

Motions on Notice Dublin City Council Meeting 5th September 2022

1) Councillor Vincent Jackson

Submitted: 11th December 2019

That Dublin City Council Management see the employment & enhancement of Community Development Staff working on the ground across the City of Dublin as essential tool in developing the full capacity of our communities, that staff numbers be increased to ensure we have sufficient staff to work with & motivate various voluntary groups on the ground. I look upon areas and see when we have good staff the multiplier effect this has on the ground, these effort must be fostered going forward and sufficient resources made available for the community development staff.

2) Councillor Nial Ring

Submitted: 10th March 2020

Replaced: 16th December 2021 & Replaced: 31st May 2022

This council notes that 27 councils have passed motions calling for the reinternment of the Invincibles, as has the Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council.

The councils supporting the Invincibles Reinternment Campaign to date are:

Galway County Council, Westmeath County Council, Wexford County Council, Cork City Council, Tipperary County Council, Louth County Council, Sligo County Council, Cavan County Council, Carlow County Council, Clare County Council, Mid Ulster District Council, Laois County Council, Limerick City & County Council, Fingal County Council, Cork County Council, Mayo County Council, Monaghan County Council, South Dublin County Council, Derry City & Strabane District Council, Waterford County Council, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Dún Laoighaire – Rathdown County Council, Kildare County Council, Donegal County Council, Kerry County Council, Kilkenny County Council and Meath County Council.

The Members agree that Dublin City Council should be included on the list of councils that have passed motions calling for the Reinternment of the Invincibles. In adding the name of Dublin City Council to the list of supporting councils, the Members of Dublin City Council formally call on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary exhumation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham Gaol.

The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations.

The families of the five men are represented by the National Graves Association and the wish of the families is for their relatives' remains to be exhumed from Kilmainham Gaol and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin cemetery.

3) Councillor Carolyn Moore

Submitted: 27th May 2020

Replaced: 1st June 2022

That in recognising the challenges inherent in steering the city towards a sustainable, climate-proofed and green recovery from the economic impacts of Covid 19, this council agrees to follow the direction of Amsterdam, Portland, Philadelphia, Copenhagen and Brussels and formally implement the policies of Doughnut Economics in the preparation and finalisation of the City's Local Economic and Community Plan.

In agreeing this objective, this council recognises that the principle of Doughnut Economics - implementing policies aimed at protecting the environment and natural resources, reducing social exclusion, and guaranteeing good living standards for all - offers a framework by which we can effectively realise the strategic vision of the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028 in line with Dublin City Council's Corporate commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and as such Dublin City Council will engage with the Advisory Group of the Dublin City Local Economic Community Plan (forthcoming) to identify the key stakeholders and partners for the development and adoption of the Doughnut Economics principles and working to commission a 'city portrait' for Dublin.

4) Councillor Catherine Stocker

Submitted: 27th May 2020

Replaced: 31st March 2021

Replaced: 24th August 2022

That this council agrees that the manager should seek with urgency to install public toilet facilities in our public parks and areas with high footfall outside the city centre. That we agree this should be determined at local area committee level with a number of such facilities being allocated to each LEA. It is not acceptable that people who need to use toilets - in particular women who may be menstruating, pregnant or have weaker bladder control due to birth, older people or people with health issues who may have bladder or bowel weakness and children learning to use the toilet are left without basic facilities in our city in 2022.

A number of the Councillors on the North Central Area committee have now submitted motions at a local level requesting toilet provision to no avail. The model which was proposed to us was one of combining toilets and commercial outlets and has failed to materialise. We note that other local authorities are more than capable of providing and maintaining toilet facilities - in particular we note the installation of new toilet facilities in many areas of Fingal county council (Photo attached of toilets at the Ardgillan Castle playground but there are similar in many other locations - recently installed) and ask that if necessary the manager liaise with adjacent councils with a view to learning from their progress.

5) Councillor Tara Deacy

Submitted: 22nd June 2020

Replaced: 27th May 2022

That Dublin City Council agrees to the trialling of new Zebra Crossings in a number of local areas. There has been a reluctance to install this traffic calming measure in recent times and seems to be a policy of DCC not to use them anymore, can this be addressed.

6) Councillor Declan Meenagh

Submitted: 24th June 2020

Replaced: 1st October 2020

This local authority calls for a motion to support the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals. Independent living means an individual can live with the freedom and control to have the same choices in life that everyone else has in terms of housing, transportation, education and employment. PAS is a tool for Independent Living that allows disabled people to live independently, providing individuals with the freedom and flexibility they need to live their lives as they choose. With PAS, disabled people are in control and direct the Personal Assistant (PA) to carry out tasks both inside and outside of the home, including personal care, domestic duties, assisting in day-to-day tasks such as shopping, support in the workplace or socialising. PAs should not be confused with 'Home Help' or Carers as they do not 'look after' or 'care for' a disabled person.

In Ireland there is no standardised procedure for administering personal PA hours. In 2017, 84% of those in receipt of PAS received less than three hours a day and 42% of these people were in receipt of between 1 and 5 hours a week, an average of 42 minutes a day, despite

disability being a 24-hour issue. As far back as 1996, it was identified that an average need for 10 hours of PAS per person per week could only respond to essential personal care needs, not quality of life requirements and it would certainly not enable full active participation in the community.

30 years on and the Independent Living Movement in Ireland continues to strive for full independent living on behalf of disabled people; advocating for choice and control over their lives and full participation in society as equal citizens. A right to PAS for disabled people is fundamental to achieving that vision, however, currently there is no such right in Ireland. Considering the unanimous motion passed in Dáil Eireann on the 19th November 2019, this Local Authority recognises:

- In March 2018 Ireland formally ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which under Article 19 states that disabled people have the right to live in the community and have access to a range of in-home and other supports including PAS to support this.
- Its obligation to consult closely with disabled people and their representative organisations in policy development as enshrined in Article 4.3 of the UNCRPD which states that “in the development and implementation of legislation and policies...States Parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations”, specifically in relation to services provided by this local authority which impact on disabled people’s lives, such as planning, housing, transport, social inclusion and enterprise.
- The Motion passed in Dáil Eireann on the 19th November and as such reaffirms that PAS that supports disabled people to live independent lives should be legislated for as a right.

7) Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

Submitted: 8th July 2020

Replaced: 23rd March 2021 & Replaced: 17th May 2022

This motion is to seek the introduction of a Domestic Violence Liaison Office within Dublin City Councils Housing Department. Women and children experiencing Domestic Violence are left with no options other than being forced into Homelessness to seek safety or in most cases, women won't see their children homeless so enduring the suffering at home is the option they choose in order to prevent the family being homeless.

We need more support from DCC to remove the alleged perpetrator from DCC tenancies and allow the victims to reside in their own home. This Council supports the review of current legislation to strengthen the powers of social landlords (LA or AHB) to remove tenancy rights from persons with a barring order to allow the safe enjoyment of the home by the victim of Domestic Violence. Therefore, the core function and purpose of the DV liaison officer would be to:

- Act as a direct link between all DV services in Dublin and DCC for any housing needs DV clients have in a case management model.
- Have a knowledge of and be able to access and escalate emergency cases at the different areas of housing such as allocations, HAP, homeless etc.
- Act of an advocate for DV victims/survivors within DCC while having an awareness of places available in Family hubs/Crisis accommodation for DV clients in order to support a swifter accommodation response.
- Understand the extensive Dynamics of Domestic Violence/Family Violence. Have an unbiased non-judgmental approach when working with clients who have experienced DV and to understand the complexities of DV and risk to children exposed to the same.
- To write to the Housing Minister requesting that the Housing Legislation be amended to strengthen the removal of tenants convicted of Domestic Violence offenses.

- To offer support and advice with key stakeholders such as Gardai Justice Tusla and DSP to support victims of domestic violence access immediate safe accommodation.

This Council supports the review of current legislation to strengthen the powers of social landlords (LA or AHB) to remove tenancy rights from persons with a barring order to allow the safe enjoyment of the home by the victim of Domestic Violence.

8) Councillor Michael Watters **Submitted: 16th September 2020**

That Dublin City Council agree to immediately revoke, what appears to be a blanket policy of removing public litter bins from locations, where cases of anti-social behaviour/misuse of bins exist, as the removal of such bins does little or nothing to stop the illegal dumping of waste, yet denies law abiding citizens the opportunity of having a public litter bin to properly dispose of their waste, which thus leads to more litter in our public domain and continued dumping.

9) Councillor Máire Devine **Submitted: 21st October 2020**

That this Council, in view of the historical commemorative importance of the part played in the 1913 Lockout by William P. Partridge, Manager of the ITGWU office at No 122 Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8. (Emmet Hall) and from 1914 by Michael Mallin Chief of Staff Irish Citizen Army in the lead up to the 1916 Rebellion for, inter alia, storing rifles and ammunition for the Easter Rising and drilling and training volunteers, do hereby, in due, diligent and appropriate exercise of the powers vested in us by, inter alia, Section 51 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) resolve to add Emmet Hall to our List of Protected Structures and require our Chief Executive Officer to give due effect to this resolution and, furthermore, we call on the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to designate the premises as a National Monument, to be acquired from its present owner(s) at a fair Open Market Value (OMV), reinstated to its 1913-1916 specification and pristine condition, to be known as 'The Lockout Museum' and to be occupied and operated on this basis, going forward in perpetuity, as a Community/Commemorative Place.

10) Councillor Joe Costello **Submitted: 21st October 2020**

Replaced: 15th December 2020, 31st March 2021, 23rd September 2021

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Justice requesting her to consult with her counterpart in Northern Ireland with a view to synchronising the legislation on the sale of fireworks in the North with that in the Republic so that the main source of illegal fireworks is closed.

11) Councillor Michael MacDonncha **Submitted: 25th November 2020**

This Council notes the centenary of the passing by the British Parliament at Westminster of the Government of Ireland Act in December 1920, the Act which provided for the Partition of Ireland. We recall the deep injustices, divisions and conflict caused by this Act. We reiterate our support for the Good Friday Agreement and the political process arising from it, including the revoking of the Government of Ireland Act. We reaffirm our support for the self-determination of the people of Ireland as expressed in Article 3.1 of Bunreacht na hEireann and for the bringing about of a United Ireland "by peaceful means with the consent of a majority of the people, democratically expressed, in both jurisdictions".

Accordingly we call on both the Irish and British governments to fully implement the Good Friday Agreement and all their obligations with regard to the rights of citizens; we call on the British government to agree to set a date for the Irish Unity referendum as provided in the Agreement; we call on the Irish government to work for this outcome.

We stand ready as a Council to work with all statutory bodies and with civic society to plan and prepare for the referendum on Irish Unity and for a positive outcome to the referendum.

12) Councillor Cat O' Driscoll **Submitted: 25th November 2020**

This City Council agrees to install a Changing Places toilet facility in 10 premises within the city. Changing Places Toilet Facilities are different from standard accessible toilets. They provide

extra equipment like a hoist and an adult sized changing bench. In Ireland there are only 15 Changing Places Toilet Facilities.

13) Councillor Tom Brabazon

Submitted: 11th January 2021

That this council instructs the Chief Executive and calls upon the Chief Executive of the NTA to carry out the democratic will of this Council as expressed by the amendment of the Housing Land Initiative Report of on the 9th January 2017. This report was the foundation document of the Procurement and Disposal Process of the Oscar Traynor Road site which was passed by a 100% vote by Councillors in favour of the amendment on the 9th January 2017, the wording of which was **(in bold)** below:

“Dublin City Council has recently met with residents of Lorcan Estate and public representatives from the North West and North Central Area. It is proposed to put in place a Local Consultative Forum to ensure that there is fair and ongoing engagement and consultation with Community Interests in the area. The exact consultation structure can be agreed between the Area Committees and the local Area Managers and their teams **but will include representatives of Lorcan Estate, Castletimon Estate, Woodlawn Estate, Aulden Grange Estate, Santry Court Estate and Gaelscoil Cholmcille.** ^{1.} **This forum will be consulted by those drawing up the statutory Master Plan.** ^{2.} **The Masterplan will then be presented to the City Council for approval.**”

As neither 1: ^{1.} **This forum will be consulted by those drawing up the statutory Master Plan**
Nor 2: ^{2.} **The Masterplan will then be presented to the City Council for approval.**”

have ever been completed, it is incumbent upon the Chief Executive to complete these two steps immediately and should have done so “before” the Oscar Traynor Road was presented for disposal.

14) Councillor Keith Connolly

Submitted: 20th January 2021

Replaced: 17th February 2021

That Dublin City Council expedites the joint part 8 for site 31 of the Ballymun Local Area plan in conjunction with Ballymun Kickhams; and that the club are furnished with the report on the site by Dublin City Council.

15) Councillor Janet Horner

Submitted: 20th January 2021

That Dublin City Council agrees to develop a strategy to eliminate footpath parking in the city recognising that while it is currently an offence, it is widespread throughout the city and represents a significant obstacle and threat to the safety of all who use the streets but most especially people with disabilities and those using buggies or prams.

16) Councillor Damien O' Farrell

Submitted: 17th February 2021

Replaced: 16th August 2022

That this Council calls upon the leadership of the Christian Brothers European Province, to ensure all victims of child sexual abuse perpetrated by members of their religious order are treated in a just and Christian manner. Additionally, this Council recognises the forthcoming 25th anniversary of the Christian Brother 'public apology' and believes it is well past time for the Order to take congregational responsibility for the heinous acts of some of their members in the form of genuine remorse and financial restitution.

17) Councillor Janice Boylan

Submitted: 23rd February 2021

Replaced: 29th April 2021

This Council calls on the Government to:

- Work with family carers to deliver the services and supports that their loved ones need and immediately end the practice of compiling and storing secret dossiers on children using information gathered by health, education and social care professionals shared without the express consent of their parents;

- Relax the Carer's Allowance means-test by raising the income disregard thresholds in order to increase eligibility and payments;
- Further increase the annual Carer's Support Grant;
- Increase Carer's Allowance & Carer's Benefit in every budget over 5 years;
- Establish a discretionary fund for Covid-19 utility debt to aid carers and people living with a disability struggling with heating and electricity costs;
- Extend eligibility for Carers Benefit to the self-employed;
- Extend an automatic GP Visit Card to all recipients of the Carer's Support Grant; Create an Emergency Talk Therapy Fund to provide sessions with an accredited counsellor or therapist in the private system for carers on referral from a GP;
- Ensure that Family Carers get the respite they need by building up respite capacity, including delivery of hours and overnights through a doubling of public expenditure; Prioritise the full resumption of respite Day Services in the re-opening and implement the standardisation of the provision of free transport to and from these vital services; Update and publish the National Carers' Strategy in 2021, with a dedicated budget and timeframe to ensure the implementation of all actions.

18) Councillor Larry O'Toole

Submitted: 18th May 2021

That Dublin City Council supports the call for the release of Julian Assange and for all charges against him to be dropped and that we fully support the National Union of Journalists campaign to oppose Mr Assange's extradition, which states:

'We condemn the detention of Julian Assange pending his extradition proceedings. We further condemn the attempted use of the US Espionage Act to prosecute Assange for his work exposing the war crimes committed by US service personnel in the Iraq and Afghan war logs. It is our view that the use of these judicial measures by the US constitutes a grave threat to free speech and a free press. It further notes that this attempted prosecution is without precedent in US law.'

19) Councillor Noeleen Reilly

Submitted: 22nd May 2021

Replaced 23rd September 2021

That this Council accepts that Dublin City Council is failing in its Responsibility to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour within our tenancies putting the safety and wellbeing of our other tenants and those in Private homes at Risk. Dublin City Council must have a Zero Tolerance Policy to Anti-Social behaviour and Criminal Activity within our properties.

20) Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

Submitted: 2nd June 2021

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Department of Social Protection to ask not to cut funding for 2022 for Ballyfermot-Chapelizod Partnership. 498 babies were born in this area in 2019, and it is expected to grow year on year with housing provision in the area Cherryorchard. This area is hit by financial cut with the Dublin City Council URDF fund did not materialise for Cherryorchard which leaves plans for the community and social local development for this disadvantage area in jeopardy.

21) Planning and Urban Form SPC

Submitted: 5th July 2021

In light of the consent by the Executive to the submission of a planning application by Hammerson for Moore Street, despite a refusal by Hammerson to allow City Council access to 1916 buildings for survey purposes, this committee proposes to add the facade of no.18 Moore Street - identified in the Shaffrey Conservation Report 2011 on behalf of Chartered Land as a 19th century structure but destined for demolition by Hammerson - to the list of protected structures.

22) Councillor Dermot Lacey

Submitted: 23rd March 2022

In the interests of good planning and upholding the integrity of the City Development Plan in the minds of Citizens this Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

to withdraw the Specific Planning Policy Requirements provisions that enables Ministerial Guidelines to override such plans and lead to the probability of An Bord Pleanala continuing to ignore democratically agreed City and County Development Plans. The Council further agrees to circulate this Motion to all Councillors to encourage a united approach on this issue.

23) Councillor Deirdre Heney

Submitted: 23rd March 2022

That this City Council consider introducing a pilot scheme whereby motorists wishing to reverse into his or her driveway be given a right of way to do so as this is the safest way to park a vehicle in a driveway.

24) Councillor Mannix Flynn

Submitted: 27th April 2022

That this meeting of DCC call on the management of the Artane Band and the Artane School of Music and the GAA to change the uniform and change the name of the Artane Band.

The symbol of the Artane Band, its uniform, its name, its insignia and its history are deeply traumatising and hurtful to the many thousands of us who were incarcerated in industrial and reform schools run by the Christian Brothers and other religious organisations. Indeed, many children from the mother and baby homes were incarcerated in Artane. Many more were press ganged into the band where children suffered horrendous abuse, sexual and otherwise, in the band room. Today, many of us still carry these scars and we find it wholly unacceptable in this day and age having gone through all of the various inquiries including the Ryan Report, and the many horrors of child sexual abuse that the Artane Band still marches under that banner and in the uniform of the residential industrial School, Artane, St Joseph's where it was formed over 150 years ago.

It is no excuse in this day and age to say that the children in the present band are well looked after or that the children in the band at present are going to be in anyway hurt by a change of uniform and change of name. In a world of political correctness, in a world where symbols of this nature are being frowned upon, one only has to site the symbols of slavery and the decommissioning of public monuments etc. to realise that the time has come, and long overdue, that the oppressive symbols of the Artane Band, its uniform and its name, be consigned to history.

It is absolutely outrageous that the National sports field, that the likes of the GAA and indeed RTE would blatantly display these symbols and this band without having any regard whatsoever for the ongoing dreadful suffering many thousands of children had to endure in residential institutions.

Indeed, Justice Ryan in his report regarded the Artane band, "The band was the public face of Artane and was used as propaganda to reassure the public that those in residential institutions such as Artane and Letterfrack were receiving good care and education" But as we all know now, the reality was very different. Indeed many of those that were in this band have since committed suicide. And many more who are alive today can't even look at a GAA match or go to Croke Park where the band is playing. This is our present day suffering and it needs to stop. It is time now for change. Stop this re-traumatising and let us begin a proper process of recovery and healing.

25) Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

Submitted: 27th April 2022

That Dublin City Council becomes a JAM Card friendly local authority.

26) Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Submitted: 16th May 2022

That Dublin City Council:

- supports the campaign for Irish language rights across the island;
- acknowledges that the delivery of Irish language legislation in the North is overdue, and that past commitments in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and the 2007 St Andrews' Agreement have gone unfulfilled;

- recognises and commends Irish language activists who will travel to the North on 21 May 2022 to support the Dream Dearg campaign for language rights; and
- as an act of solidarity and support from the Council, will, on 21 May 2022 and each year thereafter, illuminate City Hall in red, symbolising the campaign for Irish language rights.

27) Councillor Danny Byrne

Submitted: 1st June 2022

That this Council agrees to reduce commercial rates on premises which allow the public to use their toilet facilities.

28) Councillor Alison Gilliland

Submitted: 20th June 2022

Dublin City Council recognises that a clean, well maintained and litter free public realm across our city not only supports pride in and respect for our City but also supports outdoor enjoyment of our city. This is particularly relevant for the core city centre area where the City also welcomes a significant number of workers and visitors. However, Dublin City Council agrees that the current presentation and collection of commercial waste in the core city centre area is not supportive of a clean, well maintained and litter free public realm - too often bags of food rubbish ends up torn apart by seagulls and strewn across our footpaths while recycling materials in particular take up significant space on our footpaths and add to the sense of clutter.

Therefore

a) to better manage the presentation and collection of commercial waste in the core city centre area, Dublin City Council agrees that a new system be put in place that drastically reduces the time commercial waste is allowed on our footpaths awaiting collection and that requires businesses to regularly sweep the public space directly in front of their premises so as to keep it free of litter and

b) to enhance the cleanliness of the core city centre area, Dublin City Council agrees that a the power washing rota be greatly enhanced to allow for more frequent and responsive power washing with particular attention being paid to areas with high daily and high night economy footfall.

29) Councillor Donna Cooney

Submitted: 22th June 2022

That Dublin City Council as part of the major emergency management and flood emergency plan agrees to engage communities at risk of mayor flooding in a flood drill after a simulated flood emergency, involving DCC emergency services, the coastguard, residents in the flood risk areas and provide a training exercise for emergency services and community volunteers.