

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 17thSeptember 2024

Item 1 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16thJuly 2024

Order- Agreed

Replies to September's Councillors questions

Q.1 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the cutting back of the weeds/shrubbery at (details supplied)



Reply

The Public Domain Team will arrange for the cutting back of the shrubbery and clean- up of the laneway at details supplied above in the next two weeks.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, A/Public Domain Officer

Tel: 012226754

Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the cutting back of the weeds/shrubbery at (details supplied)



Reply

This matter is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the October's meeting of the North West Area Committee

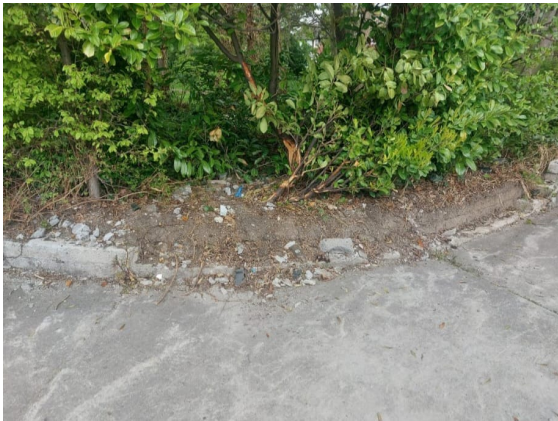
Contact: Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.

Tel: 01-2226182

Email: ciaran.mcgoldrick@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Councillor Keith Connolly

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



Reply

A contractor has been appointed to repair this wall, these works will be carried out in the coming weeks as soon as other work commitments are completed and schedule allows.

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

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for a period of enforcement and to examine measures to stop people illegally parking at (details supplied).



Reply

Parking Enforcement will request that DSPS enforce in this area. Any measures that may need to be introduced should be raised with the Traffic Advisory Group.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

Reply

The aforementioned location comprises of a public footpath and a private car park. Dublin City Council has no jurisdiction to recommend any measure on the private car park.

Bollards are not recommended on the public footpath as a measure to prevent illegal parking because it is not Dublin City Council's policy to provide parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the law.

Also, installing bollards on the public footpath would block the way for pedestrians, as it would reduce the width of the available footpath for people in wheelchairs and prams. Generally bollards are only provided in pedestrian and other areas where there is little or no vertical separation between carriageway and footpath.

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

Q.5 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the low hanging tree branches at (details supplied) to be cut as soon as possible.



Reply

Local parks staff have this tree on their schedule to be pruned up and will be completed in the coming weeks.

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 for a review of the location of the new bus stop at (details supplied).

Reply

A member of the Bus Stop Team will review the above proposed stop in light of the comments made above and revert to the Councillor in the coming days.

The NTA has requested that correspondence received by DCC regarding the Core Bus Corridors Infrastructure Works is sent directly by the Cllr to the NTA for response. Councillor queries should be sent to oireachtaslaiison@nationaltransport.ie

Contact: Adam Kelly, A/Senior Executive Technician | Bus and Coach Section
Phone: 01 2222472
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Q.7 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager if he can examine measures to stop cars gaining access to (details supplied)

Reply

The (details supplied) has a low kerbline which is similar to many residential open spaces across the city. If a barrier was installed at a certain point a car could still access the green from any other point along it's boundary. Railing off or fencing such a large area would require significant funding and not achievable in terms of a limited Parks improvement budget. Open spaces such as this have much greater potential to serve the surrounding community if left open. Fencing or railing off areas invites problems of their own, such as maintenance issues and dumping.

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

Q.8 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to carry out a full review of the double yellow lines at (details supplied)

Reply

Dublin City Council have received a number of complaints, service requests and Councillor Questions about the traffic congestion on (details supplied). There is also a report of an accident caused by vehicles parked on both sides of the road.

As the road is only 6 metres in width, it is not wide enough for double sided parking. Double yellow lines are provided on one side of the road, whilst the other side is left free for people to park their vehicles.

A number of site visits were made to Ballygall Road West, and it was decided that the best solution would be to provide double yellow lines on one side of the road. This solution offers increased safety for pedestrians, motorists and other road users and keeps the traffic flowing on the road, which is of a high volume.

Anyone can park on a public road. Dublin City Council does not provide or guarantee private parking outside someone's house. The residents who have the double yellow lines provided on the road directly outside their residence, have the option to park on the opposite side of the road or on nearby roads.

If residents wish to formalise parking on this road they can apply for a Pay & Display/Permit parking scheme at the link below;

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme/criteria>

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
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Q.9 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection and repair of the pathway around the green in (details supplied)

Reply

The footways around the green at (details supplied) will be inspected and put forwarded for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Footway Reconstruction Programme. In the meantime, any major defects will be logged for local repairs.

Enquiry Ref. 11164687

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

Tel: 01 222 2722

Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the laneway between 70 and 80 Griffith Road to be widened to allow residents to park in front of their homes similar to the way this has been done further up the road between numbers 82-96 and 54-69.

Reply

This proposal would not be possible without removal of trees and loss of open space. Park Services do not remove healthy trees. This is not something the Parks Service are in a position to facilitate.

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

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the footpaths on (details supplied) to be resurfaced as they are in a poor condition. An elderly resident and his son reported a fall to me here.

Reply

The footway between (details supplied) will be inspected and put forwarded for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Footway Reconstruction Programme. In the meantime, any major defects will be logged for local repairs.

Enquiry Ref.11164688

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

Tel: 01 222 2722

Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to explain why the kissing gate was removed at green area between Plunkett Avenue and Plunkett Crescent and if it can be replaced.

Reply

The kissing gate at Plunkett Avenue through to Plunkett Crescent was removed by the Public Domain Team on the basis of the several number of complaints received in relation to restricted access at this walkway for wheelchair /mobility scooter and double buggies.

The gate was removed to allow easier access to the local amenities for wheelchair user resident and residents with buggies on Plunkett Crescent. There are no plans to re-install the gate at present.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, A/Public Domain Officer

Tel: 012226754

Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the ramps along Dunsink Road to be inspected and repaired. The one at number 20/22 is particularly bad and will cause damage to cars.

Reply

These ramps will be inspected and arrangement will be made to arrange repairs as required.

Enq. Ref.11164689

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 an maintenance inspection of (details supplied) and to arrange for the insulation of the house as tenant has reported the heating to be very poor.

Reply

Housing Maintenance have carried out works to the bathroom for the tenant. An inspection of the property was carried out in relation to insulation and the walls of the property can be pumped and this will be added to the programme for next year.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 2095

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to consider placing big belly bins at the entrances to Kildonan Park. The current bins are constantly overflowing particularly at weekends. When the park is fully redeveloped there will be many more park users year round and overflowing bins will be a greater issue.

Reply

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned location assessed to see if more bins are required there.

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

Tel: 01 2224240,

Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange an arborist inspection of the trees in Farnham Park opposite numbers 18-24 Dunsink Road. Local residents have raised some concerns here about the heights and note that several trees in Farnham Park have come down in recent years but thankfully none near any homes.

Reply

The Parks Service will arrange for a ground based visual inspection of these trees by our district Tree Foreman in the coming weeks to determine any necessary works.

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

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the replacement of the kerbstone on bottom of Mellows Avenue opposite side from numbers 16/18.

Reply

The footway will be inspected at 16/18 Mellows Avenue and arrangements will be made to carry our repairs as required.

Enq. Ref.11164690

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

Tel: 01 222 2722

Email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to (details supplied) arrange for a clean-up of the laneway to the rear of 37-47A Cappagh Avenue. Residents have reported that the laneway has not received any attention for a very long time and there has also been reports of rat activity in homes adjacent to the laneway.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 4th September 2024.

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

Tel: 01 2224240,

Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager what steps are being taken by the City Council to address issues with illegal dumping in Baile na Laochra, Poppintree, Ballymun and if the Council can liaise with local residents regarding same.

Reply

The Litter Warden continue to remove a sample of any bags dumped for investigation. The Litter Enforcement Manager has been made aware of certain properties responsible for the dumping. Letters have been sent to the tenants of those properties requesting they provide proof of their participation in a waste collection service. Fines will be issued should acceptable proof not be provided.

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager

Tel: 01 222 2222

Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for an urgent inspection and repair of major road defects including holes on McKee Road, Finglas.

Reply

The carriageway on McKee Road will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, any major defects will be logged for temporary repairs.

Enq. Ref.11164692

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

Q.21 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the development site at Shangan Road including timescales for the commencement of building

Reply

Site 10 Shangan Road is included in the Social Housing PPP Programme Bundle 3. The project is in tender stage and a preferred tenderer will be identified in the coming weeks. Construction is scheduled to commence within the next 6 months subject to appointment of the preferred tenderer and detailed design. Construction Programme is expected to be 18-24 months.

Contact: Glen Murray Senior Executive Engineer/ Assistant Project Manager PPP
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Q.22 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the redevelopment of Finglas 5 Arm Junction including timescales.

Reply

The Finglas Village Improvement Scheme aims to deliver improvements to pedestrian and cyclist facilities and the public realm. It is predominantly focused on the junction of Seamus Ennis Road / McKee Avenue / Jamestown Road (the '5-arm' junction) located in Finglas Village. The scheme was approved by the NTA to go to non-statutory public consultation earlier this year. Following this consultation, and considering the feedback from the public the design is being modified where appropriate. The detailed design drawings will then be prepared. With appropriate permissions received from the National Transport Authority the scheme is expected to go to site in Q2 2025. A project webpage is active; updates on the scheme will be available on the website (dublincity.ie/activetravel) as the project progresses.

Contact: Rhona White, Senior Engineer Active Travel Section
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Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a power wash of the paths at the Poppintree shops.

Reply

The Public Domain Team have requested a power wash at Poppintree Shops which will be carried out next week. This location has also been scheduled for regular power washing going forward.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, A/Public Domain Officer
Tel: 0879040487
Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to do a traffic survey at (details supplied)

Reply

(details supplied) is included on the Ballymun to City Centre Bus Connects project, and as part of this project the junction with (details supplied) is to be upgraded to a fully signalised junction. Therefore, the Transport Advisory Group do not recommend any traffic management civil works that may restrict or conflict with the proposed design of the project.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.

Tel: 01 222 2523

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Q.25 Councillor Gavin Pepper

To ask the Manager can an inspection be arranged to address concerns around overgrown weeds and brambles with a view to tidying up these areas by planting trees and shrubs and establishing bird houses within these vicinities, these would all have to be maintained as lack of maintenance has been a huge issue with constituents.

Areas of concern include Plunkett Grove at St Kevin's Boys School along the railings, the laneway on Cappagh Road behind the Macaris takeaway at the maisonettes and at 445 Casement Road - there is a walkway opposite these houses which is no longer accessible as people have to walk on the road when coming through the gap.

Reply

With regard to Plunkett Grove at St Kevin's Boys School along the railings & laneway on Cappagh Road behind the Macaris takeaway at the maisonettes these areas have been highlighted with our maintenance contractor for strimming and general maintenance as soon as local schedule allows.

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

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The Public Domain Team will arrange for tidying and cutting back of the shrubbery at the three locations mentioned at details supplied above within the next two weeks.

The Public Domain team will also engage with St. Kevin's School with a view to installing bird boxes within the perimeter of the railings.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, A/Public Domain Officer

Tel: 012226754

Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Councillor Gavin Pepper

To ask the Manager if there is any plan for the council to set up an awareness campaign to highlight the dangers and diseases that dog poo carries.

Reply

There are no plans in place at present to set up a new awareness campaign as requested. Numerous campaigns including radio advertisements, have referenced the dangers and diseases that dog poo carries. Current signage carries message "Toxacara from dog dirt can blind children" These signs are still on display throughout the city.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer

Tel: 01 222 4243

Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Councillor Gavin Pepper

To ask the Manager to provide more pet waste bins and rubbish bins around the area as there is clearly an insufficient amount.

