



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the Central Area Committee held on 12th October 2021.**

ORDER: Agreed.

- 2 **With reference to the Questions to the Area Managers.**

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ORDER: Noted. (See Pages 6-12).

- 3 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of 16-18 Seán McDermott Street, Dublin 1 to City of Dublin Education & Training Board.**

ORDER: Deferred to next meeting.

- 4 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the 1st Floor of the premises at No. 22 Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1 to Professor Joe Barry & Maureen O'Sullivan on behalf of the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force (NICDATF) CLG.**

ORDER: Deferred to next meeting.

- 5 **With reference to the proposed lease of the former depot at Coleraine Street, Dublin 7 to Inner City Enterprise.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 6 **With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 70/70a Fassaugh Avenue, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 7 **With reference to the Traffic Advisory Group minutes.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 8 **With reference to Public Domain.**

ORDER: Report noted.

9 **With reference to the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

10 **With reference to Housing Matters in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

11 **With reference to Community Development Matters in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

12 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

13 **With reference to the North East Inner City Initiative.**

ORDER: Report noted.

14 **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

The following Emergency Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Central Area Committee calls on Senior Management to waive the proposed waste charges on Christmas street traders at Henry Street, Dublin.

ORDER: Agreed. A/Executive Manager to report back to members following meeting regarding this issue being held 9.11.2021.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam, Councillor Christy Burke, Councillor Nial Ring, Councillor Janet Horner, Councillor Joe Costello and Councillor Cieran Perry

That this Area committee supports initiatives to provide more safe, outdoor socialising in the lead-in to Christmas including street animation and car-free Friday and Saturday evenings on Capel Street. And for the city management to engage with the area committee to this end. In supporting this initiative, we urge the Director of City Centre Recovery and the Transportation Department to engage with the Gardai and stakeholders, including local residents, and persons with disabilities to ensure an effective policing of arrangements as a result of this initiative being put in place.

ORDER: Agreed. Motion forwarded to the Office of City Recovery and the Traffic Department.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

Noting the unacceptable delays in developing the Bannow Road Site caused by TII's interest in the site, that this Central Area Committee call on TII to attend a Central Area Committee meeting to explain what they propose for this site.

My question at yesterday's City Council meeting:

Question to the Chief Executive Council Meeting 1st November 2021

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an explanation on why we spent so much on legal advice

for buying land on Bannow Road and if he will make a comment on the reasons why

TII want to take some of this site now, what are TII proposing to do with the site and what is the impact of this on the speedy delivery of social houses on the site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The acquisition was managed by an in house solicitor in the Law Department and has been completed. There were no additional costs for legal advice for the acquisition secured by the Law Department.

Contact: Melissa Peavoy, Administrative Officer

The Development Department has not been contacted by TII in relation to acquiring

any portion of this site and the following extract from the Luas Cross City Map would suggest that the future infrastructure will not affect the site.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer

TII are proposing to use part of the site for Luas stabling. It is not possible to give a comprehensive assessment of the impact this would have on housing provision at this time but Housing and Community Services are engaging with TII in relation to this.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Acting Executive Manager

ORDER: Agreed. TII to be invited to attend the December meeting.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Central Area Committee calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Finance to secure funding for the refurbishment of all the units at Ballybough House, given that the complex is listed, this complex has been left behind on any works over the years.

ORDER: Agreed. Letters to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Finance.

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That this Central Area Committee:

- notes the increased illegal parking around the Botanic Gardens,
- calls on visitors to the park to use public transport where possible,
- calls for a report on possible changes to the surrounding streets to discourage illegal parking including additional planters and better signage
- and calls for better enforcement of illegal parking on bank holidays.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Office of Public Works.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ring

That the Area Manager identifies all staff members who carried out "front line" work and services in the Central Area during the Covid 19 pandemic, and to organise an event at which their dedication, commitment and hard work will be recognised and rewarded.

ORDER: Agreed. Event to be arranged when all public health restrictions are lifted.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ring

That this Area Committee supports the calls for an additional post Covid Public Holiday and further supports February 1st as the day to be chosen given that it is St. Brigid's Day, the female patron Saint of Ireland.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ring

That this Area Committee notes, with disappointment, the absence of Irish/Gaeilge (except for one line in a twenty page brochure) in the "Big Scream" Halloween Festival Programme Booklet and, while not expecting an equal Irish/English content, this committee would appreciate a more meaningful gesture towards the first language of our country.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That this Area Committee notes the concerns of Norfolk Road residents for excessive speed, notes that it is a long road and there are a lot of children playing on it and calls for a report detailing options for speed reduction on this road.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillors Janet Horner, Councillor Eimer McCormack and Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Area Committee calls on Eir to immediately remove the derelict public phone boxes across the Dublin Central area, causing dereliction and adding to the clutter of our footpaths, including the boxes on Lower Drumcondra Road and the North Circular Road

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to EIR.

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner, Councillor Joe Costello, Councillor Darcy Lonergan, Councillor Eimer McCormack and Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Area Committee calls on the City Valuers' Office to revise their decision regarding the leasing of the ground floor of the newly developed Dominick Street flats on commercial basis only. We believe that a cultural tenant for this space would support the wider regeneration aims for the area and tie in with other initiatives such as the Parnell Cultural Quarter, the Moore Street regeneration project and the relaunch of the Complex venue space to make the North Inner City an important destination for culture.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor. Area Office to arrange for representative from the City Valuer's Office to meet the committee onsite.

Councillor Ray McAdam
Chairperson
Tuesday 9 November 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Christy Burke
Darcy Lonergan
Declan Meenagh
Cieran Perry

Members:

Joe Costello
Eimer McCormack
Cat O'Driscoll
Nial Ring

Members:

Janet Horner
Séamas McGrattan
Colm O'Rourke

Officers

Cathy Cassidy
Ursula Donnellan
Karl Mitchell

Eoin Corrigan
Mairead Jonsson
Brian Mongey

Claire-Marie Dempsey
John McPartlan
Stephen Wearan

Apologies:

Janice Boylan

Non-Members:

Questions to the Area Manager
Central Area Committee Meeting
9th November 2021

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager to put in place a new heating system in (details supplied)

Q2 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager have Dublin City Council engaged with the (details supplied)

Q3 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager how many Dublin City Council run hostels are in Dublin 1, 3 and 7 areas.

Q4 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager how many trades personnel are employed by Dublin City Council in the Dublin 1, 3 and 7 areas.

Q5 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager when the double yellow lines will be in place in (details supplied)

Q6 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager that the Traffic Department agree with residents on (details supplied)

Q7 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager if there are plans to develop the west side of (details supplied) when the residents move to their new homes in December this year.

Q8 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager that all efforts be put in place to continue to keep (details supplied) clean as the street is run down.

Q9 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager what is the average turnaround to bring a flat or house back into housing stock when it becomes vacant.

Q10 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager for an explanation of what the tree planting requirements are in the following application (details supplied) and to ask why these requirements were not followed

Q11 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have the trees pruned on the (details supplied)

Q12 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to have the traffic bollards repainted on (details supplied)

Q13 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager how many people are on the different housing lists for (details supplied)

Q14 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to look at providing additional parking for users of the (details supplied)

Q15 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to repaint the parking spots at the (details supplied)

Q16 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager has any agreement been reached on the (details supplied)

Q17 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to fix the damaged pathway on the (details supplied)

Q18 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to erect (details supplied)

Q19 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager how many Co-Living and Build to Rent developments have been approved by Dublin City Council in the (details supplied) in last 3 years.

Q20 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to allow (details supplied)

Q21 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure the entrance to the (details supplied) are kept clear in case of a flooding incident this Winter.

Q22 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for a report on the state of (details supplied) and to indicate what repairs are necessary and when they will be carried out.

Q23 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to comment on or explain why the (details supplied) completed the lowest number of voids and the lowest number of refurbishments (120 and 57 respectively) when it would have one of the highest concentration of social units.

Q24 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail how many of the recycling bins were installed in (details supplied) under the Circle City recycling Scheme and detail the results of the waste audits carried out on the scheme.

Q25 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail the number of streets in the Central Area (NEIC) which have paid parking (parking meters) and to confirm how many of these include resident permit parking.

Q26 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans in place for the Climate Action Regional Office to include information/awareness visits to schools in the North Inner City.

Q27 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if any Decarbonising Zones have been identified in the North Inner City and if so to give their locations. If not, can the Area Manager confirm that potential zones are being identified/sourced within the North Inner City.

Q28 Councillor Nial Ring

Given that a suitable location for a replacement fire station for the North Strand Station has been identified, could the Area Manager confirm whether, or not, this site will be amalgamated with the (details supplied) and used for Social Housing. If so, could the Area Manager detail the number of units expected to be built on the site and also confirm that this area committee's agreed preference for Senior Citizen Accommodation will be the preferred usage and will be used to facilitate step down arrangements of senior citizens.

Q29 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the answer given to my question No 72 of March 2021, and to specifically ask if the survey mentioned in the answer has taken place and if so, what were the results. If not completed, can the Area Manager arrange to have it conducted and to include the residents of the Houses on Clonliffe Road backing on to the area involved surveyed as well as the residents of (details supplied).

Q30 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager provide an update regarding any Public Consultation planned for the redesign of the (details supplied). Residents are anxious to see plans and offer their thoughts.

Q31 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager can she shed any light on when work will commence on (details supplied). Bought under a CPO the site has been sitting idle for many months.

Q32 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to report on the traffic calming plans for the (details supplied).

