

## **NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**NWA/196/16** Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

**ORDER:       Noted.**

**NWA/197/16** Questions to the Area Manager

**ORDER:       Noted.**

**NWA/198/16** Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer

**ORDER:       Noted. Emergency motion from Councillor Cieran Perry in relation to working hours of Iarnod Eireann was withdrawn and discussed as an item under the Cabra Area Office Report.**

**NWA/199/16** Bus Priority Report "The bus priority team is proposing a scheme to improve bus journey times outbound on the Navan Road", Maggie O'Donnell, Senior Executive ITS Officer.

**ORDER:       Noted.**

**NWA/200/16** With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in the premises now known as No. 137 North Circular Road, Dublin 7

**ORDER:       Recommend to City Council.**

**NWA/201/16** **Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager organise the installation of a mobile CCTV camera to identify the culprits illegally dumping at the bottle bank at the end of Carnlough Road. This has been done on a number of occasions previously.

**ORDER:       Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/202/16** Housing Cabra/Finglas Report, Derek Healy, Housing Manager

**ORDER:       Noted.**

**NWA/203/16** Part 8 St. Finbarr's Court - Bedsit Amalgamation Proposal for information purposes only, Cecilia Naughton, City Architects

**ORDER:       Noted**

**NWA/204/16** Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager

**ORDER:       Noted**

**NWA/205/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe**

After 7 years lying idle, the NWAC call on the council to compulsory purchase the derelict house in Oakwood. While the owner who is now in the UK has been registered on the Derelict Sites Register and will incur fines, we cannot let this eyesore remain. There are many similar sites across the city and DCC should be using the power to CPO more.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/206/16 Motion in the name of Councillors David Costello & Paul McAuliffe**

That the office of international relations assist the village of Finglas to establish a cultural connection/sister village relationship with an urban village in one of the following Cities currently twinned with Dublin City: San Jose, Liverpool and Barcelona.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/207/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe**

That Dublin City Council will compulsory purchase the Drake Pub and use the site for the construction of a new Public Library for Finglas.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/208/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello**

That the manager provides an update in relation to the Dunsink driveway extensions which the NWAC approved funding for as part of the discretionary fund.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/209/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello**

That this committee calls on the manager to examine the possibility of replacing the harsh speed ramps in Northway Estate and adjacent roads with more appropriate ones.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor. Possible inclusion in the Road Works Programme to be examined by Traffic.**

**NWA/210/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello**

the manager provides a full update in relation to the rapid build project in Finglas South and an update in relation to the PPP for Scribblestown.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/211/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello**

That the manager orders an inspection of fire safety of all council owned houses in Lake Glen, Finglas South following reports of smoke permeating through houses following a recent fire.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/212/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Area Office apply for Sports Capital Funding in 2017 to provide an outdoor gym in Tolka Valley Park.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/213/16** Questionnaire on the North West Area Committee Format – Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager.

**ORDER: Noted. It was agreed to keep the format as is, subject to review in three months, if there is insufficient time for Ballymum matters.**

**NWA/214/16** Public Domain Report, John Twamley, Public Domain Officer

**ORDER: Noted. A number of issues were discussed. John Twamley will discuss the movement of the clothes bank at Coultry Lane with Waste Management and report back to the October meeting.**

**NWA/215/16** Sports & Wellbeing Partnership Report.

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/216/16** Quarterly Housing Allocation Report up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**ORDER: Noted**

**NWA/217/16** Planning Quarterly Enforcement Report, Fiacra Worrall, Assistant Enforcement Manager.

**ORDER: Noted. A number of issues were discussed.**

**NWA/218/16** Traffic Service Requests, Status Report

**ORDER: Noted. An update on the Drumcondra Traffic Study will be presented to the October North West Area Committee Meeting for Councillor's comments. A decision on the preferred option for the Traffic Study will be made and presented to the City Council in November for information purposes only.**

**NWA/219/16** Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

**ORDER: Noted.**

**NWA/220/16** Dublin North West Area Partnership Presentation, Michael Bowe, Chief Executive.

**ORDER:       Deferred.**

**NWA/221/16   Motion in the name of Councillor Norma Sammon**

To call on Dublin City Council to recognise the late actor Gene Wilder and his role in the film "*Quackser Fortune Has A Cousin In The Bronx*" which included notable locations in the area including John Kavanagh's pub and St. Teresa's Place, both in Dublin 9.

**ORDER:       Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/222/16   Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Northwest committee engage the DCC Beta projects team to come up with an Innovative solution to improve the dull and boring DCC square bins in the area. At present we hear that people are dumping household rubbish in and around some of the bins and others have been vandalised or damaged by fire. The Beta project team have helped provide artwork around the city which has brightened up dull boring grey boxes and a decrease in vandalism has been seen. It is hoped that we could see similar results with a Beta Project.

**ORDER:       Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/223/16   Ballymun Area Office Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager**

**ORDER:       Noted. A report on the Northern Site to be included in future Ballymun Area Office Reports.**

**NWA/224/16   With reference to the proposed grant of a licence in 1 Longdale Terrace.**

**ORDER:       Recommend to City Council**

**NWA/225/16   Part 8 Glasanaon Court - Bedsit Amalgamation Proposal for information purposes only, Cecilia Naughton, City Architects.**

**ORDER:       Noted.**

**NWA/226/16   Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

That this area committee supports the great facility that is the Poppintree Community Centre. We recognise the great work that continues there on a daily basis but feels that the sports side of the centre is not reaching its full potential. There is a feeling in the community that young people are not engaging in the activities taking place there. Going forward Dublin City Council will carry out a number of activities to promote the centre and encourage participation in sport.

- 1) Organise a sports introduction day highlighting all sports taking place
- 2) Carrying out a recruitment drive to encourage participation in the centre
- 3) Visit Local Schools advising students of the activities in the centre
- 4) Launch an advertising campaign

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/227/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

In light of the recent Irish Business against Litter Survey which highlighted Ballymun as a litter black spot in Dublin, this area committee calls on DCC to provide additional resources to tackle illegal dumping. The last thing Ballymun needs when trying to attract business is to be mentioned negatively in a business report.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/228/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Greg Kelly, South East Area**

That this area committee calls for Traffic Calming measures at Poppintree Crescent and Belclare Drive. There have been numerous accidents recently on this road. Residents raised this issue before the road opened and were told that all measures were included. The safety measures on the road are not adequate with the level of traffic and it needs to be reviewed before there is serious injury to someone. Residents are requesting transfers out of the area because of the danger on the road.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/229/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the council provides bike racks on Ballymun Plaza as part of the planned refurbishment.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/230/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the council look at ways to prevent the ongoing dumping on the Shangan side of the gap between Shangan and Shanliss Grove. Planting, or a piece of art involving the community might help deter the regular dumping at this location.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/231/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the council replace the bin at the bus stop outside the Omni shopping centre on the Swords Road and replace the missing cobble locks from when the bin was removed.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA/232/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the council examine Shantalla bridge flyover to make it more pedestrian friendly. The bridge was designed in a different era when cars were given priority and the basic design has not been changed since it was opened in

1983. It is very hostile for pedestrians trying to cross the road at the top of the bridge. There are a lot of elderly pedestrians crossing the bridge heading to the church further down the Swords Road. It can be difficult to see oncoming traffic coming from the Swords Road (see photo 1) and the nice smooth curve for vehicles coming from Shantalla Road, turning left on to the Swords Road, encourages vehicles to take the corner at higher speeds. Pedestrian lights should be considered at the top of the bridge, and there is also an opportunity to put in a pedestrian crossing at the bollards towards the Shantalla Road end of the bridge.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**NWA Councillors:**

**ORDER: Noeleen Reilly, Anthony Connaghan, Emma Murphy, Paul McAuliffe, Cathleen Carney Boud, David Costello, Teresa Keegan, Cieran Perry, Andrew Keegan, Seamus McGrattan, Andrew Montague and Norma Sammon**

**Apologies: Councillor Lord Mayor, Brendan Carr, and Councillor Aine Clancy.**

**Officials: Dave Dinnigan (Area Manager), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Donal Barron (Area Housing Manager – Ballymun), Catherine Quinlan (Housing), Fiacra Worrall, (Assistant Enforcement Manager), Fergus Synnott, (Administrative Officer – Cabra), Bridget Gilbert (Senior Staff Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer), (Traffic Management & Control) Neil O'Donoghue (Traffic Engineer, NWA), John Twamley (Public Domain Officer, Maggie O'Donnell (Senior Executive ITS Environment & Transportation Department), Cecilia Lopez- Naughton, (Senior Executive Architect)**

**Councillor Noeleen Reilly  
Chairperson**

**The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm.**