

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Item 1 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024

Order: Agreed - Councillor Keith Connolly wanted it noted that the report to Motion 2A was not satisfactory.

Replies to Questions NWAC meeting 16th April 2024

Q.1 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to ensure there are regular clean ups arranged for the green area at the back of the Poppintree Shops.

Reply

Parks Services will arrange for an inspection and any necessary servicing of this green space.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager for an update on conversations had with the owners of the (details supplied)

Reply

The Public Domain Team have visited the (details supplied) in the past. I have escalated the issue to the Litter Warden Service to visit and talk to the shop owners

Contact: Robert Ingram, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 01 2225496
Email: Robert.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager the estimated cost of damage done in the Sillogue Area since the new works were completed.

Reply

The total estimated costs of damage to the completed works in the Sillogue Avenue area is €102,991.00 excl. VAT. Note: €78,000 was also paid to the Contractor to cover additional security and damage to fencing during the Construction Stage

The following is a breakdown of the estimated costs to date associated with anti-social behaviour:

Description	Cost (excl. VAT)
Costs incurred during construction stage	

Additional security and damage to fencing (excl. delay & disruption costs)	€73,801.00
Estimate of Post-Construction costs	
Replace Public Lighting Micro Pillar-damaged by a car mounting the footpath	€5,000.00
Damage to Public Lighting poles due to attempts to set alight	€10,000.00
Replacement of bollards with High Strength (Torpedo) bollards	€8,000.00
Damage to bollards	€5,000.00
Replace damaged nameplate signs	€2,000.00
16 no. trees broken/removed and associated planting	€18,000.00
Carriageway damage from burnt out cars, at 2 locations	€20,000.00
Footpath damage due to burnt out car	€10,000.00
Re-landscaping of grassed areas due to damage by scramblers	€15,000.00
Waste management costs to remove debris/remains of fire	€3,000.00
Repainting walls due to damage from fires/car burn-outs	€6,991.00
Total estimated costs incurred since works were completed	€102,991.00
Total estimated costs	€176,792.00

Contact: Marie Gavin, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Traffic
Tel: 01-2222577
Email: marie.gavin@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager how many tenancy warnings were issued in Ballymun/Finglas since the start of the year.

Reply

From the 1st of January - 31st March 2024 the Finglas Area Office have served 2 Tenancies Warnings.

One further Tenancy Warning to be served by end of April 2024

Total of 3

Contact: Derek Healy, Finglas Housing Manager
Tel: 2225410
Email: derek.healy@dublincity.ie

There were no Tenancy Warnings served in the Ballymun Area.

Contact: Margaret McGrane, Ballymun Housing Manager
Tel: 01-222-5610
Email: margaret.mcgrane@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager how many people in area E & D are living in Council properties that are bigger than their needs and to give details by bedroom size.

Reply

5 Bedroom Tenancies	No. of Occupants	No. of Tenancies
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	1	0
	2	1
	3	1
	4	4
	5	2
	6>	3
4 Bedroom Tenancies	No. of Occupants	No. of Tenancies
	1	33
	2	69
	3	66
	4	50
	5	54
	6>	97
3 Bedroom Tenancies	No. of Occupants	No. of Tenancies
	1	367
	2	715
	3	862
	4	685
	5	374
	6>	262
2 Bedroom Tenancies	No. of Occupants	No. of Tenancies
	1	421
	2	686
	3	419
	4	150
	5	63
	6>	26
1 Bedroom Tenancies	No. of Occupants	No. of Tenancies
	1	1081
	2	93
	3	10
	4	0
	5	2
	6>	0
Total		6595

Contact: Tara Robertson, Administrative Officer, Housing
Tel: 01 2223867
Email: tara.robertson@dublincity.ie

Q.6 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager for an update on the appeal to An Bord Pleanála regarding the development in Parkview.

Reply

The Planning Authority received correspondence on 21st March last from An Bord Pleanála in relation to the timeframe for determining the outcome of the appeal lodged in respect of plan ref. 5252/22, Parkview, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

An Bord Pleanála had intended to determine this case before 21st March 2024 but have now informed Dublin City Council that the Board “will not now be in a position to determine the case before that date due to a continuing significant backlog of cases at board level. This backlog has arisen in the context of reduced capacity at Board level in the first half of 2023 due to a turnover of board personnel in that period. Capacity at board level has since been restored by appointment of new board members and the Board is now addressing the existing backlog of cases.

This case will be determined as soon as practicable.

The delay in determining the case is regretted.”

Contact: Shelly O’Riordan, A/Administrative Officer
Tel: 01-2222127
Email: shelly.oriordan@dublincity.ie

Q.7 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager are blue bags still being given out to residents. There appears to be a large amount of bags dumped around Ballymun with household waste in them.

Reply

The clear litter pick bags are the only available bags for Residential Groups and Environmental Groups. The blue bags are obsolete and are no longer available. The Public Domain Team monitor multiple areas to report dumped bags to the Waste Management Department for collection.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 01 2225496
Email: Robert.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.8 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager when we will be in a position to start using the camera for illegal dumping

Reply

A number of sites have been submitted by the NWA to deploy CCTV cameras. Work is ongoing in preparing a Business Plan and a Data Protection Impact Assessment for a CCTV scheme at sites in the Central Area in the first instance. In accordance with the Code of Practice for the operation of CCTV to facilitate the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences a CCTV scheme must be presented to the Oversight Board for their approval and then forwarded to the Chief Executive for his approval.

Meanwhile, the tender to engage a contractor to provide the CCTV service will be published on 15/04/2024 with a view that the contractor will begin work in Quarter 3.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.
Tel: 01 222 4243
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the following path at (details supplied) be repaired also when will the dangerous parts of the paths on Glasnevin Avenue be repaired.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath at(details supplied)
Any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area.
Any other major defects noted during this inspection will also be logged for repair.

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the laneway next to (details supplied) please be cleaned and weeds removed.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 5th April 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the new gate at Johnstown Park please be changed to a much taller one, this new gate has made it easier for gangs to enter the park in the evenings and drag local residents bins into the park and burn them.

Reply

The new gate was installed at Johnstown Park to facilitate universal access during park opening hours. This gate is the same height as the existing fence line which has been in place for many years. The antisocial behaviour referred to above should be reported immediately to local Gardai station for follow up.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the trees at the boundary wall of (details supplied) please be trimmed right back or removed. They are towering over the residents in their own garden, they cannot reach the parts of the trees that are hanging over their boundary.

Reply

These trees have been inspected and were found to be in a healthy condition and deemed a sufficient distance away from these houses. No further works are recommended at this time.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can more lighting be put in place on the laneway on Glasnevin Avenue, between 113-115. The light on the laneway is not great especially during the winter months.

Reply

A lighting assessment will be carried out on the street lighting in the laneway between Houses 113 and 115 to determine what improvements, if any, may be required.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer Roads & Traffic
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager what can be done about the damaged grass verges on Glasnevin Avenue example of this is outside (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to carry out a repair to the grass verge at (details supplied) when we have a crew available in the area. Any other damaged grass verges noted will also be added to our Works Lists.
(Enq. Ref.1157207)

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager when will the trees be replaced on Glasnevin Avenue that were recently cut down.

Reply

Parks Services have these locations listed for replacement trees, subject to review. Some locations under electrical wires or next to lamp standards will not be considered. Some locations it will be 3-5 years before a replacement tree can be planted, until the existing root plate has degraded enough to allow space for planting of a new tree.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager to address the issue of illegal parking on the footpaths to the front of the shops located at 275 Glasnevin Avenue, as it is making it very difficult for pedestrians to use the path.

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services will patrol the location and enforce illegally parked vehicles.

Contact: Linda McDonald. A Parking Enforcement Officer
Tel: 01 2222238
Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager will the large grass verges on Glasnevin Avenue be added to the grass cutting list.

Reply

These verges have been included in our Landscape Maintenance Contract 2022-2025 for maintenance.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can information be given on why there is a delay in the payment of grants for the Vacant Home Improvement Scheme.

Reply

The City Council has received over 400 applications as regards the Vacant Property Grant. It is actively working on the processing of these grant applications.

The City Council can only issue a grant payment once the applicant has completed the refurbishment works for which they applied for under the grant and they have 13 months to complete same.

They must also have fulfilled the terms and conditions of the scheme.

Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing Development
Tel: 01 2225367
Email: john.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager what can be done about the continuous fly tipping on Glasnevin Avenue especially around the bins on the Avenue.

Reply

Waste Management Services will get a Litter Warden to investigate this dumping and include Glasnevin Avenue as part of his regular patrol.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the replanting of a tree outside (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services have this location listed for a replacement tree subject to further investigation. It may be 3-5 years before the existing rooting system has decayed enough to provide space for a planting of a new tree.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the replanting of the tree outside (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services have this location listed for a replacement tree subject to further investigation. A review will be carried out ahead of tree stock orders for upcoming planting season (Nov – March).

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the footpath to be repaired outside (details supplied)



Reply

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath at (details supplied) Any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is next available in the area. (Enq. Ref. 11156790).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of the carriageway surface at (details supplied) with a view to repair.

Reply

(details supplied) will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, the carriageway will be inspected and temporary repairs will be arranged as appropriate for any serious defects. (Enq. Ref. 11156792).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection of the pathway/tarmac at (details supplied), there are also issues with cars parking at this location and blocking the pathway.

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit the location and inspect the situation. The inspector will direct Dublin Street Parking Services to carry out appropriate enforcement action.

Contact: Linda McDonald. A Parking Enforcement Officer
Tel: 01 2222238
Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath and the tarmac margin at 112 Ballygall Road West. Any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is next available in the area. (Enq. Ref.11156784).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.25 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for a timeline for the proposed changes to the gyratory at Ballymun Road/Griffith Avenue following the passing on the Ballymun to City Centre CBC by An Bord Pleanála.

Reply

The NTA applied to An Bord Pleanála in September of 2022 for approval of the Scheme under Section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), along with a submission for confirmation of the associated Compulsory Purchase Order.

An Bord Pleanála has now issued its decisions, being to approve the Scheme, subject to conditions, and to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO).

Following An Bord Pleanála's determinations, various public notices and notifications are required to be issued and this will be published/issued at the appropriate time.

Subject to the completion of various processes, the NTA will now develop a construction sequence taking account of any planning consents received, along with documentation to allow procurement to commence for the construction stage of the Scheme.

All twelve corridors are expected to be completed by 2030 with the first construction contracts to be awarded at the end of 2024 and on-site construction commencing early next year. The construction of the corridors will be delivered on a phased basis to reduce the traffic impacts that could arise should all twelve be constructed concurrently. The exact phasing of the construction works is unknown at this stage, so it's impossible to comment any further on the timeline for changes to the junction above.

Contact: Niall Bolger Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer
Tel: 222 5271
Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to examine measures to prevent parking at (details supplied)

Reply

(details supplied) is a wide road, and parking does not obstruct the traffic as long as it is in accordance to the Road Traffic Act. There is currently a stop line followed by a continuous white line at the junction with Sycamore Road.

Under S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997, section 36 Prohibitions on Parking “(2) a vehicle shall not be parked (d) on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided;”

Please note that instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council’s parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500 or Email info@dsps.ie) or to the local Gardaí, as a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 2222523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the pathways at (details supplied)

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath between (details supplied) Any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area. (Enq. Ref.11156793).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.28 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to examine better traffic calming/speeding enforcement measures on (details supplied)

Reply

The Area Engineer does not recommend any changes to the aforementioned road. (details supplied) has a 50Km/h speed limit arterial route for bus services and emergency response vehicles.

According to Traffic Management Guidelines, speed cushions and 10m ramps are recommended on bus and emergency service routes, rather than conventional ramps to facilitate emergency vehicles and the safety of bus passengers. This allows the buses and emergency vehicles to straddle the ramps and proceed unhindered without damage to the vehicle.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 222 2523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.29 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the tarmac patch outside (details supplied) to be repaired.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath and carriageway at (details supplied) Any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is next available in the area. (Enq. Ref. 11156794).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the Housing Insulation Programme for DCC tenants for 2024. How many properties are due to be retrofitted and how are the tenants being selected.

Reply

We estimate that in excess of 200 properties will be retrofitted in 2024 under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. The exact number will be dictated by the costing of upgrade works for each individual property against our funding allocation which can only be determined by year end.

Due to the volume of properties involved under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme, which is 12,000 houses approximately, it is a roll out programme. The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion. Consequently, we do not select individual tenants but endeavour to spread the works across all areas on an annual basis in an equal and fair manner where possible.

Contact: Shane Hawkshaw Senior Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Energy Efficiency Section, Housing and Community Services
Tel: 01 222 7524
Email: shane.hawkshaw@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the speed limit on (details supplied) and whether this has been reduced from 60km/h

Reply

There has been no change made to the speed limit on (details supplied)

New speed limit legislation is proposed for the end of April, whereupon all necessary roads will be reviewed.

Contact: Jennifer McGrath
Tel: 0868033633
Email: jennifer.mcgrath@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange for bins to be installed near the junction of Griffith Avenue/Ballygall Road East as there are none on loop around these two roads and Old Finglas Road/Cremore Villas.

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned locations over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for litter bins there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the tarmac patch at (details supplied) as it is disintegrating.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will arrange for a permanent carriageway repair to be carried out here when a weekend crew is next available in the area.
(Enq. Ref.11156795).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the footpath outside (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath at (details supplied)
Any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is next available in the area.

(Enq. Ref.11156796).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange an inspection of the footpaths on Glasmeen Road for inclusion on future works programmes and upgrades.

Reply

Glasmeen Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Footway Reconstruction Programme.
In the interim, the footpaths on Glasmeen Road will be inspected and any serious defects noted will be logged for local repairs when a crew is next available in the area. (Enq. Ref. 11156797).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to inspect the public lighting in Clancy Court as the light goes out after 8pm in the evening.

Reply

Clancy Court is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. The Local Area Office will investigate what actions need to be taken in order to respond appropriately to this query and the Manager will respond directly to the Councillor in due course.

Contact: Pat Teehan, Finglas Area Manager
Tel: 01 2225133
Email: pat.teehan@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to review the public lighting on (details supplied)

Reply

A lighting assessment will be carried out on the street lighting on (details supplied) to determine what improvements, if any, may be required on the stretch of road from house (details supplied)

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer, Roads & Traffic
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to clarify if the pavement at (details supplied) is due to be repaired as it was previously on the works list.

Reply

The footpath at (details supplied) is on our Works List and a repair will be scheduled when a crew is next available in the area.

(Enq. Ref.11156798).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange for a sweep and clean of Valley Park Road.

Reply

Waste Management Services will have cleaning carried out at the above mentioned location on the 12th of April 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the removal of the tree at (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services have removed the lower branches of this tree to provide space along the footpath and clear line of sight for motorists exiting the estate. Parks have listed this tree for removal outside bird nesting season (1st March to 31st August)

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.

Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to do a permanent repair to the road outside 19 – 23 Sycamore Road, Finglas East, Dublin 11 as it is badly damaged, unsightly and dangerous. Can the rest of Sycamore Road be inspect and repair as needed.

Reply

Arrangements will be made for a permanent carriageway repair to be carried out at 19-23 Sycamore Road. The rest of the carriageway will be inspected and any other serious defects noted shall also be listed for repair.

(Enq. Ref.11156799).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to address the issue of dog poo bins overflowing at the green areas on Wadelai Road and Hillcrest Park as these bins are regularly overflowing despite this issue been highlighted on numerous occasions and it is very unpleasant for dog walkers and residents, particularly those who live nearby.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned dog poo bins are emptied on a more regular basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to give an update on the timelines for the implementation of the Dublin City Centre Transport Plan.

Reply

An outline of the implementation timeline is provided in Chapter 24 of the Dublin City Centre Transport Plan 2023. This will need to be flexible to reflect the potential opportunities and constraints which will arise in the process of delivery. Notably, there will be planning considerations and timelines, as well as financial considerations, which will directly influence schedules. The measures are planned to be implemented between 2024 and 2030 with the measures for 2024 planned to be completed, Bachelors Walk Bus Gate, Aston Quay Bus Gate, Left-turn ban – Westland Row to Pearse Street, Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Route and Capel Street Formalisation.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport Projects
Tel: 01 222 3949
Email: claire.french@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to implement regular clean with a vacuum type cleaning machine in Ballymun similar to the one in Finglas.

Reply

Waste Management Services clean Ballymun mainly with driven compact sweepers and also with some hand sweeping when necessary. There are no plans at this time to change our methods of cleaning there. We will continue to do all we can to keep Ballymun as clean as possible.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to give an update on the City Farm Project in Ballymun.

Reply

The City Farm Committee have sent in a review of their business plan, we are currently assessing the plan internally. An external assessment is also required however it has taken much longer than expected to engage the relevant experts due to the current environment and demand on services. It is our intention to arrange a meeting with all parties involved in the coming weeks.

Contact: Jackie O Reilly, Senior Executive Officer, Ballymun Area Manager
Tel: 01 2225739
Email: jackie.oreilly@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to give an update on timelines for the completion of Kildonan Park.

Reply

The redevelopment of Kildonan Park is well underway, notably the all-weather pitch, main pathways, half basketball court and exercise equipment due for completion by the end of April. Currently, the skate park and playground elements are being procured, with delivery anticipated during Q3/Q4 2024. Tree planting will be carried out during tree planting season (Nov-March).

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a complete housing maintenance inspection at (details supplied). Tenant reports that a new sink is needed and that he has no way to get rid of dishwater. There was a stopcock issue and boards were removed which weren't replaced. The tenant was also told when he moved in that he would be getting new windows and doors and this was 10/11 years ago. Can the house be considered for insulation also under the new Housing Insulation Programme.

Reply

Housing Maintenance carried out an inspection at this property and have agreed to the following works:

- The sink trap has been repaired.

- The wash hand basin needs to be fixed to the wall as it is loose.
- Repairs to pipework casing.
- A new fire back is to be fitted to the fireplace.
- The rubber seals shall be repaired on the windows and doors and two handles shall be renewed on window.

This property was internally insulated in 2013 and has a BER Rating of C1.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 2095
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a clean-up of the green area in cul de sac at 65/67 Kilshane Road and for this area to be put on a regular schedule.

Reply

This area has been listed for maintenance and inclusion in our landscape maintenance contract for regular servicing.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the maintenance of the green at Plunkett Avenue/Green. This has been reported regularly for months but has not been tended to.

Reply

Due to prolonged rainfall experienced it has left ground conditions too soft to access with machinery. Once favourable ground conditions resume crews will prioritising maintenance of these areas.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for an update on the queries relating to potholes occurring in relatively recently road re-surfacing.

Reply

There is a Defects Liability Clause in our Carriageway Resurfacing Contracts requiring the contractor to remedy any defects that appear within two years of the works being completed. In this regard, potholes on any carriageways resurfaced by contractors within the last two years, will be referred back to the contractor to carry out a permanent repair. (Enq. Ref.11556800).

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area
 Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 01 222 2722
Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.51 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for strimming of weeds along the back walls of 9 -16 Valley Park Drive.

Reply

These works have been completed.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for details of the feasibility study for housing at the Mellows Court site to be provided to local Councillors.

Reply

While a feasibility study was commenced to review redevelopment options at Mellows Court, it was never completed. A decision was taken to pause the study until a preferred route was agreed upon for the extension of the Luas to understand how best to approach the site. Furthermore, since the feasibility was commenced, the new City Development Plan has been adopted with new requirements which would not have been taken into consideration at the time.

Taking this into account, I will request that at the earliest opportunity, a new feasibility study is undertaken to examine the redevelopment options including tenure mix. Once a timeline for this study has been agreed between Housing Management and the City Architects Team, I will update the local members.

Contact: Collette Egan, A/Programme Manager Housing Regeneration
Tel: 087 4080766
Email: collette.egan@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the soil in the cul de sac at (details supplied) to be cleared and to see if there is any possible way to prevent this from happening in the future as it is a regular occurrence.

Reply

Parks Services will arrange for area to be maintained as soon as favourable ground conditions allow.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the request for a disabled parking spot at (details supplied) to be revisited. The car parking is at the front on Wad River court and should be in the charge of DCC.

Reply

The aforementioned location is not in charge of Dublin City Council. The Transport Advisory Group cannot consider requests or make recommendations in relation to areas that are not part of the public road.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer
Tel: 012222523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for extra traffic calming measures along the new road from Ballymun Road to Sillogue Road. There has been very regular joyriding along this road and something needs to be done to alleviate the issue.

Reply

The Area Engineer will assess the provision of extra traffic calming and a more pedestrian friendly environment on Gateway Crescent, at the junction with Sillogue Road. Ref: 7038593 refers.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 2222523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for additional emptying of the bins where people are regularly reporting bins being full constantly, shops on Cardiffsbridge Road, Kildonan Park and Brookville on the North Road.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned bins are emptied on a more regular basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Item 3 Finglas Area Office Report Pat Teehan Area Manager

Order: Noted

Item 4 Motion in the name of Councillor Keith Connolly

That this Area Committee supports a parking warden for the Finglas Village Area and that a feasibility study should be carried out to see if it is viable.

Order: Report to Councillor

Item 5 Notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Proposed Development of 110 Residential Dwellings on grounds at the Former Church of Annunciation, Cardiffsbridge Road, Finglas, Dublin 11

Order: Noted

Item 6 Ballymun Area Office Report, Jackie O'Reilly, Area Manager

Order: Noted

Item 7 Poppintree Sport and Community Facility Refurbishment Report April 2024 Emma Byrne Facility Manager

Order: Noted

Item 8 **Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Manager provides a report on damp/mould issues in the Ballymun area. This issue has been reported a significant number of times in particular, but not exclusively, in the newer builds in the area.

Order: Report to Councillor

Item 9 Grant of a 5-year licence at Silloge Park Golf Course, Ballymun Road, Dublin 11

Order: Agreed – Recommend to Council

Item10 Public Domain Report, Robert Ingram Public Domain Officer

Order: Noted

Item11 Traffic Service Request, Status Report

Order: Noted

Item12 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

Order: Noted

NWA Councillors: Caroline Conroy, Keith Connolly, Mary Callaghan, Anthony Connaghan, Briege MacOscar and Noeleen Reilly

Apologises: Patrick Teehan, Finglas Area Manager

Officials: Frank d'Arcy (A/Assistant Chief Executive), Bruce Philips (A/Executive Manager), Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager Ballymun), Derek Healy (Finglas Housing Manager), Fiona Farrell (Staff Officer) Olive Warnock (Staff Officer) Larry Dooley (Community & Social Development Officer), Robert Ingram (Public Domain officer), Maire Nic Reamoinn (Assistant Engineer) Joao Brescia (Assistant Engineer), Cathy Cassidy (Senior Staff Officer) Stephen Groome (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Gareth Rowan (Senior Executive Officer),

Councillor Mary Callaghan
Chairperson

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm