

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

21st April 2021

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether there are any additional public convenience amenities planned to be provided throughout the city including at recreational areas in the near future.

Q2 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to install double yellow lines on the road that leads to Irwin Court, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. This street is constantly filled with parked cars and residents suspect that the cover the cars provide leads to increased anti-social behaviour, such as drug use.

Q3 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services the status of a derelict dwelling on Mallin Avenue in Dublin 8 (*details supplied*). Is this site on the derelict sites register, what action has been taken by DCC to bring it back into use and can a statement be made on the matter?

Q4 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if an assessment of the Ceannt Fort estate, off St. James's Street in Dublin 8, can be carried out by Dublin City Council to determine whether this estate can obtain Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) status. The local residents' association is keen to mark the 100th anniversary of the estate in 1923 and the forthcoming City Development Plan offers an excellent opportunity to recognise the estate's unique architectural character and cultural heritage. Can an assessment be carried out and a timeline for a response be provided?

Q5 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm whether a 5-a-side football pitch will form part of the final plans for the Emmet Rd (St. Michael's Estate) regeneration.

Q6 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if an audit can be carried out of DCC playing pitches/kickabout areas across the South West Inner City determining:

- a) how frequently they are used;
- b) by what groups they are used;
- c) whether these spaces are suitable for organised team football; and
- d) the extent, if any, of anti-social behaviour associated with these playing pitches.

A number of DCC-owned playing pitches/kickabout areas have, in my view, been mismanaged and allowed fall into poor condition, including: the pitch at Michael Mallin House (Vicar St), Oisín Kelly Park (Basin Lane) and the pitch adjoining the Inchicore Community Sports Centre. The partnering of DCC and Oliver Bond Celtic is an example of where community engagement and ownership can enhance the use of a public playing pitch.

Q7 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services what percentage of the reported €8m National Children's Hospital development contributions will be allocated towards development of the Linear Park, which has yet to receive any confirmation of funding.

Q8 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if wraparound pedestrian crossings can be added to the junction of Parnell Rd/Clogher Rd (Sally's Bridge – photo attached). This junction, like the rest of the Grand Canal, has become a very popular destination for walkers and joggers throughout COVID-19 and the lack of pedestrianisation makes this particular section of the canal dangerous.



Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the completion of the powder coated railings at Myra Close? A low base wall was erected several weeks ago that now attracts drinking youths.

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to have the gates at St. Catherine's park open earlier than 10am to allow recreational use for local residents?

Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for an inspection and report on hazardous parking at the junction of SCR/Old Kilmainham at 4 star pizza.

Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when flat pack collapsible containers for the accommodation of residential waste bags at Pimlico is to be trialed?

Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that we welcome the successful regeneration of St.Teresa's Gardens and to install street trees at Margaret Kennedy Road that will contribute to the liberties greening strategy?

Q14 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide members with a summary of the report commissioned by DCC and completed by Conservation Architects in early 2000's that included 92/93 Francis Street which, following recent planning refusal, is now mostly demolished.

Q15 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what are the plans for the reopening of community centres in SWIC?

Q16 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what foreseeable opportunities exist that would shorten and alleviate the decade plus timescale for the regeneration at Oliver Bond House? Furthermore, have the interim improvement works been decided upon and is the funding secured?

- Q17 Councillor Máire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services for an update on negotiations with the owner of the railed pocket park at Rialto Cottages in order that it can be productively enjoyed by residents who will provide much needed TLC to transform this space?
- Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to organise for Dublin City Council to remove the tree at (*details supplied*).
- Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to investigate the serious dampness at (*details supplied*) which has been an issue for 5 years. The tenant was promised heating for her hallway by DCC but this was not followed through. Can you organise for DCC to install this heater and confirm a date for insulation of the house?
- Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask for an update on the DCC cycle strategy for D10 & D12 and what is the timeframe for engaging with residents and stakeholders to develop this strategy?
- Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services what plans have DCC to include residents, voluntary services and community groups in the structures for delivering the Cherry Orchard LAP?
- Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Director of Services to ensure that Spiddal Park is cleaned up on a regular basis?
- Q23 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**
To ask the Director of Services if there is any update on plans or improvements to key junctions relating to the proposed Linear Park in Rialto - specifically at Rialto Bridge and Suir Road? If the junctions fall under the remit of the Traffic Department, has the department been approached to improve the crossings for pedestrians and cyclists at these points?
- Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Director of Services to please indicate what way an old disused lane-way at (*details supplied1*) should be legally divided. There is confusion that part of the lane which is to the front, was built upon by the previous owner of the house however the adjoining neighbour in (*details supplied2*) feels the lane-way should have being offered for purchase to both houses. In addition, if the lane is still in the ownership of DCC, who is responsible for the cleaning of weeds, trees etc which are now growing in the old back section of the lane-way.
- Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Director of Services to please look into this urgent issue. That the large section of concrete footpath outside (*details supplied*) that the lip of this repair, that was done a few years ago is standing proud of the existing path approximately 20 mm. I had my young daughter of 13 fall here recently whilst we were putting out leaflets for a community clean up. She gashed her knee, however she will heal. There are a number of older persons living along here for whom a fall could have totally altered their lives; in addition there is a tree stump here for the past few years awaiting removal.

