

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY 16th November 2021

NWA/153/2021 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2021

Order: Noted.

NWA/154/2021 Questions to the Area Manager

Order: Noted.

NWA/155/2021 Finglas Area Report, Aidan Maher, Area Manager.

Order: Noted.

NWA/156/2021 **Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That this Area Committee agrees to instigate the process of extinguishing a right of way at the junction of Ballygall Avenue and Ballygall Road West. This would close off this road as a rat run for motor vehicles but would still allow pedestrians and cyclists to use as a through way.

Order: Report to Councillor

NWA/157/2021 **Motion in the name of Councillor Caroline Conroy**

To ask the Manager can a traffic survey be carried out in the Hillcrest area, the area experiences high traffic volumes during peak times, school drop offs and collections. This is cause for concern for the residents living in that area around safety and air pollution. Because the secondary school opens its gates into the estate it means that cars come in volumes to drop off students and at collection times. Also there are two local primary schools in the area which means people use the estate to get to these schools quickly rather than use the main roads.

Order: Report to Councillor

NWA/158/2021 Ballymun Area Office Report, Jackie O'Reilly, A/Area Manager

Order: Noted

NWA/159/2021 **Motion in the name of Councillor Caroline Conroy**

To ask this Area Committee to support the protection of the old St. Margaret's Road which is closed off now - due to the building of the North City Depot - as a living heritage trail. This road is a valuable site for its heritage and biodiversity for Ballymun. It is the last of our heritage hedgerows and there is a 300 year old Ash tree on that site.

This road is one of the few parts of Ballymun that still exists prior to the development of Ballymun in the 1960's. It is part of our living heritage. The old road can be part of walking trail having an amenity, educational, heritage as well as a biodiversity value to the local communities.

Although parts of the old hedgerow is in poor condition, with appropriate management, it can be rejuvenated enhancing its biodiversity value. It would be a great way to demonstrate how the landscape of Ballymun looked prior to the 1960's when it was a rural area. This is the last piece of the old rural roads of Ballymun which has huge living heritage value. There is so little left at this stage of Ballymun's heritage.

Order: Report to Councillor

NWA/160/2021 Presentation on Metro North Project, Engin Sinopluoglu, MetroLink Project Manager and Linda Carroll, Stakeholder Communications Co-ordinator.

Order: Noted.

NWA/161/2021 Public Domain Report, Catherine Brophy Walsh, Public Domain Officer.

Order: Noted

NWA/162/2021 Sports & Wellbeing Partnership Report

Order: Noted.

NWA/163/2021 Area Wide Post Halloween Report.

Order: Noted.

NWA/164/2021 Housing Allocations Quarterly Report October 2021

Order: Noted.

NWA/165/2021 Traffic Service Request, Status Report

Order: Noted.

NWA/166/2021 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

Order: Noted.

NWA/167 /2021 Road Maintenance Report

Order: Noted

Councillors: Keith Connolly, Mary Callaghan, Caroline Conroy, Anthony Connaghan, Noeleen Reilly, and Briege MacOscar.

Consultants: Engin Sinopluoglu, MetroLink Project Manager and Linda Carroll, Stakeholder Communications Co-ordinator.

Apologies: Neal O'Brien, Executive Engineer, North West Area.

Officials: Karl Mitchell (Director of Services-North City). Aidan Maher (Area Manager-Finglas), Jackie O'Reilly (A/Area Manager-Ballymun), Derek Healy (Housing Manager-Finglas), Catherine Brophy Walsh (Public Domain Officer), Bridget Gilbert (Senior Staff Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer), Leona Fynes (Housing Manager-Ballymun), Ciaran Mahony (A/Senior Community Development Officer, Liam Barry (Economic Development Officer), Larry Dooley (Community and Social Development Officer), Catalin Rosca (Assistant Engineer) Eoin Corrigan (A/Senior Executive Engineer), Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance North

Councillor Keith Connolly
Chairperson

The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm.