



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**1 Minutes of the NCAC Meeting of 18th July, 2022.**

Order: Agreed.

**a Matters Arising**

Illegal dumping at Newtown Industrial Estate – Order: Noted.

Action: Chairperson Alison Gilliland thanked Ms. Lillis for her report and asked her to return to the November NCAC with an update.

**b Illegal Dump - Belcamp Moatview**

Order: Noted.

Action: CEO Owen Keegan to return to the October NCAC with an update.

**2 Questions to Area Managers - 19th September, 2022.**

Order: Noted.

**3 Roads & Traffic Matters**

**a Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 23rd August, 2022.**

Order: Noted.

Actions: Written report on speed survey for Kincora Road  
Written report on update status of plebiscite for Richmond Road

**b Gully report for noting**

Order: Noted.

**c Active Travel Office presentation - Delivering the walk - wheel - cycle network for all**

Order: Presentation noted.

Actions: Design proposals to address the issues around the Clontarf Baths, to be brought to the 6 Clontarf Ward Councillors via zoom for their input, prior to being implemented.

Confirmation of the name of the surface that is being installed on Griffith Avenue

Request that “Bus Connects” be invited to the NCAC to present on the improvements to bus services on the Malahide Road in particular.

Confirm that the Bus Connects scheme goes from Belmayne to the Malahide Road to the members in writing.

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#### **Area Matters**

- a **Naming & Numbering Proposal - Griffin Point, Clarehall Avenue, Dublin 13**  
Order: Rejected.  
  
Actions: Councillor Tom Brabazon rejected the naming due to the similarities to other addresses in the vicinity which will only cause confusion for An Post and deliveries. Area Office staff to go back to the developer to select a more appropriate name and to come back to the NCAC with a new suggestion. This was agreed by the members.
- b **Naming & Numbering - Naming of Pinebrook Park to Saint Nicholas' Park - for noting only**  
Order: Noted.
- c **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a part of laneway to the rear of 35 Donnycarney Road, Dublin 3**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- d **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 20 Marino Park, Marino, Dublin 3.**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- e **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 84 Brian Road, Marino, Dublin 3.**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- f **Leases & Licences - Proposed grant of a lease of land at All Saints Park, Raheny, Dublin 5 to Raheny Shamrock Athletic Club.**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- g **Leases & Licences - Proposed grant of a further Licence of the Clontarf Road Car Park, Dublin 3 to Córas Iompair Éireann and Iarnród Éireann**  
Order: Agreed, subject to the following condition being inserted in the lease – Cllr. Donna Cooney (seconded by Cllr. Lyons) requested that as part of their conditions for the lease, that it would be incumbent upon Córas Iompair Éireann and Iarnród Éireann to provide a bicycle parking scheme within this land to accommodate a range of different bicycles, including “cargo” bicycles, to encourage as many modes of transport as possible as part of our “Active Travel” policy. Bláthnaid Conlon to revert back to the NCAC in this regard.

Having subsequently gleaned information from Irish Rail in relation to their proposals to install bicycle stands, Councillor Cooney has confirmed that she is happy for the Licence to proceed as was originally presented.

**h Le Fanu Road Skate Park presentation**

Order: This presentation was deferred to the October meeting with the apologies to Ger O'Reilly from the chair on behalf of the NCAC.

**i Parks Issues - Grass cutting contract, concerts in St. Anne's & Fairview Parks & future of Belmayne Allotments**

Order: Noted.

Actions: Parks to liaise with line Departments/Area Office regarding the future of the Belmayne Allotments.

Maps & signage with regard to biodiversity/Brent geese on Clontarf Promenade

Discussion on concerts dates for 2023 to be listed for the November meeting

Workshop with Fergus O'Carroll & the NCAC members on grass cutting/biodiversity

**j Arts Officer's report**

Order: Noted.

**k Sports & wellbeing partnership report**

Order: Noted.

**l North Central Area Managers' report**

Order: Noted.

**m Housing Supply Report**

Order: Noted.

**n Housing Allocations quarterly report for noting**

Order: Noted.

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**Motions**

**a Motion in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

That this area committee request from the area manager a definite timeframe for the removal of the illegal commercial dump at Belcamp/Moatview.

**Reply**

A report will be circulated from the Chief Executive to all members.

**Contact:** Derek Farrell, Area Manager  
**Email:** [derek.farrell@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed.

**b Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

That this area committee agrees to engage with the Dublin City Arts Office and heritage sections to organise an arts and heritage event in Marino in Summer 2024 to mark this historic occasion in Marino. They will be celebrating its centenary in the coming years (built between 1922 and 1926) as the first major housing development by the new Irish state. Marino is a shining example of success in the delivery of state funded housing and has resulted in a remarkable community which should be celebrated. There are many still in the community in Marino and neighbouring areas who have valuable oral history relating to their families moving to Marino and the difference it made in their lives. We could use this event to gather such oral history before it is lost to us.

