

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 15th November 2016

NWA/263 /16 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2016

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/264 /16 Questions to the Area Manager.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/265/16. Cabra Area Office Report, Fergus Synnott, Administrative

ORDER: Clarification will be sought in relation to having Councillor and Community Representation on the Dalymount Park Steering Group.

NWA/266/16 Nominations to the Phibsborough Local Environmental Improvement Plan Monitoring Committee.

ORDER: Noted. Councillor Cieran Perry was nominated to the Monitoring Committee.

NWA/267/16 Housing Cabra/Finglas Report, Derek Healy, Housing Manager

ORDER: Noted. Details of choice based lettings to be sent to all Councillors. Dave Dinnigan will liaise with the Chief Fire Officer in relation to the vacant block in Prospect Hill

NWA/268/16 Finglas Area Office Report, Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager

ORDER: Noted. The Deputy Chief Executive will meet with residents in relation to the Abigail Centre and ongoing issues. There will be an open agenda. Thanks were expressed to Aidan Maher for his work on the ongoing issues involved.

NWA/269/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

The Manager arranges for a re-design of the roundabout at the junction of Mellows Road and Finglaswood Road which would lead to less confusion for drivers approaching when oncoming cars are turning right.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. Can the road signs at the junction be raised/lowered to ensure motorists can see the cars indicators. The missing sign at the roundabout will be replaced.

NWA/270/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager arranges for speed ramps to be placed along Ratoath Road from Westwood to Dunsink Lane where cars regularly speed along the road. There has been a number of reports of near misses when cars are trying to exit the Westwood Estate at various times.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/271/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Cathleen Carney Boud

That Dublin City Council CPO the Drake Inn, Finglas village which has been an eyesore for many years now. Previous requests by the council to the owner to have improvements carried out on the building seem to be ignored and there are serious concerns about the environmental hazards within the property. Finglas village needs properties such as this to be open as a working business which contributes to the village. The state of The Drake has a huge negative impact if trying to encourage business investment in the area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/272/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

That the manager provides Monthly Updates in relation to the Area known as the "Barry Shops" Finglas West and that this be included as a standing item on the Agenda until it is brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/273/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe

The NWAC recognise the property rights of the owners of the former Drake Inn and separately the owners of the former Barry House but call on these owners to also live up to their responsibilities and take immediate steps to bring into use these sites. The NWAC requests that the City Council inform the owners of these properties of this motion and invite them to make a presentation before the Area Committee as soon as possible.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. The North West Area Committee will write to the owners of the Drake Inn and Barry House be invited to attend a further North West Area Committee Meeting.

NWA/274/16 Discussion on Discretionary Fund 2017 – Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager.

ORDER: Councillors are invited to make submissions for works/projects to be carried out under the 2017 Discretionary Fund.

NWA/275/16 Nominations are requested to the following;

- a) Dublin North West Area Partnership
- b) Finglas/Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force
- c) Finglas Youth Resource Centre

ORDER: Councillor Cathleen Carney Boud was nominated to the North West Area Partnership. Councillor Anthony Connaghan was nominated to the Finglas Youth Resource Centre. Nominations to the Finglas/Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force were deferred to the December Meeting.

NWA/276/16 Public Domain Report, John Twamley, Public Domain Officer

ORDER: Councillors to be given information on numbers to ring for next Halloween.

NWA/277/16 Sports & Wellbeing Partnership Report

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/278/16 Quarter 3 Derelict Sites Section update for the North West Area Committee, Nial Dully, Administrative Officer and Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Development Department

ORDER: Derelict Sites have identified a number of properties that can be put back into use. The owner of the Balnagowan House on St. Mobhi Boithrin, be invited to attend the North West Area Committee Meeting.

NWA/279/16 Report on Maintenance Issues, Chris Ursu, Executive Engineer

ORDER: Road Maintenance to be invited to the January Meeting. Councillors to submit road maintenance issues prior to the meeting.

NWA/280/16 Presentation on New Runway at Dublin Airport, Siobhán O' Donnell, Head of External Communications, Miriam Ryan, Head of Strategy, Dublin Airport Authority.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/281/16 Traffic Service Requests, Status Report

ORDER: Update from Neil O'Donoghue on Drumcondra Traffic Cell to be circulated to Councillors. Neil O'Donoghue to clarify with Dave Dinnigan on funding for the project.

NWA/282/16 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/283/16 Inter Authority Meeting with Fingal County Council – Agenda items requested.

ORDER: Councillors were invited to submit topics for inclusion in the Agenda. Councillors from the North Central will also be invited to make submissions.

NWA/284/16 **Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

This committee calls on the Government to deliver on their promise to protect and enhance the services available in local Post Offices as stated in the Programme for Government. A Grant Thornton report estimates that without a Government commitment to funding and the maintenance of contracts for services through the Post Office Network as many as 400 offices would close by 2017. The loss of a vital community service and the resulting job losses would be unacceptable.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. This motion will be forwarded to the Minister

NWA/285/16 Motion in the name of Councillor David Costello

That this Area Committee commends the work of all DCC Staff involved in making the Northwest Area a safer place this Halloween and that this is communicated to each member of Staff.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/286/16 Ballymun Area Office Report, Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager.

ORDER: Noted. The location of the Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum has moved to the Sklyon Hotel, Drumcondra and will now include Lark Hill.

NWA/287/16 "Growing Your Business in a Digital World", Liam Barry, Economic Development Officer.

ORDER: Noted.

NWA/288/16 Presentation on Santry River Greenway Project, David O'Connor, Lecturer in Transport Planning at DIT Environment & Planning; Odran Reid, Planning and Economics Consultant and Lecturer at DIT Environment & Planning; Dr. Matthias Borscheid, Manager, Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Northside Partnership Ltd.

ORDER: The North Central and North West Area Committees agreed the following respective Area Committee meetings in October and November 2016.

That the presentation and research carried out by David O'Connor and the Dublin Institute of Technology on the Santry River Greenway be thoroughly considered by both the Planning and Property Development and Transportation SPCs. That funding be provided for surveying and detailed design work and that the project be afforded a high priority with the NTA for implementation.

NWA/289/16 With reference to the proposed disposal of site for a substation at Shangan Green, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

ORDER: Report to Recommend to City Council.

NWA/290/16 With reference to the proposed disposal of site for a substation at Shangan Drive, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

ORDER: Report to Recommend to City Council.

NWA/291/16 With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of New Unit FG, plus one basement car space at Ballymun Civic Centre, Ballymun Main Street, Dublin 9.

ORDER: Report to Recommend to City Council.

NWA/292/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manger to arrange for Double Yellow lines in Oak Park Estate Santry from the lights at the front of the estate to the first house on both sides of the road, as people park on the left hand side from the lights all the way in.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/293 /16 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That this area committee supports the completion of the Ballymun United Club House and will support them in any way they can and we will write a letter to the FAI and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport requesting funding to finish this project.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/294/16 Motion in the name of Councillors Andrew Montague, Cathleen Carney Boud, and Paul McAuliffe

That the council CPO the properties at 8 and 10 Ferguson Road. These properties have been in a derelict state for many years and are held up by steel joists. Rather than having a negative impact on the houses around them these properties should be fixed up and used for housing.

ORDER: Report to Councillor. The Councillors will submit a revised motion on 8 and 10 Ferguson Road.

NWA/295/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the council fix the walls and fences at the back of Pinewood Crescent to prevent future antisocial behaviour, hoarding of wood and dumping at the site.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/296/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That as part of the new trial of bins for dog dirt, the Manager install one of these bins into Ellenfield Park.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/297/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

That the manager upgrade the street lighting for Seven Oaks estate, especially at the pedestrian entrance from the Swords Road into the estate at the hole in the wall, and elsewhere in the estate where there is very poor lighting.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA/298/16 Motion in the name of Councillor Norma Sammon

To call on Dublin City Council to investigate the possibility of a compulsory purchase for the derelict Bord Iascaigh Mhara site in Glasnevin. The site is an eyesore to residents and there is a danger of anti-social behaviour and a recurrence of rat infestation.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

NWA Councillors:

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

Others in Attendance: Siobhán O' Donnell, Head of External Communications, Miriam Ryan, Head of Strategy, Dublin Airport Authority.

David O'Connor, Lecturer in Transport Attendance Planning at DIT Environment & Planning; Odran Reid, Planning and Economics Consultant and Lecturer at DIT Environment & Planning; Dr. Matthias Borscheid, Manager, Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, Northside Partnership Ltd.

Apologies: Lord Mayor, Brendan Carr

Absent: Cllr Teresa Keegan

Officials: Dave Dinnigan, (Area Manager), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Derek Healy (Area Housing Manager – Finglas/Cabra), Donal Barron (Area Housing Manager – Ballymun), Fergus Synnott, (Administrative Officer – Cabra), Bridget Gilbert (Senior Staff Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer), John Twamley (Public Domain Officer,) and Neil O'Donoghue (Traffic Engineer, NWA), Nial Dully, (Administrative Officer - Planning and Property Development Department), Chris Ursu (Executive Engineer – Operations)

**Councillor Noeleen Reilly
Chairperson**

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm