

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 16th July 2024

Item 1: Election of Chair

Order: Councillor Anthony Connaghan was nominated and elected

Item 2: Election of Vice Chair

Order: Councillor Keith Connolly was nominated and elected

Item 3 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2024

Order: Agreed

Item 4 Questions to the North West Area Managers

Questions with Replies 16th July

Q.1 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair/relocation of the playground at (details supplied)

Reply

Parks Services continue to carry out routine inspections of the playground (details supplied) and any necessary repairs are reported our playground maintenance contractor as required. Unfortunately, due to ongoing vandalism, it has led to complete removal of some items. The playground is listed for upgrading in the coming years but ideally, this new playground is delivered in the context of other works planned at the park. From an initial assessment, consideration is being given to relocating the playground, to nearer to entrance of the St. Helena's open space along Tolka Valley road side of the park next to proposed Luas line. The existing location of the playground is somewhat hidden and ultimately attracts unwanted antisocial behaviour. This new location would be more central and provide a greater level of passive supervision.

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

Q.2 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair of the pathway in the green at (details supplied)

Reply

This pathway repair is listed with local staff and will be carried out as soon schedule allows.

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

Q.3 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair of the brickwork and other improvements at the roundabout on (details supplied)

Reply

The repairs required to the (details supplied) roundabout are of an aesthetic nature and will be carried out when we have a crew available in the area.

(Enq. Ref.11161854)

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area

Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 01 222 2722

Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager when the works programme improvements of the pathway and roadway at (details supplied) will commence.

Reply

(details supplied) is on both our 2024 Footway Reconstruction and Carriageway Resurfacing Programmes. The tender procedure for these contracts are now complete and we are in the process of appointing contractors to carry out these works. The contractors are now preparing time schedules for the works and we anticipate that we should receive these in the next 2 weeks. At that time, we will be able to advise of exact dates for the works to take place.

(Enq. Ref.11161856)

Contact: Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer - North West Area

Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 01 222 2722

Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager if there are any plans to paint the fences at (details supplied) as they are in a state of disrepair.

Reply

Currently, these works remain low priority in terms of a limited parks improvement budget. Should additional local funding be identified Parks can include these works in our programme.

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

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.6 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the vacant house at (details supplied) has it been added to the vacant sites register or classified as derelict.

Reply

The Active Land Management Unit implements the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) legislation which was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The RZLT will replace the Vacant Sites Levy over the next few years. This is an annual tax calculated at a rate of 3% of the

market value of land. The principal purpose of the tax is to encourage the timely activation of zoned and serviced residential development land for housing.

The annual draft RZLT map was published on the Dublin City Council website on 1st February 2024. <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/active-land-management/residential-zoned-land-tax-annual-draft-map-2025>

Residential properties including 6 Wadelai Green is included on the RZLT map but will not be subject to the tax if it is subject to Local Property Tax (LPT). Only the Revenue Commissioners hold data on LPT accounts.

Landowners had the opportunity to make submissions to exclude their land on the map until 1st April 2024 and had an opportunity to make submissions to rezone their land until 31st May 2024.

In January 2025 Local Authorities will publish final maps which will reflect outcomes of all Determinations made on the submissions received by Local Authorities, subsequent appeals to An Bord Pleanala and any zoning changes. This final map will form the basis for the administration of the tax measure by the Revenue Commissioners.

Contact: Fiona Meade, Administrative Officer
Tel.: 01 2223833
Email: fiona.meade@dublincity.ie

Reply

Derelict sites do not have an active file on this property. An inspection will be arranged and will report our findings directly to the Councillor

Contact: Margaret Mooney, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3941
Email: margaret.mooney@dublincity.ie

Q.7 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager the amount of monies owed by the owners of (details supplied) as it's a derelict site.

Reply

The property identified as the (details supplied) was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 16th April 2019 as it met the criteria, as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015. Demands for Payment of a Vacant Sites Levies based on 7% of the market value of the site i.e. (details supplied) each, were served on the owners in February 2021 in respect of 2020 and February 2022 in respect of 2021. These levies were paid in full.

Demands for Payment of a Vacant Sites Levies due in the amount of for 2022 and for 2023 were served on the owner and remain unpaid. The total of unpaid levies therefore is (details supplied)

While there is no provision to impose penalties under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, vacant site levy charges now appear on pre-contract planning searches and purchasers are now on notice of these charges. Where a vacant site levy becomes due and payable, it becomes a charge on the land concerned until it is paid.

Contact: Fiona Meade /Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3833

Email: fiona.meade@dublincity.ie

Q.8 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update for the traffic calming and neighbourhood scheme at (details supplied)

Reply

The Area Engineer will review and ascertain what feasible traffic calming interventions can be implemented.

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn – North City Executive Engineer
Tel: 012225365
Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update for the traffic calming and neighbourhood scheme at (details supplied)

Reply

The Area Engineer will review and ascertain what feasible traffic calming interventions can be implemented.

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn – North City Executive Engineer
Tel: 012225365
Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the high weeds around the green at (details supplied) to be cut.

Reply

Parks Services have reported this area to our local landscape maintenance contractor supervisor for strimming.

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

Q.11 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update as to when the E spine and associated changes will become operational.

Reply

The E spine is scheduled to commence operations in Q3 2024.

This is subject to detailed review of operational readiness before introduction and to the overall level of funding available.

Contact: Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer
Tel: 01 222 5271
Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for inspection and trimming of a tree outside of a house (details supplied) with a view to addressing the resident's concerns regarding a lack of sunlight.



Reply

The Parks Services carried out a visual assessment of the tree on the 4/7/24 and it was found in a healthy condition, with no other works 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 Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the ramps along St. Helena's Road to be repaired or replaced as they are in a bad state and have the potential to damage cars leading to claims from drivers.

Reply

These ramps will be inspected and arrangement will be made for the repairs to be scheduled where required.

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

Q.14 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a clean-up of the North Road in and around the footbridge where there is constant anti-social activity leading to the area looking unkempt.

Reply

Park Services have been carrying out routine clean ups and grass cutting at this location in recent weeks. The area will be inspected with a view to make further improvement to the space.

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

Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned up on the 5th July 2024.

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

Q.15 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of the downstairs bedroom for damp issues at (details supplied). The tenant has reported damp in the child's bedroom and there is no window in this room.

Reply

Housing Maintenance Section will arrange for an inspection of the subject property in the short term to investigate the reported dampness. This investigation will inform any further actions and will determine if the dwelling would benefit from additional ventilation measures.

Contact Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3708
Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a spot check of houses in the (details supplied) area for evidence of bin providers as there has been many incidents of bags being dumped.

Reply

The Public Domain Team will arrange for a bin service collection survey to be carried out in (details supplied) as per discussion with Councillor Connaghan. The procedure will be initiated within the next two weeks.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, Environmental Liaison Officer
Tel: 0879040487
Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a housing maintenance check at (details supplied)

Reply

This property was included in the 2024 energy efficiency retrofit programme with works carried out in April 2024. In addition to the new heat pump, the tenant received attic insulation, external wall insulation, new windows and door. These upgrades significantly improved the home from an F BER (building energy rating) to A3.

Installations were carried out in accordance with standard specifications.

In accordance with Dublin City Council's [Tenant Handbook](#) (Pg 18), responsibility for "Repairing or replacing cupboards, wardrobes, kitchen units and their doors, hinges, handles, locks, catches and drawers" rests with the tenant.

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

Q.18 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager for an update on the proposed extension for the tenant at (details supplied). Can contact be made with tenant in relation to this as he has reported not being able to get through to anyone on this issue.

Reply

Housing Maintenance has received an application for an overcrowding extension for this family. They are currently number 236 on the list of applicants.

Given this family's current place on the list, it is very unlikely that an extension will be provided in the medium term.

As there is a very significant demand for extensions on both overcrowding and medical grounds, we would recommend that the tenant also discusses their options for transfer with the Housing Allocations section.

In respect of Housing Allocations, should the tenants wish to make an application to transfer they can do so by completing the transfer application form and submitting same to Housing Allocations for processing. Should they wish to discuss their options, they can phone 2222201 Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm wherein they can speak with a staff member who can advise them accordingly.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3708
Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a presentation by Dublin Bus at an upcoming Area Meeting.

Reply

The North West Area Team will contact Dublin Bus with a view to organising a presentation. It would be appropriate to provide themes or an agenda prior to the presentation in order that the items to be discussed are the focus of the presentation.

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

Q.20 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager for provide kissing gates at the gap in railings between (details supplied) to prevent motorcycles flying through.

Reply

The Area Office will liaise with the relevant Department in relation to the Councillors request and will update the Councillor directly.

Contact: Derek Healy, Finglas Housing Manager
Tel: 01 2225410
Email: derek.healy@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to liaise with An Garda Síochána in providing a plan for tackling the scourge of drug dealing and anti-social behaviour which is ongoing in DCC Parks in the Finglas West area.

Reply

A meeting is to be arranged with local Gardai to discuss this issue in the coming weeks.

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

Q.22 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to continue efforts to upgrade the stretch of Ratoath Road between Westwood Road and Ratoath Avenue and ask that it be included in the Works Programme as soon as practically possible.

Reply

This stretch of carriageway will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

(Enq. Ref.11161859)

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

Q.23 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager can Burren Court be brought to the same standard of windows and doors as some residents are complaining that they never received a porch door. They are saying during the winter months this can make the house very cold.

Reply

There are no planned maintenance works or replacement programme for windows, doors or porch doors for Burren Court at present.

Any individual maintenance requests regarding existing windows or doors can be logged by the tenant via maintenance@dublincity.ie or via Customer Services Tel. 01 222 2222.

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

Q.24 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager for the work that was contracted to (details supplied) be conducted soon as contract for new windows was given out in January.

Reply

Housing Maintenance have received a window repair request for this property which has been logged on the repairs system. The depot will arrange to have the windows assessed and serviced and any required repairs carried out.

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

Q.25 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager what the delay is on the vacant properties in the North West Area

Reply

The Vacant Property Unit will directly engage with the Councillor to determine the specific nature of this query and will supply an answer to her as regards this question.

Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing Development
Tel: 012225367
Email: john.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager is there an update on White Acre playground in Ballymun.

Reply

Parks Services carry out routine inspections of Whitacre playground and any necessary repairs are reported to our playground maintenance contractor as required.

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

Q.27 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager is there any update on the waste ground between (details supplied)

Reply

This courtyard at the front of the houses is under our Housing Section remit. The grass between the houses at the back off Cairn Court is on our Landscape Maintenance contract for servicing.

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

Q.28 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager can the goals and nets be replaced in Coultry Park.

Reply

Parks do not own the nets, these are generally managed by local clubs. The goalposts will be inspected for damage.

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

Q.29 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager can a Sensory Area in a playground or a park in Ballymun/ Finglas be developed.

Reply

Plans for a sensory garden at Poppintree Park are being progressed, following consultation with local schools. It is anticipated a contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks to commence initial stage of works for the garden.

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

Q.30 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manger is there any update on the Coultry paths resurfacing project.

Reply

Coultry Drive and Coultry Gardens are included in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme and works will be commencing within the coming weeks.

If names of roads in Coultry Area are provided, the footpaths on these roads will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

(Enq. Ref. 11161860)

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

Q.31 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager will Poppintree Community Centres summer project be coming back this year

Reply

Unfortunately we will not be running the Poppintree Summer project or the Ballymun Sport and Fitness summer camp this year. We do not have sufficient staffing levels to facilitate any additional camps or programmes. In the past we have relied heavily on temporary summer staff to facilitate the projects and camps but in 2024 we did not receive any summer staff. The summer staff that applied for positions this year was significantly reduced in numbers and there was insufficient summer staff to allocate to all facilities.

