



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021**

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the Central Area Committee held on 13th April 2021.**  
ORDER: Agreed.
- 2 **With reference to the Questions to the Area Managers.**  
ORDER: Noted.
- 3 **With reference to the North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership.**  
ORDER: Presentation noted.
- 4 **With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of a Crèche facility, Rory O'Connor House, Hardwicke Street, Dublin 1.**  
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 5 **With reference to the Naming of Development at 232 North Circular Road.**  
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 6 **With reference to Traffic Advisory Group minutes held 27.4.2021**  
ORDER: Report noted.
- 7 **With reference to the North East inner City Initiative.**  
ORDER: Report noted.
- 8 **With reference to Public Domain.**  
ORDER: Report noted.
- 9 **With reference to Housing Matters in the North East Inner City and the North West Inner City.**  
ORDER: Reports noted.
- 10 **With reference to Community Matters in the North Inner City.**

ORDER: Report noted.

11 **With reference to the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

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

ORDER: Report noted.

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

ORDER: Report noted.

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

ORDER: Report noted.

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

*The following emergency motion was tabled:*

**Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello and Councillor Declan Meenagh:**

That the Central Area Committee calls on the Minister for Housing to immediately introduce legislation banning the sale of residential homes to institutional investors.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Minister for Housing.**

*The following motions were tabled:*

**Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh:**

That this Central Area Committee request the Parks Department to investigate the possibility of providing permanent chess boards on tables in parks in the Central Area.

**ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Eimer McCormack:**

That this Central Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland to work together to tackle the issue of littering and public urination along the banks of the Royal Canal between Cross Guns Bridge and Binn's Bridge.

The provision of big belly bins along the entire stretch of canal, the provision of public toilets and the provision of bottle banks at either end of the bank need urgent installation. Can the City Manager provide an update to this Area Committee on steps being taken to address this issue.

**ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh:**

Noting that the only option for people to socialise is to meet outdoors, there will

be a massive increase in people meeting outdoors in streets, parks and other open areas and this will cause an increased demand for bins and public toilets, that this Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council to provide a greater provision of bins and an increased cleaning schedule in areas likely to be impacted, more provision of public toilets, including in the vicinity of Crossguns Bridge, for an understanding approach where we acknowledge some people will drink outdoors, but tackling more serious violations and annoyances to local residents.

**ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner and Councillor Darcy Lonergan:**

That this Area Committee calls for a laneway of traffic along North King Street to be reallocated to provide space for improved footpaths and outdoor dining space, in line with the requests from businesses and to support existing speed limits on this section of roadway.

**ORDER: Motion withdrawn.**

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

That this Area Committee agree that the North Port Dwellers Association and North Wall Community Association be invited to give a presentation on the experiences of local communities at the centre of the enormous Docklands development.

**ORDER: Agreed. Group to be invited to present to the Committee.**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner and Councillor Darcy Lonergan:**

That this Area Committee calls for a full public toilet along the Royal Canal as soon as possible, recognising that the regular and generally sociable gathering here will become increasingly anti-social if people are not provided with hygiene facilities.

**ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Cat O'Driscoll:**

That this Area Committee requests an increase in public bins in high footfall areas for the summer months and that the Area Manager engages with Waterways Ireland to enhance the cleaning of the Royal Canal and particularly the Drumcondra/Phibsborough section.

**ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

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

That this Area Committee agree to write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, to encourage the Government to assist Scouting Ireland in their request for additional funding in 2021. Nationally more than 34,000 young people are engaged in scouting. Covid-19, the closure of schools, physical distancing and an inability to socialise with friends are deeply impacting on young people, particularly on young people in disadvantaged circumstances. Scouting Ireland is financed in two ways. In 2020, the

Government granted €1.1million and Scouting Ireland raised €2.8 million through their groups. So far this year, due to Covid-19 their self-funding through groups is down from €2.5 million to €1.25 million, and they are requesting support from the Government to provide a once off bridging grant of €2 million to keep scouting alive everywhere.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh:**

That this Area Committee notes with concern the recent fire at Ashtown Mill. While outside the area of DCC, this mill and related built heritage in the area are of huge value to people on the Navan Road and beyond.

That this Area Committee request the Council to prioritise our built heritage and identify sites in the Central Area which may be at risk of similar incidents and work to protect them.

**ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**Councillor Janice Boylan**

**Chairperson**

**Tuesday 11 May 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

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

**Members:**

Joe Costello  
Darcy Lonergan  
Séamas McGrattan  
Colm O'Rourke

**Members:**

Anthony Flynn  
Ray McAdam  
Declan Meenagh  
Cieran Perry

**Officers:**

David Garvey  
Karl Mitchell  
Cathy Cassidy  
Mairéad Jonsson  
Seán Callaghan

Paul Clegg  
Ursula Donnellan  
Aaron O'Connor  
Marion Foran  
Bláthnaid Conlon

Richard Shakespeare  
John McPartlan  
Claire Dempsey  
Brian Mongey

**Non-Members:**

Cllr. John Lyons  
Cormac Ó Donnchú

Cllr. Patricia Roe  
Patrick Craig

Rachel Meade