Reply

Waste Management Services no longer provide dog foul specific bins. Requests for litter bins are examined on a case by case basis. If it is considered that more bins are needed in the North West Area, requests for specific locations can be submitted to Waste Management Services. It should be noted that new litter bins are provided in areas of high footfall such as shop fronts, outside of pubs, churches and bus stops. We don't install new bins in residential areas.

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

Q.28 Councillor Gavin Pepper

To ask the Manager to organise CCTV be installed beside St Kevin's Boys' school on Barry Road as the lane is being used by addicts to inject themselves whilst using a variety of drugs.

Question withdrawn

Q.29 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager can a yellow box be placed on Balbutcher Lane at the Belclare Park entrance as with the new junction for Hampton Wood, many residents struggle to get out with bus stops operating at both sides. This can be quite chaotic in peak traffic times for people coming in and out of the estate.

Reply

The junction of Balbutcher Lane with Belclare Park will be assessed by the Area Engineer for the provision of a Yellow Box. A recommendation will be made if the criteria for a Yellow Box is met and the Area Engineer deems one is necessary at this junction. Please note that if the request is recommended, it must go through a statutory process before any measures are put in place.

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

Q.30 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of the footpaths on Shanliss Walk a lot of paths are very badly damaged and need to be repaired.

Reply

The footways on Shanliss Walk will be inspected and put forwarded for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Footway Reconstruction Programme. In the meantime, any major defects will be logged for local repairs.

Enq. Ref.11164693

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 to inspect the new double yellow lines installed at Ballygall Crescent at the cottages, since these have been installed it has caused traffic congestion at this site. Residents are now parking at driveways which have no yellow lines and across the road, which is holding up traffic on both sides of the road.

Reply

The Area Engineer does not have enough information about the location of the new Double Yellow Lines installed on Ballygall Crescent. According to the Transport Advisory Group files, no Double Yellow Lines were recommended by the Area Engineer at Ballygall Crescent.

However, in accordance with the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked... (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises; (k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic.

Please note that instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500 or Email parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie), or to the local An Garda Síochána, as it is a matter of enforcement under road traffic law.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.

Tel: 01 222 2523

Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manger to place double yellow lines at the entrance of Drapier Green the residents have said at certain times of high-volume traffic school runs and drop offs and church services. They can often struggle with getting in and outside of the estate. Residents have spoke to local Garda, who have said they can act once yellow lines are visible.

Reply

The area engineer will assess the request for double yellow lines at the entrance of Drapier Green, and the Councillor will be informed about the recommendation once the assessment in completed.

Please note it has to go through a number of statutory processes before measures are installed.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.

Tel: 01 222 2523

Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager can Drapier Green receive a new place sign as the one that is at the current location needs to be replaced.

Reply

Arrangements will be made to have this nameplate replaced.

Enq. Ref.11164694

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

Q.34 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager for a report on the cleaning schedule for Finglas and Ballymun as residents have complained about the dirt on the foot paths and parking bays at (details supplied)

Reply

The frequency of cleaning of streets and footpaths in the Finglas/Ballymun area is determined by the category of each individual street involved. Main thoroughfares and shopping areas are on a daily cleaning schedule. Secondary streets and side turns are on varying cleaning schedules as appropriate. Cleaning schedules for specific streets in this area can be found on our website www.dublincity.ie or by clicking the following link [SCHEDULE Map \(dublincity.ie\)](#). It should be noted that residential areas are regularly monitored and extra cleaning is arranged when necessary between scheduled cleanings. Arrangements have been made to have the footpaths and parking bays in (details supplied) cleaned.

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

Q.35 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager to inspect (details supplied) as many areas of the road need to be resurfaced.

Reply

The carriageway at (details supplied) will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2025 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, any major defects will be logged for temporary repairs.

Enq. Ref. 11164695

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

Q.36 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manger has a plan been set out for tree maintenance in the area as a lot of trees are very overgrown. (details supplied) is exceptionally bad with branches overgrown and almost reaching the ground.

Reply

These trees have been listed for pruning up by our staff as soon as local schedules allow.

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

Q.37 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager with DCC buying so many apartments in the Plaza Apartments Ballymun, can a report be done on the large undeveloped area underneath the apartments as a lot of the issues being reported with mould in the apartments are situated near this.

Reply

DCC currently own 32 properties in this apartment scheme, the development comprises of approx. 150 apartments in total. A number of Tenant in Situ Acquisitions have been proposed to DCC and are at various stages of the process.

DCC will make contact with the Management Company regarding Councillors request.

Contact: Aisling Browne, Administrative Officer Housing and Community
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Q.38 Councillor Leslie Kane

To ask the Manager can a name sign White Acre Place be installed at the corner of the green to try combat illegal dumping.

Reply

The Public Domain Team have agreed to meet with Councillor on site with a view to coming up with alternative anti-dumping measures at this location, as name signs generally would not deter dumping.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney, A/Public Domain Officer
Tel: 012226754
Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to consider installing a barrier around St. Pappins Green following an incident where a stolen car gained access to the Green, damaging the grass and causing fear among residents. Residents have suggested a wall similar to those in Hillcrest and Glasnevin Park, fencing or shrubbery around the perimeter of the green.

Reply

The green has a low kerblin which is similar to many residential open spaces across the city. To install a wall on such a large area would require significant funding and not achievable in terms of a limited Parks improvement budget. Open spaces such as this have much greater potential to serve the surrounding community if left open. Fencing or railing off areas invites problems of their own, such as maintenance issues and dumping.

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

Q.40 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to carry out repairs requested by (details supplied). Both homes had significant flooding as a result of leaks in their bathrooms which caused extensive damage to floors, walls and furniture. There are now serious issues with mould that are a health concern for tenants. In one of these cases the tenant has arrears which they dispute. They are willing to engage in an agreement with DCC if works can be carried out soon.

Reply

(details supplied) Housing Maintenance have tried to gain access to the second property mentioned above on five separate occasions to carry out works. They also tried to contact tenant by phone but to no avail. Plumbing works are due to be carried out following leak as tenant has entered into agreement with DCC.

(details supplied) Housing Maintenance After Hours Service attended to a reported major leak at this property however, no major leak was found and no repairs were carried out. The Depot attended the following day and found a small leak on the heating system. The leak was repaired.

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

Q.41 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager to provide a report on all land and buildings excluding homes and area offices owned by DCC in the North West Area and to provide a report on lands zoned for residential development in the area.

Reply

The Property Management section can provide a list of Lease and Licence agreements across the North West Area that exist within properties owned by DCC. It should be noted however that there may be restrictions with regard to GDPR pertaining to such occupancy agreements which could not be released.

With regard to other lands and buildings in the overall question, such properties cross a broad spectrum of DCC Departments, apart from Property Management, including Parks, Environment and Transportation, Libraries, Community, etc. While a Property Register is maintained, not all land and structures are captured on it and currently there is not one system that can list all lands/buildings within specific boundaries in the ownership of DCC. Each Department maintains their own records on different systems regarding land/building assets under their management.

Property Management is happy to engage further with the Councillor on what information can be provided within its remit and subject to the scope of the question being refined and clarified.

Zoning of Lands in the North West Area is dealt with in the Development Plan 2022-2028, Strategic Development and Regeneration Areas Map K refers.
Zoning in the North West Area Map A, B and E refers. A specific narrative regarding residential zoned land in the North West Area may be provided by the City Planner.

Contact: Nicola Finegan, Administrative Officer Planning and Development
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Q.42 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager that the trees and shrubbery in Belclare Crescent especially the paved square area are pruned and the area cleaned. Overgrown shrubs are being used to stash drugs and there may be issues with rodents. Dead plants on verge along Belclare Terrace are also in need of pruning/clearing and there is a tree that has overgrown onto the property of the resident at (details supplied), could these be tended to also.