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look at the very badly repaired footpath outside (*details supplied*) This footpath is a serious accident waiting to happen if not properly re-instated as a matter of urgency.

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please ask Irish Rail why it is deemed necessary to use the major air horns along the Dublin - Cork mainline railway, which backs along Cloverhill Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 all the time. I recently had two residents tell me of the constant noise from the locomotives and one resident recorded the noise. It is having a major impact on the lives of people who live along this railway line. I would be very grateful if Irish Rail could be asked why and what efforts are they going to take to reduce / stop this practice

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ask our adjoining local authority South Dublin Co Council, to cut back a tree growing from the Gaels Park Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The tree is growing in the park right next to the boundary of (*details supplied*) this is creating all sorts of anti-social problems for the lady who lives here on her own. I would ask they cut back the tree in question if possible.

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services, where a lane-way was closed to through pedestrian traffic many years ago, and still owned by Dublin City Council, who is responsible for substantial organic growth of weeds, trees etc in these lane-ways?

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services, that as part of the new Dublin City Development Plan, that areas like Drimnagh and Crumlin are prioritised for proper sustainable development, taking into consideration the existing communities and that the community leaders / residents groups are consulted in a timely manner. All stages of the said groups to be kept informed of developments and that community infrastructure is firmly seen as a core part of all such proposals.

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Traffic Department to please look at the various junctions along Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot for serious potential accidents. This area is a hub with 3 schools, Garda Station, Youth Reach Partnership and many shops and services. However the parking here has now gone mental with cars and vans parking at the corners. For example, Gurteen Road and Drumfinn Road you need to get half way out to see oncoming traffic if turning from Gurteen Park onto Drumfinn Road, due to the corner area being blocked with traffic. It's the same at Drumfinn Park on both sides entering Drumfinn Road, I have seen some minor accidents happening here all because of this poor parking at junctions. I would ask it be addressed with double yellow lines, street signage etc.

Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to add cycle parking at the Walkinstown Green
53°19'16.3"N 6°20'06.0"W

Q33 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the scheduled capital work for Camac Park. New developments are taking place faster than any public improvement. Residents have major complaints with road surface situation. This is to

be fixed quickly before anyone takes legal action against the council over danger of road surface.

Q34 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to add secured cycling parking at Ballyfermot Area Office for staff and visitors.

Q35 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Public Domain unit to conduct a clean-up in the environs of Long Place /Pim Street and to organise planting at the base of trees in the vicinity so as to deter use as dog litters and litter bins.

Q36 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Traffic section to carry out a review of the exit from Memorial gardens to Islandbridge with a view to implementing some safety measures generally and in particular for cyclists. Some suggestions/observations from local residents include:

- 1) Traffic mirrors on the trees to the left and right and opposite the entrance - so that visibility of oncoming traffic would be greatly improved
- 2) An eye level traffic light for cyclists that would make it less likely for cyclists to break the lights
- 3) Speed bumps to stop the vast majority of drivers breaking the speed limit as they come off the motor way and onto this road, which is essentially a residential area - there is an electronic sign which measures speed limits of cars but this is largely ignored

Q37 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to confirm whether the laneway that runs behind the dwelling at 22 Lourdes Road, Dublin 8, D08CHF4 is in the ownership and control of the local authority and if so whether the Manager could undertake that the rubbish that has accumulated in this laneway could be cleared. If not, could the Manager undertake to contact the owners and request that the laneway be cleaned.

Q38 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the consultation, procurement and development of the Linear Park at Rialto.

Q39 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Maintenance section to reinstate the central heating at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*). Our tenant disconnected the system on foot of a recommendation from Gas Networks Ireland that the system was faulty and that there was a leak.

Q40 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Maintenance section to install a damp extraction unit in the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*) and to provide a report on the source of the damp in our tenant's home.

Q41 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to reinstate the pedestrian island that was removed from the South Circular Road in front of Rialto Medical Centre, Dublin 8. Reinstatement of this island will make it easier for pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled, to have safe access to the facility.