



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 1 **Minutes of North Central Area Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th July.**

**Order: Agreed.**

- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

**Order: Noted.**

- 3 **Area Matters**

- a **Notice of intention to commence the Part 8 Process, Millwood Court.**

**Order: Noted with reservations.** Conditional on Fold engaging in person with the local community. The membership will be notified prior to the lodgement of the Part 8 application. Councillors Lyons, Brabazon and O'Farrell requested that the minutes reflect that they sought a commitment that "a public consultation take place as a matter of urgency and any outstanding issues be resolved prior to the initiation of the Part 8".

- b **With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in 63 Collins Avenue East, Dublin 5.**

**Order: Deferred.** Councillor Heney requested that this item be deferred to afford her the opportunity to have a discussion with the Law Agent.

- c **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of 84 Brian Road, Marino, Dublin 3**

**Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council.

- d **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of 76 Brian Road, Marino, Dublin 3.**

**Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council.

- e **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 25 Shelmartin Avenue Dublin 3.**

**Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council.

- f **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the side of 162 Grange Abbey Drive, Donaghmede, Dublin 13**
- Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council.
- g **Disposal New Priory**
- Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council.
- h **Historical Naming Report - Site to rear of Bonnington Hotel Swords Road Dublin 9 - for a new residential development on two parcels of land.**
- Order: Agreed.** Councillor Patricia Roe expressed an interest in having the historical reports that provide the basis for naming sites to be made available on the City Council Website. Brendan Teeling to liaise with the City Archives Department in this regard.
- i **With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a section of laneway located at 14-42 The Rise, 2-12A & 33 Hampstead Park, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.**
- Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council.
- j **Commemoration Committee - Stardust Monument**
- Order: Deferred.** A full report required from Brendan Teeling for the October agenda.
- k **Report on Community Facilities and Open Spaces in the Kilmore Area**
- Order: Agreed.** Councillor Lyons raised the issue of the lack of an all-weather football pitch in the Artane Whitehall LEA & the need for a review of the usage and hours of the swimming pool at Northside Shopping Centre. Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland requested a full list of schools using the pool. Both the Lord Mayor & Councillor Butler expressed a need for investment in the pool.
- Manager Karl Mitchell to request a full report addressing the issues raised above which will be conveyed to the membership at the October meeting.
- l **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership**
- Order: Noted.** The work of the Sports and Wellbeing Partnership was acknowledged by Councillor Heney in relation to the promotion of boxing for children aged 7 and for the advancement of women in sport. Councillor Butler also acknowledged the contribution to the community of the “walk in football” for men, especially around the area of improving mental health.
- m **Housing Supply Report**
- Order: Noted.** Councillor T. Flanagan requested the format of the Housing Supply report be revised so that any recent changes would be more visible. The Manager is to organise a housing development presentation by senior officials of the housing department, on all housing developments pertinent to the NCAC.

n **Housing Quarterly Report**

**Order: Noted.**

4 **Roads and Traffic Matters**

a **Minutes of the TAG meeting.**

**Order: Noted.**

5 **Items for the following meeting**

Councillor MacDonncha – Report on the future of the Belmayne Allotments  
Councillor Lyons – Update on the illegal dumping at Moatview/Belcamp- full report  
Councillor O ‘Muiri – Richmond Road  
Councillor O’Farrell – Discovery Centre  
Councillor D Flanagan – Housing Adaptation Grant – report  
Councillor Brabazon –Weeds in the NCA – report on why they’re not being removed  
Councillor Heney – St. Anne’s Park dog facilities –progress report

6 **Motions**

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

To ask the manager to investigate the illegal use by motorists of the laneway between Celtic Park Road and Celtic Park Avenue and to take the necessary actions and measures to ensure that this activity ceases immediately.

**Reply**

Enquiry Ref: 7022414.

The “illegal use by motorists” in the laneway is not apparent to the Transport Advisory Group. The laneways were intended to give access to garages and to allow for deliveries etc. There are no restrictions in place on the laneway nor would it be appropriate to impose any restriction on vehicles on this laneway.

We have discussed the matter with the Area office and understand that they are working with locals to discuss this matter further.

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**Phone: 222 6145**  
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The North Central Area Office has been liaising with some residents at this location. We have confirmed that this laneway is a statutory public right of way and it would appear that there is established use of this lane by vehicles. Following discussions with DCC Traffic Department & DCC Road Maintenance Department it would appear that the only way to alter this is by installing gates which requires an extinguishment of public right of way. We gave the residents information on how to go about Extinguishing the Public Right of Way and they petitioned the properties abutting the laneway. Unfortunately, they did not succeed in getting a majority in favour of closing the full laneway network so the application could not be processed. A partial extinguishment of one section of the laneway on the

Celtic Park Avenue side was also discussed with the Area Office. It was explained to residents that this would require a new petition and a new application letter which we are currently awaiting.

**Contact:** Joanne O'Sullivan, Staff Officer  
**Phone:** 222 8541  
**Email:** [joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie)

**Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**b Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

That this Area Committee discusses Cllr Mannix Flynn's motion regarding the Artane Band which is expected to be voted on at the October City Council meeting (please see Cllr Flynn's full motion and his reasons for the motion below).

The Artane Band / Artane School of Music is located in our North Central Area and this discussion will allow members to share their own viewpoint and listen to the views of other members. It is obvious from reading Cllr Flynn's 'reasons for motion' below that this matter causes great hurt / trauma for him and many others and I believe the issue warrants our serious consideration.

For note  
MOTION ( Cllr Mannix Flynn)

That this meeting of DCC calls on the Lord Mayor of Dublin to withdraw and desist from being patron of the Artane School of Music/Artane Band.

Reasons:

The Patron of the Artane School of Music is Patron of the Artane Band. It is widely documented in State inquiries the level of institutional abuse, child rape and torture that took place in Artane Industrial School itself and in particular within the Artane Boys Band. Indeed, it was in the former band room, within the institutions that many suffered their trauma. There is no disconnect between the Artane Band, the Artane School of Music and the former residential institution that was run by the Christian Brothers, the Artane Industrial School.

It is not appropriate that the office of the Lord Mayor would be associated with such a legacy with such a history and indeed, this will bring Dublin City Council and the office of Lord Mayor into disrepute. For many who are still alive and their families, the Artane Band in all its manifestations including the Artane School of Music, its symbols and uniform are symbols of terror and trigger deep trauma to this very day.

With such campaigns that are now in existence like #metoo with such advances in the awareness of child abuse and child protection and the treatment of traumatic memory there is no reason why Dublin City Council or the office of the Lord Mayor should give official sanction to what is still deeply hurtful and painful for the many of us who suffered child sexual abuse at the hands of the Christian Brothers and others in the residential institutions that they managed. We who went through this, have to deal with it on a daily basis. It is deeply hurtful for us to see the Artane uniform, the Artane symbols, the Artane Band which are still under the control of the Christian brothers, rolled out on National Media without any regard for those of us who are alive and our feelings. This is wrong and needs to stop.

Dublin City Council itself under its former title of Dublin Corporation was complicit and involved in the incarceration of thousands of children in residential institutions such as Artane, Letterfrack, Daingean under the guise of the non-attendance of school act. In recent times the Council publicly apologised that in itself was a great step in the process of healing. To stand down the patronage of the Artane School of Music, Artane Band is the only option for Dublin City Council otherwise their apology is simply hollow words. It is time for disassociation with all symbols and manifestations of terror and abuse.

### **Reply**

For discussion at the meeting.

**Order:** There were contributions from several members of the area committee. The Lord Mayor noted that this matter is due to be dealt with at the October City Council meeting.

**c** **Motion in the name of Councillor Ray Mc Adam**

That this North Central Area Committee request the Area Manager to provide a report into the maintenance of Fairview Park Playground.

### **Reply**

The playground in Fairview Park is due a complete refit which was scheduled to take place in 2020 but was delayed by Covid restrictions. The contractor is expected on site at the end of this month and works will take approximately 8 weeks. Equipment damaged or deemed unsafe in the last few months has been taken out of commission in anticipation of the scheduled upgrade.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Phone:** 222 6625  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Order:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**d** **Motion in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

That this Area Committee agrees that there should be 33% affordable purchase housing on the Oscar Traynor site, that these homes would be available for people that currently are unable to afford private homes and not available to avail of state supported housing. This would ensure the overall cost of the development would be reduced and there would be additional funds set aside for community resources.

### **Reply**

If the Oscar Traynor Road original plan (Glenveagh) comes back on the agenda then it will be a matter for City Councillors to decide by vote on the proposed tenure mix. We would have no objection to your proposal of 33% affordable purchase, however as you are aware other Councillors are proposing a 40% Social, 40% Cost Rental and 20% affordable mix. Regardless of the final tenure mix approved, it will not reduce the overall cost and there will not be any additional funds available.

**Contact:** Martin Donlon, Development Manager

**Phone:** 222 3943  
**Email:** [martin.donlon@dublincity.ie](mailto:martin.donlon@dublincity.ie)

**Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

e **Motion in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

That this Area Committee would write to the Housing Minister and ask him to provide the cost difference to the overall Oscar Traynor development if there was an increase of duplex and townhouses by 10% from a reduction of apartments on the site and could there be a mark-up proposal for the same.