Reply

The Parks Service have listed the trees to be pruned up in Belclare Crescent during our winter Tree Maintenance Programme.

The wildflower planting in Belclare Terrace will be maintained by our contractor during our autumn/winter Wildflower Maintenance Programme.

The tree at (details supplied) has been sent to our Tree Foreman for inspection and any recommended works will be added to our Tree Care Programme for the area.

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

Q.43 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager for a barrier to be erected in the lane adjacent to 13 Belclare Terrace to prevent scramblers and motorbikes having access. Residents are concerned for their safety and the safety of their children as a result of bikes using the lane.

Reply

The Public Domain Team will contact the Councillor and will engage with the residents to commence with the consultation process at details supplied.

Contact: Marguerite Delaney A/Public Domain Officer
Tel: 012226754
Email: marguerite.delaney@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager that overgrown trees, shrubs and verges at the entrance of Griffith Close from Griffith Road are pruned. The area is unsightly and the height of trees is obstructing natural light for multiple residents.

Reply

It is our understanding, that there is an active local group who have agreed to adopt the shrubs at this location and maintain them. In general, the trees at this location are in a healthy condition with no other recommended works at this time. The Council has a strict tree policy that we do not generally prune healthy trees for access for light or shading issues, but if there is a particular issue with a tree it can be assessed on a case by case basis.

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

Q.45 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager for a camera to be installed to prevent illegal dumping in the bushes at the end of Fairways Grove which is away from houses and not a privacy concern and to ask for information on the use of CCTV to deter and prosecute those dumping illegally. How can Councillors request CCTV in these instances.

Reply

1. The request to deploy CCTV cameras for the purposes of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of litter offences should be submitted to the Area Office in the first instance.

2. The Area Office having knowledge of their area will consider the purpose and rationale of the request in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Operation of CCTV for the purposes of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Litter Offences.
3. When the Area Office is satisfied that the request to deploy CCTV cameras is proportionate and necessary, the request will be forwarded to the CCTV Project Team, Litter Management Office, Waste Management Services.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.
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Q.46 Councillor Conor Reddy

To ask the Manager that double yellow lines are extended at the corner of Griffith Road and Fairways where parking can make it difficult to access the estate and to ask for same at the roundabout on Glasanaon Road where parking outside Johnstown Park makes it difficult for buses and larger vehicles to pass.

Reply

Double yellow lines were provided at the corner of Griffith Avenue and Fairways Park. It is not recommended to extend the double yellow lines, as currently it's not policy of Dublin City Council to provide parking restrictions where it's already covered under the law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph "(2) A vehicle shall not be parked - (k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic.

Removing more parking spaces at the entrance of the estate could increase the speeds on the road, as on street parking acts as natural traffic calming by reducing the carriageway's width and raising driver's attention.

Double yellow lines were recently recommended on Glasanaon Road and the recommendation is listed on September's TAG Agenda.

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Item 3 Environment and Transportation Matters

- a. Traffic Service Request, Status Report
- b. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting on the in relation to Traffic Matters in the North West Area.

Order- Noted

Item 4 North West Area Matters

- a. St Canice's Graveyard, Finglas: update

Order - Noted

- b. DCC Draft LECP Presentation

Order – Noted

c. North West Area CCTV Report

Order – Noted

d. North West Area Managers Reports

Order - Noted

Item 5 Planning & Property Development Matters

a. With reference to the proposed grant of a 5 year short term letting of 46/47 Mellows Court, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Finglas Support and Suicide Prevention Network.

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

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

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

c. With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence to Liam Mellows Memorial Garden Finglas West Dublin 11

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

d. Grant of a lease of Units 1 and 2, The Turnpike, Santry Cross, Dublin 11.

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

e. Grant of 3 Year Short Term Business Letting of Unit 2, Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11 to River Sillogue Trade Limited trading as Spar.

