



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2021

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the Central Area Committee held on 9th November 2021.**
ORDER: Agreed.
- 2 **With reference to the Questions to the Area Managers.**
ORDER: Noted.
- 3 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of a plot of land to the rear of St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre, Dublin 1 to the North Wall Community Development Project CLG.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 4 **With reference to a naming proposal for a development at a site at the junction of East Wall Road and Alfie Byrne Road, Dublin 3.**
ORDER: Not agreed.
- 5 **With reference to the proposal to Extinguish the Public Right of Way over a cul-de-sac known as Strong's Court off Findlater Place, Dublin 1.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 6 **With reference to the Traffic Advisory Group minutes.**
ORDER: Noted.
- 7 **With reference to Public Domain.**
ORDER: Noted.
- 8 **With reference to the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report.**
ORDER: Noted.
- 9 **With reference to Housing Matters in the Central Area.**
ORDER: Noted.

10 **With reference to DCC Community Grants Scheme 2021.**

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:

Item 1:

Emergency motion in the name of Councillor Mannix Flynn (South East Area Committee member):

That this meeting of Dublin City Council support the casual traders of Moore Street in their call to have the CEO withdraw the tendering process for a private service provider to manage a Moore Street market.

Many of the traders whose family have traded in this street for over a century, are completely opposed to this process and feel that they have been shut out and not listened to by Dublin City Council.

This is evidenced by the fact that very little has changed in the long struggle to have Dublin city council directly provide proper services for the street traders. Instead, DCC now wish to transfer the whole management of casual trading at Moore street into a private company via a tendering process. It is important to note that Moore Street is not a market and never was. Moore street is a casual trading street and famously known throughout the world as a casual trading street coming from the long tradition of casual traders in Dublin.

It is vitally important that this casual trading heritage be maintained and serviced properly and solely by Dublin City council.

Reason:

It is of the highest importance that we protect the cultural fabric of our city. Indeed, the recent issue around the cobblestone highlighted this particular issue. Moore Street as a trading street is no different and indeed ranks very highly in the cultural hierarchy of this city. There are more people globally that are aware of Moore Street and its cultural significance than they are of a lot of our national cultural institutions.

At present DCC have issued a tendering process for a private event management company to manage what has been termed as a Moore St Market without any regard to the concerns of the native casual traders who feel they have been shafted, undermined and othered.

Their cultural sensibilities and their history on the street ignored. Recently, DCC, published a report on the matter of a Moore Street market. Many casual traders in the street feel that this did not represent their input or their sensibilities or indeed their vision for the future. Many felt that this was just privatisation of their casual trading area, their livelihood.

They felt a great sense of betrayal that DCC was renegeing on their responsibility to directly develop the area and indeed the casual trading offering. The traders now are calling on you, Dublin city councillors, to stand down the tendering process for a market service provider at Moore Street and reengage with the casual traders here and with them create a much brighter future for the culture of Dublin's casual trading at iconic Moore Street.
Please support this motion.

ORDER: Agreed and noted.

Item 2:

Emergency motion in the names of Councillors Cieran Perry, Nial Ring and Christy Burke:

As part of the An Bord Pleanála decision granting permission for the Bartra development at O'Devaney Gardens, Condition 21 imposed an obligation on Bartra to produce a Construction Environment Management Plan prior to construction commencing. The CEMP is to be agreed with Dublin City Council.

This committee insists that consultation with local residents is officially included as part of the final Construction Environment Management Plan for the Bartra development.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to An Bord Pleanála.

Item 3:

Emergency motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh:

The Central Area Committee:

- Notes with concern the fact the last tenant of Corpus Christi Church Hall in Drumcondra is moving out next week,
- Notes the community concern that the hall may not be available for community use
- Calls on the church to continue to offer this hall for use as a crèche in light of the child care crisis
- Calls on the church to continue to make the hall available as a necessary community amenity.
- Calls on the City Council to make contact with the church to offer support in keeping the hall available for public use.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Corpus Christi Church.

Item 4:

Emergency motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello:

That the Central Area Committee requests the Area Manager to establish a liaison structure with Bartra Ltd and local residents associations, including Stoneybatter O'Devaney Gardens Action Group (SODA), to ensure that the O'Devaney Gardens development is well managed, closely monitored and that issues of concern to the local community are swiftly addressed.

ORDER: This motion was not agreed.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Area Committee requests the Area Manager to investigate the possibility (feasibility, costings, maintenance, updating etc.) of installing an electronic signage/notice board outside the Central Area Office (where the current information board is located) which could be used to inform and update DCC customers on local issues such as Choice Based Lettings, amended / new services, [out of hours] contact details, Covid information, The Big Scream etc.

ORDER: Agreed. Noted by the Area Office.

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Area Committee notes the disgraceful and contemptible decision of An Bord Pleanála to grant permission for c. 1,600 housing units at Holycross College and agrees that, in making this decision, An Bord Pleanála ignored the report of the Chief Executive which, inter alia, described the scheme as "alarming", ignored the 120 plus submissions against the development, thereby showing a total disdain for the opinions of the local community, and contemptuously disregarded the many requests for an Oral Hearing in this case.

The Committee notes that this is the same "law unto themselves" body which refused permission for the Children's Hospital plans for the Mater Hospital site on the basis that the additional floors would infringe on the skyline and could be seen from O'Connell Street, yet which has allowed 18 storeys on this site which will be visible from a lot further than O'Connell Street. The former unilateral decision has left us waiting many years for a state of the art children's hospital and has cost the taxpayer in excess of €2bn more than the projected cost of the Mater Hospital alternative (Budgeted at €680m).

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to An Bord Pleanála.

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello

That this Area Committee request the Public Domain Officer draws up a scheme to remove the clutter of public street furniture at the junction of Manor Street and Shea's Court where there are 7 items of street furniture within a 1 metre radius and which attract dumping, rubbish and detract from the overall streetscape and recent mural commissioned by Greening Stoneybatter. There are also two poles and one planter on the other side of Shea's Court- bringing the total number of items to 10) and contributing to street clutter.

Photo 1

1. Lamppost (with graffiti)
2. Disused post-box
3. Parking sign
4. Parking metre
5. Bus lane/parking sign
6. Speed limit sign
7. Welcome to Stoneybatter sign



Photo 2:

8. Lamppost
9. Planter
10. Speed limit sign



ORDER: Agreed. The Area Office will pilot a 'declutter' project in the North Inner City.

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello

That this Area Committee expresses its concern at the Minister for Housing's decision to open up flats in Constitution Hill and Matt Talbot Court which have been closed for years and which are part of a collective regeneration scheme agreed with tenants and Councillors; requests the Area Manager to give a written guarantee that this will not impede or set back the regeneration process in both complexes; and calls on the Minister not to take such unilateral action in the future and to ensure that there is proper consultation with the Area Committee.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Colm O'Rourke

That this Central Area Committee requests Dublin City Council to carry out a technical assessment of Ashtown Gate to ascertain if a signalised junction would be suitable at this location.

ORDER: Agreed. Refer to Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Transportation Department.

15 **With reference to proposed Redevelopment of George's Dock.**

ORDER: Report noted.

16 **With reference to update on Stoneybatter Greening Strategy.**

ORDER: Report and presentation noted.

17 **With reference to Proposed Protected Cycle Lane linking Alfie Byrne Road with East Road.**

ORDER: Item deferred to adjourned meeting on 20/12/2021.

18 **With reference to Hanlon's Corner- Proposed Cycle Lane Protection.**

ORDER: Item deferred to adjourned meeting on 20/12/2021.

19 **With reference to Connecting Cabra presentation.**

ORDER: Presentation noted.

20 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further lease of part of the premises at No. 22 Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1 to Inner City Organisation Network (ICON) Limited (now CLG) Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

Councillor Ray McAdam

Chairperson

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Janice Boylan
Janet Horner
Séamas McGrattan
Colm O'Rourke

Members:

Christy Burke
Darcy Lonergan
Declan Meenagh
Cieran Perry

Members:

Joe Costello
Eimer McCormack
Cat O'Driscoll
Nial Ring

Officers

Sean Callaghan

Blathnaid Conlon

Claire-Marie Dempsey

Brendan Doggett
Mairead Jonsson
Karl Mitchell
Stephen Wearen
Suzanne O'Connell

Ursula Donnellan
Derek Kelly
Brian Mongey
Paul White
Eoin Corrigan

Marion Foran
John McPartlan
Neil O'Donoghue
Alec Dundon