

## COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR

### CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 10.00 am.

#### Minutes

Standing Orders were suspended in order that the Committee could hold a minutes silence for Ms. Donna Fox who was died in an accident on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and to express their gratitude to the local residents for their compassionate actions on the day.

6338 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016  
**ORDER: Agreed.**

6339 Questions to the Area Manager  
**ORDER: Noted.**

#### Planning and Development Matters

6340 In compliance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, I hereby notify you that it is proposed to carry out development works at a site at Croke Villas bounded by Sackville Avenue to the North, the railway and royal canal to the South, Ardilaun Road to the West, rear Ballybough Road and Sackville Gardens to the East, Dublin 3 and notice is hereby given of Dublin City Council's intention to carry out the following development works at this site; - Demolition of the remaining four flat blocks at Croke Villas known as numbers 1 - 21; 22-42; 43-63 and 64-79 Croke Villas.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

6341 In compliance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, I hereby notify you that it is proposed to initiate the Part 8 proceedings for the proposed mixed use development at east side of Dominick Street.  
**ORDER: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 procedure.**

6342 With reference to an update from the Planning Department on the Proposed Variation to the Grangegorman Planning Scheme.  
**ORDER: Update noted. Agreed that Dublin City Council proceed with the process to amend the SDZ.**

- 6343 With reference to the Planning Enforcement Quarterly Report  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Matters**

- 6344 With reference to an update on the refurbishment of Wolfe Tone Park.  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

**Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

- 6345 With reference to an update on East Wall Traffic issues  
**ORDER: Report noted.**
- 6346 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

**Central Area Matters**

- 6347 With reference to a deviation from the Scheme of Letting Priorities.  
**ORDER: Agreed.**
- 6348 With reference to an update on the North East Inner City Action Plan.  
**ORDER: Report noted.**
- 6349 Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit  
North East and North West Inner City Housing Issues  
Grangegorman Development  
Central Area Age Friendly Update  
Community Development Report  
Central Area Sports Report  
**ORDER: Reports noted. Councillor's comments can be summarised as follows:**  
**(a) Members wished Fr. Seamus Mallin Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**  
**(b) A report by the Fire Officer concerning Buckingham Village has been requested for the next meeting.**  
**(c) A report/update by the Environment Health Section concerning 41/42 Phibsboro Road has been requested for the next meeting**  
**(d) Councillors to be sent information re any pre planning discussion on Aldborough House**  
**(e) Members also congratulated the Stoneybatter Pride of Place group for the work undertaken in the area and also noted the efforts of Dublin City Council in supporting the Pride of Place Committee.**

## Motions

The following emergency motion was tabled;

### **Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee calls on Iarnród Éireann to use the opportunity presented by the opening of the Phoenix Park tunnel to expand the proposed service to include new rail stations at Phoenix Park (Infimary Road), Cabra, Cross Guns Bridge and Croke Park rather than bypass these heavily populated areas previously identified as being in need of commuter rail stations. The committee also notes that the current proposed route, whilst passing through the Northside, excludes any rail service to the residents therein with the exception of Drumcondra, thus losing an opportunity to provide the area with a viable alternative public transport service, contrary to Policy MT6 of the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 which states that it is the policy of DCC "to work with Iarnród Éireann, the NTA, PRA and other operators to progress a co-ordinated approach to improving the rail network....to ensure maximum public benefit and promoting sustainable transport and improved connectivity". Finally, if the motion is agreed, we further agree to forward the motion to Iarnród Éireann by way of input into the public consultation process.

Submissions on the proposal have a deadline of 19th September

**ORDER: Agreed. Motion to be submitted to the Iarnrod Eireann as part of the public consultation process.**

### **6350 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee requests Bord Gais to raise the gas meters at the senior citizen complex at Ballybough Court as the meters are low down in the flats and some residents have difficulties trying to read the meters.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

### **6351 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to enter discussions with the owners of Aldborough House, Killarney Street, Dublin 1 in order to seek putting the property to use as a community complex.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

### **6352 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to ask for a report from the Chief Fire Officer regarding concerns of fire safety at the Buckingham Village Complex, Dublin 1.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

### **6353 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee supports the acquisition of Aldborough House from the present owners and its restoration and conversion into an Educational and Heritage Centre for use by organisations such as Dublin Fire Brigade, the Dublin Dock Workers Preservation Society, the

North Inner City Folklore Project and any other parties committed to use of such an historic and iconic building for educational, training and heritage purposes.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**6354 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee requests An Post to put the Norman Teeling Easting Rising paintings (commissioned by An Post to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Easter Rising) back on public view in the GPO Witness History Museum or in the GPO public area or alternatively offer the painting on loan to interested galleries, buildings, groups etc.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be forwarded to An Post.**

**6355 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee requests An Post to put the GPO Garrison photograph taken of the Garrison in Croke Park in 1938 back on public view either in the GPO public offices where it once hung or in the GPO Witness History Museum or alternatively offer the photograph on loan to interested galleries, buildings, groups etc.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be forwarded to An Post.**

**6356 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee supports the nomination of members of the GPO Garrison of the 1916 Relatives Committee to the Moore Street Consultative Group recently announced by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and requests the Minister to immediately write to the GPO Garrison Committee confirming that nominees from the group will be accepted onto the Group.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be forwarded to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.**

**6357 Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan**

That this Central Area Committee calls on the Planning Department and Housing Department to look at building houses instead of apartments on the Infirmiry Road site. I asked Gerry Cunningham this question over two years ago. It is my understanding that building houses on that site would fit better with what is already there as apartments would look out of place. There are no high buildings apart from the courts and the old Army building. Furthermore the need to have houses built around that area for the remaining tenants in the blocks at O'Devaney Gardens is high. All tenants who are left would love to remain in the area and fully support this motion. I feel this development is the ideal opportunity to address the needs of the remaining tenants whilst providing additional housing for people on our housing list.

**ORDER: Agreed with the following addendum "The Committee directs the Assistant Chief Executive for Housing to utilise existing funding for the Infirmiry Road site to immediately build nine houses, and that the Infirmiry Rd site be treated as a standalone Part 8 development."**

**Motion to be sent to the Assistant Chief Executive.**

**6358 Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan**

That this Central Area Committee calls on the Minister for the Environment & Local Government to put pressure on the Government not to appeal the decision by Europe to recoup 13 billion in overdue taxes from multinational company Apple. As we all know this money could completely solve the housing crisis and take serious pressure off families waiting for a home. We also condemn the Government for insisting that struggling families pay water and property tax all the while giving huge tax incentives and breaks to companies who make billions.

**ORDER: Agreed by Cllrs Boylan, Gannon, Smith, Fagan and Burke only. Letter to be sent to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.**

**Attendance**

**Cllr. Ray McAdam (Vice-Chairperson)  
Cllr. Christy Burke  
Cllr. Nial Ring  
Cllr. Gaye Fagan  
Cllr Janice Boylan  
Cllr. Gary Gannon  
Cllr. Eilis Ryan**

**Apologies**

**Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe (Chairperson)**

**Officials**

**Rose Kenny, Executive Manager, Central Area  
Eileen Gleeson, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area  
John O'Hara, Acting Dublin City Planning Officer  
Fiacra Worrall, Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer  
Owen O'Doherty, Deputy City Architect  
Mary McQuillan, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's  
Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Division  
Will Mangan, Executive Engineer, Traffic Division  
Dara O'Daly, Landscape Architect, Parks Division  
Dick Whelan, Area Housing Manger, Central Area  
Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area  
Sean Smith, Area Housing Manager, Central Area  
John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area  
Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer, Central Area  
Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area**

**Councillor Ray McAdam  
Vice-Chairperson  
13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**