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

f. Notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Proposed Development of 277 Residential Dwellings at Sites 5 & 15-18 (LAP References) bound by Balbutcher Lane to the north, Balcurriss Park to the west, the Ballymun Road to the east, and Balcurriss Gardens to the west, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

g. Report on the Part 8. Residential Development on lands at Balbutcher Lane, Ballymun (Site 14, LAP)

Order- Agreed and recommended to Council

Item 6 Motions

1A Motion in the name of Councillor Keith Connolly

That this North West Area Committee ask for an update on and a plan of action for the derelict site in front of the Rediscovery Centre. With thousands of children coming from all

over Ireland to visit the national centre for the circular economy, this site seriously detracts from the centre and from the main street of Ballymun. The Rediscovery Centre has brought huge value to Ballymun and has been a reliable partner for the Council and this committee in the past. Dublin City Council should proactively engage with the Centre in drafting any plan of action for the future of the site.

Order: Report to Councillor

1B Motion in the name of Councillor Keith Connolly

That this North West Area Committee supports Finglas Tidy Towns in their endeavours to secure a larger premises to work out of and that Dublin City Council will assist them in securing a new premises in any way possible. Finglas Tidy towns have been in operation for 17 years and have very little space in their current arrangement.

Order: Report to Councillor

2A Motion in the name of Councillor Leslie Kane

That the Manager supports that any clothing bank installed on public land have the drop in option but with no option to pull the clothing back out as this is causing major problems with dumping. Shangan road has been really badly affected with this and may need more clothing banks to help with this situation.

Order: Report to Councillor

3A Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Reddy

That the Manager strongly condemns the recent racist incidents and protests in Dublin North West – including but not limited to attacks on asylum seekers in Lanesborough, the spread of hateful misinformation about migrants and the incidents in Finglas West in late August, where false accusations of serious assaults led to violence and anger. The North West area is a welcoming, inclusive community that values solidarity. The actions of a few are driving hate and division and must be countered.

Order: Report to Councillor

3B Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Reddy

That the Manager notes challenges in Hampton Wood including antisocial behaviour, illegal dumping around bin sheds, a lack of community spaces and facilities (e.g. community centre, playground) and increasingly costly private management fees. NWAC further notes that despite being publicly accessible on both sides of the estate and having a significant number of DCC tenants, Hampton Wood is currently managed by a private company, not DCC. This committee calls on the Finglas and Ballymun Area Offices to engage with residents and other stakeholders (youth services in Ballymun and Finglas) on these challenges, to discuss the possibility of taking Hampton Wood in charge and to explore other options for how the council might better support residents and tenants in the estate.

Order: Report to Councillor

3C Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Reddy

That the Manager welcomes measures outlined in the state's new Autism Innovation Strategy and recognises the challenges experienced by people with Autism and their families. This committee calls for:

(i) Dublin City Council to lead the way by considering the inclusion of sensory equipment in local parks and playground equipment contracts for children with Autism and other sensory issues.

(ii) Dublin City Council continue to support community organisations working with those with special needs. This support is vital to ensuring that the North West Area continues to be inclusive and equal to all its residents.

(iii) Dublin City Council assists the North West Area Committee to become more aware and understanding of people/children on the Autism Spectrum by arranging a presentation or learning opportunity from AsIAM or other Autism advocacy organisation on measures that would be helpful in making DNW a more inclusive place for Neurodiverse people living in our community within the next 12 months.

Order: Report to Councillor

Apologises Bruce Philips (A/Executive Manager),

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

Officials: Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager Ballymun), Pat Teehan (Finglas Area Manager) Fiona Farrell (Staff Officer), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer) Larry Dooley (Community & Social Development Officer), Marguerite Delaney (A/Public Domain Officer) Maire Nic Reamoinn (Assistant Engineer) Joao Brescia (Assistant Engineer), Will Mangan (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Cathy Cassidy (Senior Staff Officer) Margaret McGrane (Ballymun Housing Manager), Caroline Dillon (Ballymun Area Community & Social Development Officer. Shauna McIntyre (Senior Executive Officer) Ross Curley (A/Senior Executive Officer), Michelle Robinson (Senior Executive Officer), Dervla Cotter (Senior Executive Architect)

Anthony Connaghan
Chairperson

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm