



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024

- 1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February, 2024.**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Replies the Director of Services for the North Central Area** **5 - 91**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**
 - a **Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 27th February, 2024 for noting.**
Order: Noted.
 - b **Gully report for noting**
Order: Noted.
 - c **Protected Cycle Lane on Grace Park Road for noting**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**
 - a **Cara Park Additional Housing - Section 179a for noting**
Order: Noted.
- 5 **NORTH CENTRAL AREA MATTERS**
 - a **Discretionary Budget for noting**
Order: Noted.
 - b **Area Managers' Reports**
Order: Noted.
 - c **Housing Supply Report for noting**
Order: Noted.
- 6 **CULTURE, RECREATION AND ECONOMIC MATTERS**
 - a **Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2023 - 2028 - Teneo presentation to the North Central Area Committee**
Order: Noted.

- b **Sports & Wellbeing Report for noting**
Order: Noted.

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MOTIONS

- a **1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Jane Horgan- Jones (deferred from February)**

That this North Central Area Committee provide funding support for two schools (De La Salle, Kilbarrack and Manor House, Raheny) in the North Central area, to participate in the Yellow Flag programme in line with council policies on inclusion and diversity.

Reply

The Yellow Flag Pilot Programme & Research Report is supported by the E.U Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. Its funding is provided under the European Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity, PROGRESS (2007–2013). This programme was established to financially support the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in the employment and social affairs area.

There is no provision within the North Central Area budget to provide funding support for this initiative.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA
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Order: Agreed.

- b **2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Damian O'Farrell (deferred from February)**

That this North Central Area Committee requests the area manager to organise the repair of a park wall which was clearly knocked over by a utility vehicle (bin) a couple of months ago. The wall is located at the smaller green in Griffith Court, Fairview D3 near the entrance to Fairview Community Unit. There is CCTV footage of a refuse vehicle clearly marked Panda obviously damaging the wall. The firm initially denied and had no report of the incident. I'm not sure what their position is now but the wall remains damaged. This Committee also instructs DCC to recover all costs from Panda Refuse. I have the footage available for further action.

Reply

If the date of the incident and the evidence is forwarded contact will be made with the company.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

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Order: Agreed.

c **3. Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to examine/identify/confirm the source of the very unpleasant smell recently at North Bull Wall coming from the direction of the Port and waste water treatment plant and the incinerator and explain the causes and the risks to human health, outline if same poses a risk to swimmers at North Bull Island and users of the island in general and say what steps are being taken to resolve the issue.

Reply

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit received complaints about a pungent odour described as chemical in nature from residents of the Clontarf, Killester and Ringsend areas week commencing 12/02/2024.

Inspections were carried out by officers of the Unit over a number of days at multiple locations. No pungent odour was witnessed.

Irish Water were contacted to determine if the smell may be related to Waste Water Treatment Plant.

They confirmed that works are ongoing on the upgrade of the secondary treatment tanks which involves cleaning some of the tanks.

They advised that this involved the process of removing the debris from the tanks which may create a certain amount of odour and that they are working to get this work done as soon as possible.

It is unclear if this was the cause of the odour and further inspections will be carried out. This includes arranging to walk the Port Area with Dublin Port Officials.

PWBO

The Protection of Waterbodies Office (PWBO) is responsible for the management of groundwater, surface water and the associated network. The origin of reported odours appears to be from EPA licenced facilities, with air being the receptor/pathway rather than water. Thus, risk to bather health is deemed low.

The EPA has a particular role in the assessment of nuisance odours from pertinent licenced sites. Complaints can be made to the EPA directly here.

Contact: Paul Rutherford, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit
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Contact: Emma Finlay, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Protection of Water Bodies Office
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Order: Agreed.

d **4. Motion in the name of Cllr. Naoise O'Muirí**

That this North Central Area Committee ask Public Lighting to undertake an assessment of lighting levels on Bettystown Avenue with a particular focus on the Howth Road end and implement measures to improve lighting quality where appropriate.

Reply

A lighting assessment has been carried out on Bettystown Avenue with focus on the Howth Road end and additional street lighting is required. Two additional lights will be installed on two ESB network poles in the coming months.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer
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Order: Agreed.

Councillor Daryl Barron
Chairperson
Monday 11 March 2024

Attendance:

Members:

Daryl Barron (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Terence Flanagan
Damian O'Farrell

Members:

Patricia Roe
Deirdre Heney
Declan Flanagan

Members:

Donna Cooney
Naoise Ó Muirí
Alison Gilliland

Apologies

Catherine Stocker

Absent

John Lyons
Larry O'Toole
Racheal Batten
Tom Brabazon
Jane Horgan Jones
Micheal MacDonncha

Officers

Frank D'Arcy, Bruce Philips, Derek Farrell, Mick Carroll, Catherine Cahill, Fiona Moore, Deirdre Murphy, Niamh Reilly, Donncha O'Dúlaing, Will Mangan, Catalin Rosca, Maire Nic Reamoinn, Alec Dundon, John Flynn, Denise Doyle, Emma Finlay, Paul Rutherford, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Gillian Corcoran.