

Motions to the Area Managers
Central Area Committee meeting
11th May 2021

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That this Central Area Committee request the Parks Department to investigate the possibility of providing permanent chess boards on tables in parks in the Central Area.

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Eimer McCormack

That this Central Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland to work together to tackle the issue of littering and public urination along the banks of the Royal Canal between Cross Guns Bridge and Binn's Bridge.

The provision of big bellied bins along the entire stretch of canal, the provision of public toilets and the provision of bottle banks at either end of the bank need urgent installation. Can the City Manager provide an update to this Area Committee on steps being taken to address this issue.

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

Noting that the only option for people to socialize is to meet outdoors, there will be a massive increase in people meeting outdoors in streets, parks and other open areas and this will cause an increased demand for bins and public toilets, that this Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council to provide a greater provision of bins and an increased cleaning schedule in areas likely to be impacted, more provision of public toilets, including in the vicinity of Crossguns Bridge, for an understanding approach where we acknowledge some people will drink outdoors, but tackling more serious violations and annoyances to local residents.

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner and Councillor Darcy Lonergan

That this Area Committee calls for a laneway of traffic along North Kings Street to be reallocated to provide space for improved footpaths and outdoor dining space, in line with the requests from businesses and to support existing speed limits on this section of roadway.

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello

That this Area Committee agree that the North Port Dwellers Association and North Wall Community Association be invited to give a presentation on the experiences of local communities at the centre of the enormous Docklands development.

Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner and Councillor Darcy Lonergan

That this Area Committee calls for a fully public toilet along the Royal Canal as soon as possible, recognising that the regular and generally sociable gathering here will become increasingly anti-social if people are not provided with hygiene facilities.

Item 7

Motion in the name of Councillor Cat O'Driscoll

That this Area Committee requests an increase in public bins in high footfall areas for the summer months and that the Area Manager engages with Waterways Ireland to enhance the cleaning of the Royal Canal and particularly the Drumcondra/Phibsborough section.

Item 8

Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello

That this Area Committee agree to write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, to encourage the Government to assist Scouting Ireland in their request for additional funding in 2021. Nationally more than 34,000 young people are engaged in scouting. Covid-19, the closure of schools, physical distancing and an inability to socialise with friends are deeply impacting on young people, particularly on young people in disadvantaged circumstances. Scouting Ireland is financed in two ways. In 2020, the Government granted €1.1million and Scouting Ireland raised €2.8 million through their groups. So far this year, due to Covid-19 their self-funding through groups is down from €2.5 million to €1.25 million, and they are requesting support from the Government to provide a once off bridging grant of €2 million to keep scouting alive everywhere.

Item 9

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That this Area Committee notes with concern the recent fire at Ashtown Mill. While outside the area of DCC, this mill and related built heritage in the area are of huge value to people on the Navan Road and beyond.

That this Area Committee request the Council to prioritise our built heritage and identify sites in the Central Area which may be at risk of similar incidents and work to protect them.