Q33 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to liaise with the Housing Department to ensure the full refurbishment of (details supplied) so that all homes in the complex can have the same energy rating as the pilot initiative recently showed; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q34 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to detail the progress made to date on respect of implementing 2021 objectives for the (details supplied); an indication of what proposals are being considered for actioning as part of the 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q35 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a progress report into the delivery of new and better housing on the former (details supplied); the timeframe for local consultation with householders living immediately adjacent to the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q36 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide an overview of the feasibility study undertaken into (details supplied); the next steps to advance such a project; the indicative cost arising from the feasibility study; the timeframe for likely delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q37 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to why is it that a co-ordinated cleaning schedule is not in place for (details supplied); since the opening of the area, I have received countless phone calls, emails and social media interaction about the untidiness and general poor upkeep of the amenity; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q38 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to outline what projects are being considered for inclusion with regards the 2022 (details supplied); the details of each; the likely cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q39 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed update on indicative plans to refurbish and enhance existing housing in (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q40 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide details of the feasibility study committed to by the previous Housing Manager with regards (details supplied); the next steps in delivering the results of the feasibility study; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q41 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed progress report into plans for a dedicated cycle route along (details supplied); the indicative timeframe for the delivery of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q42 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to indicate whether new speed surveys have been carried out yet along (details supplied); the details of same if they have been carried out; what further actions will be considered as part of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q43 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager what streets are being considered by the Roads Maintenance Section and being recommended by the Area Office for inclusion in the (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q44 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she will designate (details supplied) as a casual trading area and issue casual trading licenses to ensure some regular activity in that location and which would provide passive supervision of the area to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Q45 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if a plan will be put in place for the regeneration of (details supplied) based on the project already piloted successfully there.

Q46 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to clarify what measures are being taken to protect (details supplied) after a number of fires have damaged this historic building recently.

Q47 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if traffic markings can be introduced to facilitate the right hand turn into (details supplied) as there are regular backups at the junction.

Q48 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the six planters blocking (details supplied) are removed.

Q49 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to address the issues for (details supplied)

Q50 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she can have (details supplied) removed as it is an obstruction, an eyesore, attracts rubbish dumping and is used primarily as a rubbish collection point.

Q51 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to plant a tree at (details supplied) to replace the tree that was removed from this location some time ago

Q52 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to facilitate access to (details supplied)

Q53 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she will conduct a survey of (details supplied)

Q54 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the Area Manager for a list of the (details supplied), along with a list of those which are fixed with flood lights.

Q55 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to place flood lights in (details supplied) in the next 12 months?

Q56 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a letter from Dublin City Council to be sent to all local businesses at (details supplied) reminding them that it's illegal to block a footway, ask them to not encourage customers to park on footpaths and that the law will be increasingly enforced

Q57 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to expedite the introduction of the yellow box on the road at (details supplied). Due to the yellow lines being extended at the entrance of the estate to the continuous white line, vehicles are now parking across the vehicular dishing for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and those with buggies to cross the road, and any tailback of vehicles leaving the estate is also causing the same issue.

Q58 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To request the Area Manager to arrange for the small cul-de-sac at (details supplied) to be manually swept regularly and for the weeds to be removed as the older residents on this street are no longer in a position to maintain themselves.

Q59 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to request if the housing application of a resident could be prioritised due to circumstances and if they could be recommended for an Approved Housing Body (details supplied)

Q60 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council is in ownership of the car parking area in front of the shops at (details supplied) or if this land belongs to those who have shops at this location.

Q61 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager for the purpose of and the outcome of the recent examination of the area (details supplied) by a Dublin City Council staff member

Q62 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager what is the cost associated with collecting and moving leaves to Thorntons Recycling, and also specifically the associated cost at (details supplied).

Q63 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if the area at (details supplied) could be examined again to tackle the volume of vehicles blocking the footpath and if a letter could be issued to the business premises at (details supplied) reminding them that it is illegal for their staff to block the footpath for pedestrians.

Q64 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if the footpath at (details supplied) could be swept more regularly due to the volume of litter here and if other measures could be put in place to tackle the regular dumping of materials at this location.

Q65 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding question (Q74) at the July Central Area Committee that (details supplied) be monitored regularly due to the large amount of vehicles parking here who do not having parking permits, and could the logs of DSPS be shared to confirm how many times the road was visited and how many clamps that were made on this road since July 2021?

Q66 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager for an indication regarding traffic transport request (details supplied) to determine if these measures can be implemented?

Q67 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to improve safety in (details supplied) and deter public drug use there through: i) the installation of CCTV, ii) altering the bushes to increase passive surveillance (there are a few bushes opposite the end of the laneway that people tend to crouch behind to inject etc and leave the needles in the base of the bushes), and iii) improving lighting in the nearby laneway?

Q68 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to renew the markings of the bicycle lane on (details supplied) to increase driver awareness of the need to provide safe space for people cycling here?

Q69 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the (details supplied) and the plans to progress this now that much commuter traffic is resuming?

Q70 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to upgrade the cycle path along the (details supplied)

Q71 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for the locations of any more proposed bike bunkers in the Dublin Central area and whether people who have applied for a space can get a response to the current stage of their application?

Q72 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to install sheffield stands bike parking on (details supplied)

Q73 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to remove the weeds around (details supplied)