



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023**

**1 Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting dated 18th September, 2023.**

Order: Agreed.

**2 Questions to the Area Managers**

Order: Noted.

**3 ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

**a Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 26th September, 2023.**

Order: Noted.

**b Gully Report for noting**

Order: Noted.

**4 AREA MATTERS**

**a Leases & Licences - proposed grant of a further Lease of the Clontarf Road Car Park, Dublin 3 to Templeville Developments Limited T/A Westwood Club**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council subject to the following proviso at the behest of Cllrs. Cooney, Stocker & O’Muirí:

“That the lease to Westwood Club be reduced to 15 years, starting at 2020 and that the lease should include a stipulation that “traffic management works” be undertaken by the club to prevent danger to pedestrians, cyclists & blocking of bus lanes. Also, that a check for any monies that may be owing to Dublin City Council for rates be confirmed before agreements”.

**b Leases & Licences - Proposed grant of a 10 year lease of Unit 2A, Block 19, New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13 to RGAM Limited t/a Barber Co.**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

**c Leases & Licences - Proposed Licence of lands for the Installation of Telecoms Equipment to Signal Infrastructure Ltd at Foxfield Green, Raheny Dublin 5**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

d **Naming & Numbering - proposal for additional units at Santry Place, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

e **Killester Heritage Sign - Report for noting**

Order: Noted. Item to be referred to the Commemorations and Naming Committee.

f **Update on the Belcamp Boundary Wall Project - Part 8 Application**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

g **Dublin City Council's Community Climate Action Programme-  
presentation**

Order: Noted. Presentation to be recirculated.

h **Community & Informal Adult Education Grants**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

i **Update on the Discretionary Budget 2023**

Order: Deferred to the November meeting.

j **Area Managers Reports**

Order: Noted.

k **Housing Supply Report for noting**

Order: Noted.

l **Arts Officer Report**

Order: Noted.

m **Sports & wellbeing Report for noting**

Order: Noted.

5 **MOTIONS - Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland (6b deferred from the September meeting)**

That this North Central Area Committee acknowledges the huge benefit to both dogs and their owners of dog specific parks/areas in our parks that are fenced in, have large dog and small dog areas and where they can run off lead and have water services. However, the North Central Area Committee recognises that not all parks within the Artane/Whitehall Ward (e.g. Ellenfield Park) are suitably large enough to incorporate a designated dog park. Therefore to support the expressed desire for a dog park in the Santry/Whitehall area of the ward, that the North Central Area Office liaise with Fingal Co. Co. with a view to establishing a designated dog park in Santry Demesne, a large expansive park area within the Santry area but just outside the DCC administrative area.

**Reply**

The Parks Service has been in touch with our counterparts with responsibility for Santry Demesne who have advised that Fingal County Council have plans to designate an off leash area in Santry Demesne and will liaise with Parks Users and DCC as part of this process.

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Order: Agreed.

a **Motion in the name of Cllr. Jane Horgan Jones**

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that an upgrade and refurbishment be carried out on the Maypark Playground.

**Reply**

Maypark, Ellenfield and Belcamp are considered to be the last of the older designed playgrounds in the North Central area and it is intended that each will be upgraded in the next few years. Of the three the playground in Belcamp Park is considered the priority for 2024.

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Order: Motion fell.

b **Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the Manager to arrange, for health and safety reasons, to have necessary improvement works carried out on facilities at North Bull Island and Dollymount as follows:-

- Steps (especially broken steps at the long shelter) are in need of repair; the bottom 4 steps which are under water at bathing time are particularly dangerous
- Unsafe/dangerous rails
- Regular cleaning of shelters Summer and Winter
- Showers at the long steps shelter

And that he make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

As the shelters, steps and handrails are exposed to the tides and winter storms they are regularly inspected, treated for algae, made secure and identified necessary repairs programmed each year. The request for an additional shower can be investigated and if water pressure allows for same, can be included in future works programmes subject of the identification of a suitable budget.

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Order: Agreed.

**c Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to take the necessary steps to have additional toilet facilities provided on North Bull Island and Dollymount, similar to the sustainable “eco” WC facilities provided in Fingal area and that he make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

Once the tender returns for the modular building tender have been analysed and the framework established the procurement of additional toilets can proceed as has been discussed.

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**d Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to make a statement on the **poor water quality** at Dollymount where there were 5 poor readings this year so far; say why nothing has improved and when matters will improve and give a timescale to solve the poor water quality and that he make a statement on the matter to include why a red flag was flown for the best part of August despite the fact that there was poor reading in the month of August.

**Reply**

A red flag was flown at Dollymount Beach a total of 35 times this year during the bathing season. Rationale for flying the red flag at these times include water quality/pollution, sea condition/waves, wind and weather conditions including visibility and Jellyfish.

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To provide some background, Dublin City Council has two designated bathing waters, namely Sandymount and Dollymount Strands, which we manage in accordance with our regulatory requirements under the Bathing Waters Regulations 2008. Four additional locations are recognised as *other monitored waters* including the North Bull Wall, Half Moon, Shelley Banks and Merrion Strand. Bathing waters are monitored on at least 20 occasions during the bathing season and on a fortnightly basis thereafter, regardless of designation.

A review of 28 investigative and scheduled samples taken at Dollymount

Strand during the 2023 bathing season identified 2 *Poor* results and 25 Good or Excellent results. The two *Poor* results occurred on the 27/07/23 and 01/08/23, resulting in a temporary prohibition raised in consultation with the Health Service Executive.

Given the above information conflicts with that detailed in the Motion, it is believed the motion pertains to the North Bull Wall 'other monitored water'. A full overview of bathing water quality sample results are available on our website [HERE](#).

At the North Bull Wall, 5 *Poor* bathing water results were recorded in July 2023. A month recorded by Met Éireann as the wettest on record, recording above average rainfall at every weather station in the country. Furthermore, Met Éireann issued 5 separate rain and thunderstorm warnings for Dublin during the period. See below table extracted from [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie) highlighting elevated volume of rain experienced in Dublin in July 2023.

Adverse weather, specifically intense rainfall events have a significant negative effect on bathing water quality. This is due to a variety of contributing factors, however in an urban environment, it is primarily linked to increased storm water runoff from hardstanding areas/roads to waters and the activation of storm water overflows (SWO's).

The Protection of Water Bodies Office has initiated a number of nature based solution/SUDS projects, which utilise green infrastructure to capture, attenuation and treat storm water runoff. Examples of SUDS include permeable paving, rain gardens and wetlands, which not only provide much needed treatment, but also amenity and biodiversity value. Further information on DCC's upcoming projects can be found [here](#). Uisce Éireann is the sanitary authority responsible for the management of waste water in Ireland operating under license from the Environmental Protection Agency.

It should be noted that improving bathing water quality at the North Bull Wall is an ongoing task, and due to a number of complex contributing factors, there is no *quick fix*. Nonetheless, DCC is committed to improving surface and bathing water quality throughout its catchments, and as such continues to prioritise operational activities which target pollution including misconnection inspections, responding to pollution incidents and investigating unauthorised discharges.

Finally, a red flag can be raised at a bathing location for a variety of reasons, not limited to poor water quality. As noted above the water quality at Dollymount was Good to Excellent from all samples taken after the first of August 2023. Bathers are encouraged to discuss raised flags directly with the lifeguard on duty, as the raising of flags is managed by them and a red flag is to indicate *Danger – No Swimming*. Bathers are also encouraged to adhere to the safety advice provided. Any further queries pertaining to lifeguard management should be directed to the Parks Department.

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### Total rainfall in millimetres for PHOENIX PARK

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2023	42.4	12.2	121.3	76.4	27.9	50.9	149.1	109.4	105.7
2022	16.7	91.9	41.4	37.9	55.9	56.1	38.1	14.4	128.7
2021	115.6	61.7	34.2	16.2	96.9	14.2	83.6	51.2	33.4
2020	39.6	141.5	30.7	13.6	8.3	68.9	100.7	89.3	56.3
LTA	65.3	51.3	54.0	52.7	61.4	69.1	54.9	73.1	60.0

Order: Agreed.

e **Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon**

That this North Central Area Committee calls upon the manager to open the public toilets at Fr Collins Park.

**Reply**

The toilet block in Fr. Collin's Park was taken out of service due to serious and repeated vandalism. While repairs have been carried out to the block there remains a significant issue with the water supply. There is a leak in the system which it is hoped can be tracked down and repaired in the coming weeks. Once the water supply to the toilet block is restored it is intended that the toilets can be first made available during community events or similar when there is adequate supervision of the facility in place. There are no proposals to open the toilets on full time basis at this time due to anti-social behaviour concerns. It is intended to go to the market in late 2023 or early 2024 to ascertain if there is interest in the provision of a coffee cart at this location that could provide supervision and servicing of this facility which would allow the toilets to be available on an ongoing basis for next summer similar to the arrangement in Fairview Park.

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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. Barron.

f **Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon**

That this North Central Area Committee agrees to rename the R139 or N32 between the Malahide road and the M1 to the Kathleen Mills Road.

**Reply**

The manager has requested legislation and advice on this process in writing. The Law Agent informs us that there is new and updated

legislation and the regulations for the enactment of these are yet to be enacted. We will update all Councillors once we have received the memo.

**Contact:** Derek Farrell Acting Local Area Manager  
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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. Barron – to be referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee

**g Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon**

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the council to take in charge without delay the roads and services of the road which leads from the Malahide Road at Churchwell Gardens down to the Hole in the Wall Road to enable implementation of preventative measures for undesired parking which is dangerous to road users.

