounts of single use

premises i.e. take-aways, bookmakers, chemists, much to the detriment of the area, as the retail mix is lost and eventually footfall leaves an area and goes elsewhere. There was an ambitious plan to re-develop the main street a few years ago under a previous Manager's tenure, despite a series of public meetings nothing came of it. Can I ask where the status of this plan is now? In addition, is the planning department aware of the term 'shuttering of an area'? Well this is the result of our failure to include conditions of planning, where some premises only open at say 5pm resulting in the retail premise having shutters down all day. With the result, it reduces the attractiveness of an area, and is it necessary that all shutters are located outside the main façade? If shutters were located behind the window, valuable window space would be available for displays reducing the bunker mentality of areas. When I look at Ireland compared to other countries, I feel the shutters are gone out of control.

Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that I have asked this question on a quarterly basis without too much success. That Dublin City Council please give me another report on what action we can or are going to take to support the traders in Claddagh Green, Ballyfermot and at Grange Cross. These areas are very busy but need ongoing support with cleansing, upgrading, repairs to roadways, bins and tree planting etc. The traffic situation at Claddagh Green must address the lack of car parking and is seriously affecting the commercial potential of the few neighbourhood shops here.

Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the thinning and tidy up on the overgrown patches on Clifden Road, outside No 26 etc. and the overgrown area on Drumfinn Ave., upper Ballyfermot, be done as promised before Christmas when staff are available. The Environmental Groups are anxious to clean up their areas. However, the work in thinning out these overgrown areas is too much.

Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at ensuring large pocket parks in our community such as Drumfinn Park, Spiddle Park, Ballyfermot get proper maintenance from contractors etc. I regret last year the areas were in a very poor state. I am aware of the Covid 19 issues, however I look at other areas around the City and these two areas were left in a poor state with basic maintenance.

Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the issue of cycle parking be now addressed as feature of the recently introduced School Safe Zone areas. I am just looking at Mary Queen of Angels Ballyfermot. Excellent job done, however there needs to be cycling stands offered to encourage both children and parents use cycling as a model of transport. St John College, Le Fanu Road, and Kylemore College, Kylemore Road, could do with cycling provision outside their schools. St John College will increase to a 750 plus student school in 2022 with the amalgamation with Caritas College and St Dominic's College Ballyfermot.

Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the outstanding environmental works be completed in Elmdale Cherry Orchard i.e. environmental improvements following the construction of the social housing project and the car park be completed at the Bungalow Family Resource Centre. In addition, we need to provide additional measures to deter scrambler bikes on the small open spaces here.

- Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council Planning Department please explain why it seems that every side garden / corner house has houses been built on those sites. There is in some cases serious parking implications for such housing. I have observed that in some cases 2 to 3 houses can be suggested for these gardens. The result is a large clustering of cars when construction takes place. I am asking the Planning Department to look at if the plot size adequately allows for construction, garden space/ parking etc. All too often I see poor elevations of houses being constructed.
- Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to install a camera at Fr. Lemass Court that can observe callers from the waist up? The current camera will only capture the image of the caller if they are in a wheelchair.
- Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed development at the former OLV, Sarsfield Road.
- Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to repair the damaged railings at the Liffey Street, Ballyfermot end of Liffey Gaels park?
- Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to confirm when the last time Liffey Street, Ballyfermot was cleaned and when will it be cleaned again?
- Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to organise for the shores on Liffey Street, Ballyfermot, to be cleaned or repaired to ensure no more ponding takes place.
- Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services when will the traffic calming sign will be erected at the entrance to Cloverhill Drive?
- Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services can DCC please organise for the windows at (*details supplied*) to be repaired and insulated.
- Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services, in a welcome development DCC housing list and transfer list has dropped in the last 12 months. Can the Director of Services outline in tabular form how many applicants were housed in City Council properties, in H/Hap properties and how many were removed from the housing list?
- Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
Residents are very grateful to staff at the area office who have regularly kept the footbridge on Cherry Orchard Avenue clean. Will the Director of Services contact Iarnrod Eireann and request that they clean the footbridge on a weekly basis as it appears to be their property.
- Q31 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services that a sign post be erected at the green waste composter at the Chapelizod allotments to inform gardeners on how to use the composter efficiently and to organise for a master green waster composter to give a

course to teach users on how to use it. Issues has been raised about horseradish plant.

Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services that the requirement for local shop owners to keep the space outside their shops clean to be enforced in the Drimnagh area.

Q33 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

A motion brought forward by Cllrs. Tina MacVeigh, Daithi Doolan & Criona Ní Dhálaigh at the Housing SPC in June 2017

(<https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MeetingId=2219>) sought the establishment of a Working Group to determine the following:

- identifying the causes of condensation/mould that can be attributed to building performance/fabric;
- establish the responsibility of the local authority in remedying such causes;
- exploring the most effective evidence based solutions;

My understanding is that DCC has now accepted its responsibility as a landlord to remedy these issues. In spite of this, a clause still remains in Tenant's Handbooks outlining tenant responsibility for damage caused by condensation. This continues to add insult to injury; not only to residents living in damp conditions caused by substandard housing provided by DCC (which is potentially injurious to their health), but they are also responsible for the additional financial burden which condensation causes to fixtures and belongings.

Can the Director of Services please clarify the following:

- a) Can you please advise why tenant handbooks have not been updated with the necessary edit outlining DCC culpability for damage caused by condensation?
- b) Can you please advise when this edit will be made?
- c) Can you please advise if there is a process in which residents of Oliver Bond House can be reimbursed for damage to fixtures and property caused by condensation at the current time?