The facility does have hours available in the newly refurbished all weather pitch and in the Sports hall so if there are community groups looking to book in please contact the facility at (01) 2223985

Contact: Emma Byrne Facility Manager, Poppintree Centre
Tel: 01 2223985
Email: emma.byrne@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager is there a plan in place to deal with the rats in Druid Court

Reply

Dublin City Council received 3 complaints in relation to rats at Druid Court. All of these have been referred to HSE to have baiting carried out.

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

Q.33 Councillor Gavin Pepper

To ask the Manager if the Council is exploring all possible avenues to engage more young people in park runs. For instance, have there been initiatives to introduce running coaches into schools.

Reply

Dublin City Council/Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) has 17 Sport Officers working in communities across Dublin City's five electoral areas, two citywide Sport Officers, one Health Promotion Officer, one Active Cities Officer and two Sport Inclusion & Integration Officers. The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone in Dublin city communities to participate in sport and physical activity on an ongoing basis whatever the choice of sport and regardless of age, gender, background or ability.

Working alongside DCSWP's Sport Officers are 27 Co-funded Officers in Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing, Rugby and Swimming. Please below snapshot of DCSWP's activities, structure and funding for 2023.

1. Couch to 5k/Parkrun

In the North West Area local parkruns take place in Tolka Valley Park and Poppintree Park every Saturday morning. Junior parkruns are aimed at 4-14 year olds and take place every Sunday morning in Mellows Park & Albert College Park.

DCSWP's core programme, Couch to 3 & 5k/Couch to parkrun supports people of all ages looking to complete a parkrun in their local park. The programme is delivered on a rolling basis, typically lasting 6-8 weeks. During the Covid-19 pandemic, DCSWP developed a Couch to 3 & 5k podcast to guide people on their journey, help them to set viable goals, build stamina and increase strength over a period of weeks. The podcast remains available to individuals looking for extra support and encouragement.

The benefits of joining and completing local parkruns are also promoted by Sport and Athletic Ireland Officers via the Change for Life core programme which runs from January - March each year aimed at multiple target age groups and the Lord Mayor's 5Alive road-race challenge which takes place from January - April.

2. School/Young People Engagement.

- **Marathon Kids**

Marathon Kids is an 8-week initiative encouraging and promoting the social, physical and mental benefits of physical activity for children. Launched in 2019 as a partnership project with Fingal and South Dublin County Council, the initiative was initially aimed at students at 5th and 6th class level. In 2023 the programme was expanded to include 4th class students. During the course of the programme students complete four running sessions each week, bringing young participants closer to completing their first marathon. In the lead up to commencement of the programme in September, Sport and Athletic Ireland Co-funded Officers engage with local schools around promotion of the programme and registration and also provide T-shirts and medals for the grand finale. Approximately 3,000 children from the Dublin City area have partaken in the event each year since its commencement in 2019.

In 2023 the final was held in Morton Stadium over two days and DCSWP Officers were on hand to guide and encourage students along the final route. The Marathon Kids initiative teaches young people about both the benefits of regular exercise for their physical and mental health and the importance of setting and achieving goals. These are skills that will prove critical in later life as children get older and start to make decisions on their own lives. The community and social benefits it offers also makes it a very positive initiative. It is hoped to continue the Marathon Kids partnership in 2024 with Sport Officers engaging with schools before and during the summer break.

- **Schools' Cross-Country**

In partnership with our Athletics Ireland Co-funded Officers, the citywide primary school cross country race series for 2024 took place in local DCC parks across the city from March - May. The series was advertised on DCSWP communication platforms with schools signing up to partake in the annual event. John Paul Park in Cabra, Albert College Park in Glasnevin, St. Anne's Park in Raheny, Eamonn Ceannt Park in Crumlin and Rinsgsend Park in the South East Area hosted the events. DCSWP's close working relationship with DCC's Parks & Landscape services help make events like the cross-country happen every year.

- **Daily Mile**

The Daily Mile is a primary school initiative led by the Athletics Ireland Co-funded Officers. The Daily Mile takes learning beyond the classroom to ensure future generations make health and wellbeing a priority for life. The programme takes place in a fun and non-competitive environment during lesson time where children run or jog at their own pace for 15 minutes. It is free and easily incorporated into school life thereby positively embedding the core principles.

- **School Athletics Programme**

The ongoing School Athletics programme is delivered by DCSWP's two citywide Athletics Officers. During the mid-term and summer holidays Athletics Officers deliver summer camps aimed at providing outlets for young people during the school break.

Contact: Colin Sharkey, Senior Staff Officer, Dee O'Boyle, Assistant Staff Officer, Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Tel: 087 7439365/ 01 222 5433

Email: colin.sharkey@dublincity.ie/dee.oboyle@dublincity.ie

Ballymun Area Office reply:

Ballymun Athletics Club

In 2022 three existing running clubs in Ballymun merged to form an approved Ballymun Athletics Club. The club facilitates adult, children and youth registrations, to date they have over 250 registered members, 150+ adults and 101 children / youths.

The club meet 6 mornings a week and Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Dublin City Council, Ballymun Area Office actively support the club. The club were also recent recipients of the Dublin City Council Crowd fund initiative were they raised €3,363 provide free registration /membership for children/youth in Ballymun to the club.

Up and Out Finglas Running Club

Up and Out Finglas Running Club form in November 2023 to encourage local people to get active together. The club meet every Wednesday evening and on Saturday mornings other members of the club arrange group runs at other times that suit them. They have participated in many City runs representing there club.

Contact: Jackie O Reilly, Senior Executive Officer /Area Manager

Tel: 863808187

Email: Jackieioreilly@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Councillor Gavin Pepper

To ask the Manager if there any additional messages/measures that can be put in place to avoid evictions from Council tenancies in Finglas and Ballymun areas. I am aware of 11 such cases at present.

Reply

Dublin City Council has over 26,000 tenancies with active rent accounts and we work closely with our tenants to support them in managing their rent.

It is essential that all tenants pay their rent as per their tenancy agreement and the Council has a dedicated team of Executive Housing Officers, who engage with tenants where issues with rent might arise.

Where a tenant has missed rent payments, the Executive Housing Officer will attempt to engage with the tenant to resolve the matter. If the tenant cannot be contacted or does not engage in a meaningful way, we then proceed to our early intervention system that alerts tenants to the increasing nature of the problem, with a first, second, and then a third warning letter.

If the problem persists and rent arrears continue to be unresolved, a Statutory Tenancy Warning letter will be issued. This can be the start of the legal process and we strongly encourage tenants to work with us to avoid the additional legal and Court proceedings. Throughout this whole process, the Executive Housing Officer will try to engage with the tenant to reach an agreement and prevent the matter from escalating further.

MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, provide a very important service that can assist tenants. Tenants can avail of supports from MABS in relation to their rent arrears and general financial management. MABS has successfully worked with numerous Council tenants in assisting them to effectively manage their money and their rent.

Dublin City Council would strongly encourage any tenant with rent arrears or with difficulties paying their rent to engage with the Council and their Executive Housing Officer without delay. It is also essential that tenants respond when contacted regarding their rent arrears and they must be willing to enter into repayment agreements to manage their rent and avoid further action. Finally, the Council will continue to work closely with our tenants to support them in managing their rent and the properties they live in.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services
Tel: 01 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to arrange for a planter to be placed at (details supplied) to prevent vehicular access onto the footpath, where children regularly play. Some years ago fencing was installed along the grass verge at this location but cars now mount the footpath through the gap in the fencing.

Reply

The Public Domain Team investigated the location at details supplied. It appears the area with the gap in the fencing is a dished footpath which allows for vehicular access, therefore this location would not be a suitable location for a planter.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, Environmental Liaison Officer
Tel: 0879040487
Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to arrange for the trees and footpath outside (details supplied) to be examined. Roots of trees are cracking the footpath and driveways of a number of houses and residents suggest that trees present a risk to their homes if they were to fall.

Reply

Parks Services carried out a ground based visual assessment of the trees outside (details supplied) on the 4/7/24. These trees were found in a good condition, with some light pruning works recommended. These works have been added to our prioritised Tree Care programme for the area.

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

The footpath at this location will be inspected and repairs scheduled as required.

(Enq. Ref.11161862)

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

Q.37 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to produce a full list of voids in the area, to detail works being carried out on these voids and any issues that have arisen with these homes.

Reply

A full list of voids is provided in the North West Area Report.

Ballymun Area

Vacant Housing Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Balcurris Close	2 Bed House	26/06/2024	Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Balcurris Park West	1 Bed Apartment	02/04/2024	Issued to Contractor	12/08/2024
Belclare Crescent	3 Bed House	07/05/2024	Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Coultry Drive	3 Bed House	19/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	06/08/2024
Coultry Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	19/04/2024	Issued to Contractor	06/08/2024
Forestwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	01/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	08/08/2024
Forestwood Avenue	3 Bed Apartment	11/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	15/08/2024
Hamptonwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	23/05/2024	Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Parkview Drive	2 Bed Apartment	28/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	06/08/2024
Poppintree Crescent	2 Bed Apartment	05/04/2024	Issued to Contractor	09/08/2024
Shangan Avenue	1 Bed Apartment	19/04/2024	Issued to Contractor	06/09/2024
Shangan Avenue	1 Bed Apartment	26/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	26/08/2024
Shangan Drive	1 Bed Apartment	20/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	15/08/2024
Silloge Place	3 Bed House	25/06/2024	Task Order to be prepared	TBC
The Turnpike	2 Bed Apartment	28/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	28/08/2024
The Hamptons	2 Bed Apartment	12/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	28/08/2024

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Coultry Drive	2 Bed Apartment	21/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/08/2024
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	08/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Coultry Way	2 Bed Apartment	22/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/08/2024
Forestwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	23/01/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Gateway Crescent	2 Bed Apartment	06/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	08/08/2024
Longdale Way	2 Bed Apartment	17/02/2024	Adaptions/Medical Priority	02/09/2024
Knowth Court	3 Bed House	24/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/08/2024
Marewood Crescent	1 Bed Apartment	28/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Shangan Avenue	3 Bed House	22/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Shangan Avenue	1 Bed Apartment	17/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Shangan Avenue	1 Bed Bungalow	14/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	09/08/2024
Silloge Close	2 Bed Apartment	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Silloge Gardens	3 Bed House	11/12/2023	Issued to Contractor	19/08/2024
Whiteacre Close	2 Bed Apartment	03/08/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	21/11/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer

Vacant Senior Citizen Units

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ard Na Meala	1 Bed	21/11/2023	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Burren Court	1 Bed	03/04/2024	Direct Labour	06/08/2024
Burren Court	1 Bed	14/05/2024	Direct Labour	06/08/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	28/04/2024	Direct Labour	06/08/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	28/02/2024	Direct Labour	06/08/2024

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Vacant Housing Units (14 in total)

Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	12/02/24	Appointed to contractor	June 24
Casement Drive	3 bed house	19/03/24	Depot organising this works	Sept 24
Casement Grove	3 bed house	13/03/24	Appointed to contractor	July 24
Ferndale Ave	4 bed house	27/03/24	Appointed to contractor	July 24
Griffith Close	4 bed house	03/04/24	Appointed to contractor (July)	Oct 24
Glenties Park	3 bed house	06/05/24	Appointed to contractor	Sept 24
Kilshane Road	3 bed house	07/05/24	Appointed to contractor	Sept 24
St Canices Court	2 bed house	28/03/24	Appointed to contractor	Aug 24
The Tolka, Prospect Hill	2 bed Apt	07/05/24	Appointed to contractor	Sept 24
Valeview Gardens	3 bed house	22/04/24	Appointed to contractor	Sept 24
Valeview Gardens	3 bed house	12/06/24	Appointed to contractor	Oct 24

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Cappagh Road	4 bed house	21/12/23	Appointed to contractor	July 24
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	22/01/24	Appointed to contractor	Insurance issues
Heath Square	3 bed duplex	10/06/23	Issue with Insurance	T.B.C

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (12 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Deanstown Court	1 bed	05/04/24	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	28/06/24	Direct Labour	Sept 24
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	01/05/24	Direct Labour	Sept 24
Griffith Cres	1 bed	07/03/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Kilshane Court	2 bed	22/03/24	Direct Labour	Aug 24
Merville Court	1 bed	28/02/24	Direct Labour	R.T.L

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (more than 4 months)				
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	14/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	06/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	14/08/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Kildonan Court	1 bed	12/02/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	16/10/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Mellowes Court	bedsit	28/09/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L

Contact: Margaret McGrane, Ballymun Area Housing Manager

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Q.38 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to consider the introduction of speed bumps and/or traffic calming measures along Cardiff Castle Road which has become a busy thoroughway for traffic from Cappagh Road onto Mellowes Road, potentially endangering children who play on the Green adjacent to houses on the road.

Reply

Cardiff Castle Road does not meet the warrant for the provision of speed ramps. The criteria for the installation of ramps are:

- The road should have a straight run of at least 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed should be greater than the posted speed limit.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.

Cardiff Castle Road is a short and narrow road, not conducive to motorists speeding. Measures available to combat rat running include, turn bans, no entry, one way systems and creating cul-de-sacks. These restrictions are non-discriminative and can cause greater inconvenience to residents.

Therefore, the appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised in this question is that residents apply for a Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes that can be found on the website:

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 222 2523
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Q.39 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to consider the introduction of speed bumps at the upper end of Casement Road in the vicinity of the junctions with Plunkett Crescent, Avenue and Road. There are speed bumps on the lower sections of the road but the upper portion has none and residents have raised concerns about speeding on the road.

Reply

A request for speed ramps on Casement Road (Enquiry Ref: 11148108) is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group.
The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
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Q.40 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to arrange for more regular maintenance of grass verges outside Maisonettes between Ballygall Crescent and Parade to improve the appearance of the area and to address issues with illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity.

Reply

Parks Services will arrange for an inspection of this area.

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

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct the litter wardens for the area to visit here regularly and remove a sample of any bags dumped for investigation. Fines will be issued should any evidence be found within any bags dumped.

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager
Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to arrange for the installation of railings or other suitable barrier at (details supplied) where tenants and the children of tenants face safety and anti-social behaviour issues directly outside their homes. All tenants at location have expressed a desire for fencing to be installed.

Reply

The Ballymun Area Office will facilitate a meeting with residents in the coming weeks to investigate the safety concerns raised. Baile Na Laochra and Hampton Wood Drive are not in charge of Dublin City Council. We will also arrange a meeting with O Cualann the developer of Baile Na Laochra to assist them in initiating the Taking in Charge Process. The Area Manager is happy to meet with the Councillor to discuss further if required.

Contact: Jackie O Reilly, Senior Executive Officer/Area Manager
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Q.42 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to provide a report on sewage, drainage and rodent issues in the Ballymun Area including summaries of reports received from tenants and actions taken by the Council to address them.

Reply

In the context of Housing Maintenance we have over 2500 units in the Ballymun area, to give a report on Sewage, Drainage and rodent issues and actions taken on these units would be a massive undertaking.

Our Drainage Maintenance section look after the day to day maintenance of sewer lines in the public road and this also includes surface water. They would also bait these lines if rodent activity is found in the lines.

In 2021 Housing Maintenance carried out a survey of the sewage drains within the Courts in Ballymun, the courts included were, Burren Court, Cairn Court, Cromlech Court, Dolmen Court, Doon Court, Druid Court and Knowth Court. The work included cleaning out the lines and repairing any defects.

Rodent issues within tenant properties is looked after by the HSE and DCC have a programme of baiting lines within complexes. If the Councillor had more specific addresses we could investigate these for him and come back with our findings.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing and Community
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Item 5 Environment and Transportation Matters

1. Traffic Service Request, Status Report 15/06/2024 and 18/06/2024
2. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting on the 28/05/2024 and 25/06/2024 in relation to Traffic Matters in the North West Area.