**Reply**

The North Central Area Office are co-ordinating efforts to regularise the taking in charge of some of the main streets in Belmayne: Belmayne Main Street, Belmayne Avenue, Parkside Boulevard and two sections of Greenway.

If financially viable a taking in charge process may be progressed by declaring the roads to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, which is a reserved function rather than the regular taking in charge process, whereby the Developer applies to the Local Authority, Planning and Development Taking in Charge Section.

Following an extensive survey of the Belmayne area, a map of the roads there that are proposed to be declared public has been finalised. This map for declaration of public roads proposal has been circulated to internal sections of DCC requesting them to submit their queries and observations.

This internal consultation process is currently ongoing.

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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. MacDonncha

**h Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland**

That this North Central Area Committee notes the granting of planning permission for the development of 853 housing units, green spaces, retail units, crèche and community space on the Oscar Traynor lands and the impending commencement on site in November. The North Central Area Committee also notes that commencement of the contract with Glenveagh activates the €7m local investment fund. The North Central Area Committee also acknowledges two other housing developments in the area, Cromcastle Underpass under the auspices of the LDA and the DCC

Cromcastle Court redevelopment that will both deliver local community spaces. Therefore, to ensure that the local investment fund will deliver maximum local impact and deliver for local community needs, and that the various community spaces coming on stream across the three developments will be appropriately kitted out and effectively and democratically used/managed a working committee be established by the North Central Area Office to guide and manage the allocation of the fund.

### **Reply**

The area office are working on developing a consultation process with the residents of Kilmore West, Lorcan, Castletimon, Aulden Grange and Woodlawn to work out what facilities are in place, what facilities are needed by residents, what sports and recreation the residents and their children are interested in, what type of activities the residents would like to volunteer for among other things. Once this consultation process has been carried out the Area Office will set up an oversight group to work on developing the wants and needs of the Communities.

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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllrs. MacDonncha & Batten.

#### **i Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that the manager gives an update on the promised playground for McAuley Park, Artane as the area has experienced a massive generational shift, with children, families and even grandparents being left with little public amenities in the area.

### **Reply**

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the 2 week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

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Order: Agreed.

#### **j Motion in the name of Cllr. Donna Cooney**

That this North Central Area Committee agrees to trial planters and seating made from recycled plastic as replacements to the unsightly sandbags on the Clontarf promenade until the final flood defences are in place" examples attached as seen in Vienna.



## Reply

The Environmental Protection Division is examining alternative solutions to the existing sandbags and will issue a report to the NCAC and the Clontarf Working Group once the report is finalised.

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Order: Agreed.

### k **Motion in the name of Cllr. Donna Cooney**

That this North Central Area Committee agrees the pavements on Hollybrook Grove Clontarf are in a terrible state and need to be resurfaced and a temporary tarmac area which is sinking is replaced and a **suitable tree planted** there, the trees also need larger pits and can that be provided as park or the resurfaced pavements, could the double yellow lines be extended and the pavements of the right when entering from Clontarf road (which are very narrow) be widened” please find photos attached.

## Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11144977) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector to inspect both the carriageways & footpaths.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS  
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A minimum road width of 6.5m is required for double side parking; the average width along Strandville Avenue East (entering from Clontarf Road) is 7.4m there is sufficient space for vehicles to get access this road.

There are double yellow lines located to allow staggered vehicular parking combined with the parking restriction acts as a traffic calming measures by physically narrowing the width of the carriageway.

Further restrictions on this section of the road would lead to increased vehicular speeds whereas parking tends to have a calming effect helping to slow down traffic in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines.

Considering the above, extension of the double yellow lines are not recommended.

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The trees at Holbrook Road will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works determined to be necessary will be added to the prioritised list of works for the area.

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Order: Agreed.

**Councillor Daryl Barron**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 16 October 2023**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Daryl Barron (Chairperson)  
Dearbháil Butler  
Catherine Stocker  
Tom Brabazon  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell  
Alison Gilliland

**Members:**

Patricia Roe  
Terence Flanagan  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Larry O'Toole

**Members:**

Donna Cooney  
Racheal Batten  
Jane Horgan Jones  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Declan Flanagan

**Officers**

Bruce Philips, Mick Kelly, Derek Farrell, Fiona Moore, Catherine Cahill, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Gerry McEntagart, Catalin Rosca, Patrick Smith, Gillian Corcoran, Bláthnaid Conlon, Adam Kelly, Niamh Reilly, Lynda Drysdale, Deirdre Murphy, Nicky Finegan, Dean Eaton, Kelly Hickey, Ronan Connolly, Roy O'Connor, Emma Finlay, Sinead French, Charles Duggan, Marie Gavin.