**Reply**

The overall development has to be consistent with the City Development Plan and with all national planning regulations on density etc. and the final arbiter on Planning Permission will be An Bord Pleanála who have to apply national density guidelines and regulations to their decisions. Putting in some townhouse and duplexes will not reduce costs overall but could make the development non-viable.

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**Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

This area committee write to the Minister of Transport highlighting the congestion in the Santry area and that there is an urgent need to extend the proposed Metro stop in Northwood down to the Oscar Traynor Road linking it to the Harmonstown Dart Station to deal with the projected development in this area.

**Reply**

It should be noted that there already has been a number of rounds of non-statutory consultation to identify the emerging preferred option and that there will be a period of statutory consultation once the railway order is lodged with ABP.

The question raised is associated with the Metrolink project. As such it can be directed to [info@metrolink.ie](mailto:info@metrolink.ie) or as stated above, to the Minister of Transport at [minister@transport.gov.ie](mailto:minister@transport.gov.ie) or in writing at:

Minister's office,  
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,  
Leeson Lane,  
Dublin 2  
D02TR60

**Contact:** Brendan O'Brien, Acting Executive Manager Traffic  
**Phone:** 222 2599  
**Email:** [Brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie](mailto:Brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie)

**Order: Agreed.** The North Central Area Office will write to the Minister on behalf of the collective membership.

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

That the Manager, in relation to anti-social behaviour in All Saints Park, say what action he is taking in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders, to bring about the elimination of same anti-social behaviour and if he can make a detailed statement on the matter as residents are worried about its continued escalation with regular lighting of fires, damage to trees and a diminution of the quality of life of nearby residents.

**Reply**

Anti-social behaviour is a matter primarily for the Gardaí. Incidences of congregation in the park after dark and fire-setting should be reported to the local Gardaí. The Parks Service will liaise with the Local Gardaí and any tree or shrub pruning that is identified as increasing passive surveillance of the area and assisting the Gardaí in their patrolling of the area will be prioritised in the autumn shrubbery maintenance programme.

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The North Central Area Office will make contact with the relevant Senior Gardaí for the area and set up a meeting to discuss the issues of anti-social behaviour in All Saints Park.

We will work with the Gardaí on any possible joint solutions to deal with young people involved in anti-social behaviour/law breaking at this location. We will also make contact with the youth/community and sporting organisations locally to see if they are aware of the behaviour and can assist in outreach to these young people.

We will ask an Garda Síochána to make direct contact with the residents so that they can carry out investigations of illegal activity through their mechanisms which will hopefully tackle the individuals involved.

We will come back to Councillors following our discussions with Gardaí.

**Contact:** Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager (Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA)  
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**Order:** Agreed. Councillor O' Muiri requested that a report reflecting engagement with the Gardaí, be circulated to the membership for the next meeting.

h **Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland**

The North Central Area Committee recognises the environmental, health, community and recreational benefit of cycle and way walks across our City. To enhance such benefit locally, the North Central Area Committee calls for liaison between the North Central Area Office and Fingal Co.Co. to:

- i) initially remove the obstacles inhibiting passage under the railway bridge along the yet unfinished cycle/walkway along

- the River Mayne between Belmayne and the coast - see attached photos and
- ii) complete this cycle/walkway in a timely manner

### **Reply**

Although Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division do not currently have any live projects along the banks of the River Mayne, we support all viable efforts to improve permeability for pedestrians and cyclists in the city. Therefore, we are willing to work with Parks & Landscape Services Division, the North Central Area Office, Fingal County Council (FCC), Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) and Iarnród Éireann (IE) regarding the opening up of the existing archway under the railway line at this location.

The eastern side of the railway line is in FCC's administrative area. It appears that the roadway leading to the archway from the coast is currently a gated private access route to several construction sites. It also terminates approximately 100m from the archway. Therefore, significant works will be required in this area in order to form a suitable through route for pedestrians and cyclists. It would not be appropriate to reopen the archway whilst the eastern side is in its current condition.

As the archway is CIÉ property, they and IE must be consulted in advance regarding its reopening, especially as it is likely that some works will be required under it, e.g. public lighting. Licences must be obtained in advance from CIÉ for any works on CIÉ property.

However, this request will not be given further consideration at this moment due to limited staff resources.

**Contact:** Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie](mailto:padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie)

**Order:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

i **Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland**

That the North Central Area Committee recognises that Covid restrictions has caused a significant backlog of many of our local road works, sports facilities enhancements and public realm work. The North Central Area Committee calls for this back log to be expedited to prevent a never ending impact on requested works.

### **Reply**

Both the Public Domain Officer and Environmental Liaison Officer have performed their daily duties since the pandemic broke out early 2019. Duties (not limited to) such as dumping, graffiti removal and liaising with contractors on a daily basis. While some services may have been impacted due to pod systems and staff shortages, Waste Management have completed tasks as required due to been deemed a necessary frontline service. Some external suppliers have had difficulty sourcing materials/ staff shortages but the Public Domain Unit have kept on-top of projects throughout the pandemic.

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Road Maintenance Services continues to work through our annual works program. At present, the Major Works Contract is on schedule for completion in 2021 however this is subject to contractor availability and adverse weather.

Road Maintenance Services direct labour crews also continue to work through the back log of localised repairs outstanding since the return to work in May 2021 following the last lockdown.

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The Parks Service is actively working through a backlog of outstanding works and 8 commitments on the Parks Improvements Programme within the limitations of availability of contractors and is confident that the programme will be completed as in previous years despite these challenges.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Phone:** 222 6625  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

In relation to sports facility enhancements, any works scheduled will be carried out as soon as the situation permits.

**Contact:** Trevor Higgins, Administrative Officer  
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**Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.**

**j Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this Area Committee recognises the tremendous work being carried out by DCC officials all across the city. Recently councillors were asked to participate in a national newspaper survey whereby one of the questions was... 'Do you think our City is well managed'? Answer Yes or No. This type of survey question really gives no scope for Councillors to express their knowledge of the valuable work being carried out daily by DCC officials.

**Reply**

For discussion at meeting.

**Order: Agreed.**

**k Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

That the Area Office would liaise with internal DCC departments, An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders to develop and implement an action plan to address persistent anti-social behaviour problems at All Saints Park, Raheny. Residents report a range of ongoing issues including waste build-up, public urination and setting of fires within the Park boundaries with risk to the Holm Oaks there.

## **Reply**

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**Order:** Agreed. Councillor O' Muiri requested that a report reflecting engagement with the Gardaí, be circulated to the membership for the next meeting.

## I **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O' Muiri**

That Dublin City Council would build on last year's very successful community leaf-clearing initiative on Griffith Avenue and plan an initiative for Autumn 2021 in co-operation with All Hallows Area Association.

## **Reply**

The Public Domain unit will provide litter picking equipment and bags to support leaf removal in co-operation with Waste Management services.

**Contact:** Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer  
**Phone:** 222 8843  
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The Parks Service and the Area Office both acknowledge the success of this initiative and are currently awaiting the final report from the sustainability consultant. Once received plans will be put in place as to the

best way to continue this initiative.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Phone:** 222 6625  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Order: Agreed.** Manager Karl Mitchell gave an undertaking that Waste Management will engage with residents of Griffith Avenue (east of the Swords Road) to carry out an autumnal leaf fall removal offensive, as has been done in the past.

m **Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

This area committee calls on Dublin City Council, acting in the best interests of the public, to initiate a compulsory purchase order of the nine-acre industrial site on Coolock Drive, formerly known as the Chivers Jam Factory.

Reason: News of the potential sale of this site emerged after our council motions and questions deadline had passed and the land in question was rezoned by the elected members in 2018 after a commitment was given to the elected members and the Coolock community by the owners of the site that affordable housing would be delivered if the land was rezoned from industrial to residential. In the three years since the rezoning, the site has been left idle and is now being offered to the market for sale by the owners for many multiples of what the land was worth prior to the 2018 rezoning.

**Order: Agreed subject to the wording change below.**

*This area committee calls on Dublin City Council, acting in the best interests of the public, to consider all options including a compulsory purchase order of the nine-acre industrial site on Coolock Drive, formerly known as the Chivers Jam Factory and the option of de-zoning land.*

Motion as proposed by Councillor Lyons & seconded by Councillor MacDonncha (subject to the wording change) will be referred to the City Planning Officer and Law Agent for report for the October meeting.

**Councillor Patricia Roe**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 20 September 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Patricia Roe (Chairperson)  
Dearbháil Butler  
Catherine Stocker  
Tom Brabazon  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Larry O'Toole

**Members:**

Jane Horgan-Jones  
Daryl Barron  
Terence Flanagan  
Deirdre Heney  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Declan Flanagan

**Members:**

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland  
Donna Cooney  
Racheal Batten  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell  
Alison Gilliland

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Fergal Scally  
Michelle Robinson  
Olivia Shattock

Derek Farrell  
Karl Mitchell  
Sara Brady  
Aishling Browne

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**