Order: Noted

Item 6 North West Area Matters

1. St Canice's Graveyard, Finglas: July 2024 update - for noting

Order: Noted

2. NWA nominations to Ballymun Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force

Order: Councillor Conor Reddy and Councillor Mary Callaghan nominated

3. Nominations to the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund Assessment Panel

Order: Councillor Leslie Kane and Councillor Conor Reddy nominated

4. Proposed Extinguishment Right of Way between 233-235 Glasnevin Avenue and 10-11 Beneavin Park Dublin 11

Order: Deferred

5. North West Area Managers Reports

Order: Noted

Item 7 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters

1. North West Area Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Report

Order: Noted

Item 8 Planning & Property Development Matters

1. Disposal of a plot of land to the rear of No. 14 Oldtown Road, Santry, Dublin 9.
2. Disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 19 Silloge Gardens, Ballymun, Dublin 11.
3. With reference to the proposed granting of a 7 Year Short Term Business Letting for use of office space 1, 2, 8, at Portacabin at the rear of the Reco Building, Ballymun, Dublin 9, to The Garda Diversion Project
4. With reference to the proposed granting of a 7 Year Short Term Business Letting for use of office space 3, 4, 5 Portacabin at the rear of the Reco Building, Ballymun, Dublin 9, to The Aisling Project Limited.
5. The proposed granting of a 10 year license to Finglas United F.C. at Kildonan Park Finglas Dublin 11.
6. With reference to the proposed grant renewal of a 5 year lease in Coultry Crèche, 21 Santry Way, Ballymun, Dublin 9

Order: All agreed and recommended to Council

Item 9 Motions to North West Area Managers

1A Motion in the name of Cllr Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager outline a plan for Northway Park in order to upgrade and utilise this park to its full potential.

Order: Report to Councillor

2A Motion in the name of Councillor Leslie Kane

That the manager develops Shangan Park to bring it to a playground or park area that families can use it and take the anti-social element from it.

Order: Report to Councillor

3A Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Reddy

That the Manager arranges for the Council to engage with Animal Welfare Organisations including but not limited to, My Lovely Horse Rescue, North Dublin Cat Rescue and Dogs Aid to roll out an educational and awareness raising campaign in the area covering responsible animal ownership and animal welfare. This may also involve engagement with local schools and youth organisations

Order: Report to Councillor

3B Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Reddy

That the Manager, in collaboration with the Economic Development Officer, Finglas Employment and Training Working Group and other relevant parties, investigates the feasibility of supporting an increased number of trade apprenticeships in the Housing Maintenance Section. The aim of these apprenticeships should be to (i) increase local skilled labour supply, (ii) to support housing maintenance staff in fulfilment of their duties and (iii) to support expansion of the direct labour capacity of the housing maintenance section in the medium term.

Order: Report to Councillor

3C Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Reddy

This Area Committee commends the Unveiling The Shadows report on Domestic Violence in the D10 area; Saoirse, the organisation who assembled the report and DCC and the South Central Area Committee for their support for the report.

The Area Committee requests:

- (i) A presentation from the authors of the report at a future area committee meeting and a debate on the relevance of findings in the North West Area.
- (ii) A similar review of Domestic Violence and Abuse in the North West Area within the first two years of this Council term.

Order: Report to Councillor

NWA Councillors: Keith Connolly, Mary Callaghan, Anthony Connaghan, Leslie Kane, Conor Reddy and Gavin Pepper

Apologises: Pat Teehan and Stephen Groome

Officials: Bruce Philips (A/Executive Manager), Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager Ballymun), Derek Healy (Finglas Housing Manager) Fiona Farrell (Staff Officer), Patricia Quirke (Administrative Officer) Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer) Maire Nic Reamoinn (Assistant Engineer) Joao Brescia (Assistant Engineer), Cathy Cassidy (Senior Staff Officer) Margaret McGrane (Ballymun Housing Manager), Caroline Dillon (Ballymun Area Community & Social Development Officer)

Anthony Connaghan
Chairperson

The meeting concluded at 3.55 p.m.