The arts event run in Rockfield park was an enormous success and a tribute to all involved. We should draw on this model for an arts and heritage event on the Greens in Marino to mark the centenary.

**Reply**

The Arts Office would be delighted to support this event in collaboration with the Heritage Office. If Cllr Stocker could arrange a meeting of the relevant stakeholders that would be very helpful to look at ideas and expectations. No budget provision exists as yet for this event and this would have to be provided. Although the Rockfield Park Event is an example of what well run community Arts events can be, I benefitted from almost €100K for support. €80K from the Arts Council. As the centenary extends over some years I would suggest a two year run in to secure funding and build the centenary celebrations.

**Contact:** Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
**Email:** [ray.yeates@dublincity.ie](mailto:ray.yeates@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed. To progress this item, Cllr. O'Farrell would like to meet with Ray Yeates in this regard.

**c Motion in the name of Cllr. Micheál MacDonncha**

That this Area Committee notes with concern the very serious problem of traffic congestion on Newbrook Road, Donaghmede, at school peak times which is a huge inconvenience and a real hazard to residents. This road is effectively a cul de sac with a school entrance/exit at the end of it, serving a campus with several schools and streams of cars entering and leaving the school to drop and collect pupils twice per day. This renders their road inaccessible for residents, many of them elderly, whose vehicles are blocked in for several hours each day, creating a hazard also due to inaccessibility for emergency vehicles. The Area Committee calls for action to address this issue, including restricting access to the road, encouraging parents to park at the nearby shopping centre, encouraging more walking and cycling to school, and mandates the Area Office to liaise

with all stakeholders to find a solution.

### **Reply**

The parking policy and enforcement team can engage the parking enforcement contractor to patrol the area when the parking restrictions are implemented. If there is a vehicle obstructing a driveway, Dublin Street Parking Services can be contacted directly to carry out enforcement at that particular location.

**Contact:** Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.  
**Tel:** 222 2017.  
**Email:** [dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)

There are two DCC projects that deal with safety around schools associated with traffic in Newbrook Road, Donaghmede. **The School Zone Project** and **The Safe Routes to School Project**. Both Projects are funded by the National Transport Authority and their delivery is subject to the availability of staffing resources within Dublin City Council and the availability of external resources to take up tender applications. Applications for School Zones and Safe Routes to School were taken during 2020 and 2021 and are now closed. The schools in the vicinity of Donaghmede, which are being dealt with under these school mobility projects are as follows.

**St Kevin's Junior National School** Newbrook Avenue, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 is a Safe Routes to School Round 2 applicant. They did not apply for the School Zone intervention. They will not be assessed for installation of this national project until Safe Route to School Round 1 applicants are processed. We have commenced with Safer Route to School Round 1 applicants.

**Scoil Cholmcille Senior National School**, Newbrook Road, Donaghmede, and **Holy Trinity Senior National School**, Grange Road, Donaghmede, D13 Dublin both applied for a School Zone in 2021. School gate observations and interviews with the School Principals were carried out by the School Mobility Officers in June 2021 but due to lack of technical staffing resources and the withdrawal of consultancy supports from the National Transport Authority in late summer 2021 we were unable to proceed to concept design.

City Transport Projects/School Mobility has been instructed by Department Of Transport to prioritize any Safe Route to School Round 1 applicants for front of school safety improvement works from September 2022 until December 2022. None of the Schools on Newbrook Road are on this current priority list.

All schools will be reassessed in 2023 for progression of their School Zone and Safe Routes to School Applications. Any progression is subject to DCC staffing resources.

**Contact:** Niamh Ni Cholmain. School Mobility Officer (School Zones and Safe Route to School)  
**Tel:** 222 3471.

**Email:** [niamh.nicholmain@dublincity.ie](mailto:niamh.nicholmain@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed. However, Cllr. MacDonncha stated that he would communicate directly with Dermot Stevenson for further on this issue. Bernie Roe stated that she met with Niamh Ni Cholmain and they have agreed that they will work on this issue together, in conjunction with Gardaí and the schools.

**d Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

That this Area Committee recognises the significant residential development of almost 1,700 new units in Santry Village over the last 5 years, in particular

- 147 additional units at Milner's Square
- 120 units in Swiss Cottage
- 255 units in Santry Place
- 324 units in Omni Living
- 350 units in Chadwick's (decision due Sept 2022)
- 468 proposed units at Santry Hall (pre-planning application stage as yet)

Significant additional units have also been built in the adjoining Northwood area under the administration of Fingal Co. Co.

The North Central Area Committee notes with concern the absence of any new school or primary care facilities to support this significant additional development. Such an absence of basic social infrastructure and public services will result in new families travelling out of Santry Village to access such services and put not only additional strain on a limited public transport routes but also increase private car journeys resulting in increased emissions and poorer quality air. This will have a direct negative impact on the realisation of the DCC Development Plan aspiration of a 15 minute city and the realisation of the Dublin Climate Action Plan and a carbon neutral city by 2050.

The North Central Area Committee therefore demands that immediate action be taken to identify potential sites within the immediate environs of Santry Village for new school and primary care facilities to serve this exponential population growth and to liaise with the Departments of Education and Health to ensure the realisation of these essential services.

**Reply**

The 2022-2028 Draft City Development Plan Material Alterations public consultation phase has recently closed. The Draft Plan includes in Table 2-14 (page 77) a list of proposed LAPs/VIPs which includes Santry/Whitehall.

Decisions in relation to prioritisation of LAPs following adoption of the Draft Development Plan will be made by the Elected Members, in line with the criteria specified on page 76 of the Draft Plan. The future LAP process will involve consultation with both Departments in the context of planning for future growth.

In the event the Council is approached by either or both Departments regarding the need for additional facilities, the Council will use its endeavours to locate suitable sites.

**Contact:** Deirdre Scully. Deputy City Planner  
**Tel:** 222 3129  
**Email:** [deirdre.scully@dublincity.ie](mailto:deirdre.scully@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed.

Action: Deirdre Scully stated that she will write formally to the Department of Education and ask them to undertake a strategic review of that particular catchment area and where they see shortfalls.

**e Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

That this Area Committee recognises there is work ongoing in the background to put a plan in place to remove the materials illegally dumped on the green space opposite Belcamp Gardens, bring the perpetrators to justice and put a plan in place to maximise the potential of the space for more long term social/community good. However, the North Central Area Committee also very much recognises the immense frustration and feelings of being abandoned among local residents due to the length of time it is taking to publicly commit to a concrete plan for the removal of the dumped materials and the development of the site. The North Central Area Committee therefore requests a full public detailed action plan to have the materials removed and the site developed and that this action plan be commenced before the end of the calendar year.

**Reply**

A report will be circulated from the Chief Executive to all members.

**Contact:** Derek Farrell, Area Manager  
**Email:** [derek.farrell@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed.

**f Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

That this Area Committee recognises the need for a combined hospitality and public toilet facility in Ellenfield Park and asks that this be realised over the next 6- 8 months. Given the high level of usage and footfall in Ellenfield Park which has now been enhanced by the new pedestrian crossings on the Shantalla/Swords Rd. (thank you!)

**Reply**

There are currently no proposals for such a combined hospitality/public toilet facility in Ellenfield Park. As there is no suitable toilet facility available in the park that a coffee provider could open, supervise and maintain a unit that included a toilet would be required. A site within the park that would have access to services water and foul would need to be identified and budgetary provision made to affect such connections.

Ellenfield Park is essentially a small local park which does not have a car park and does not operate as a destination park. It is not immediately apparent that there is sufficient footfall within the park at this time to make the provision of such a service commercially viable and attractive to such vendors.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks  
**Superintendent**  
**Phone:** 222 6625  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed.

**g Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this Area Committee calls on DCC to resume meetings with the Clontarf Promenade Redevelopment & Flood Defence Project Joint Working Group as a matter of urgency.

**Reply**

The Project Manager & Local Area Manager will set up a meeting with the Joint Working Group of the Clontarf Promenade and Flood Alleviation Scheme in the coming weeks to advise at what stage the contract brief is at.

**Contact:** Gerard O'Connell, Project Manager  
**Tel:** 222 4302  
**Email:** [gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie](mailto:gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed. Cllr. O'Farrell will liaise directly with Gerard O'Connell to answer a number of queries and the Joint Working Group to come up with appropriate dates to meet.

**h Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

The Arts Office would be delighted to support this event in collaboration with the Heritage Office. If Cllr O'Farrell could arrange a meeting of the relevant stakeholders that would be very helpful to look at ideas and expectations. No budget provision exists as yet for this event and this would have to be provided. As the centenary extends over some years I would suggest a two year run in to secure funding and build the centenary celebrations.

**Contact:** Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
**Email:** [ray.yeates@dublincity.ie](mailto:ray.yeates@dublincity.ie)

As part of the works programme 2022 Road Maintenance Services have completed resurfacing works on Brian Avenue and Philipsburgh Avenue. The programme of works for both 2023 & 2024 has not yet been finalised therefore improvements details cannot be provided at this stage.

**Contact:** Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.  
**Tel:** 222 3898.



**Email:** [derek.horan@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.horan@dublincity.ie)

The Area office is currently engaged with Marino residents association exploring all options with regard to potential initiatives to mark the centenary. We are happy to assign resources (human and financial) to ensure its success. As part of this process we are doing an audit in collaboration with residents of practical improvements that can be done around the area and it is anticipated that we will utilise a portion of our minor works budget to facilitate some small scale/high impact projects in the area.

**Contact:** Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA  
**Phone:** 222 8846  
**Email:** [bernie.roe@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernie.roe@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed. To progress this item, Cllr. O'Farrell would like to meet with Ray Yeates in this regard.

i **Motion in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

That this Area Committee instruct the manager to liaise with NTA regarding the proposed construction site (during Bus Direct construction works) at the corner of Buttercup Park adjacent to Darndale Roundabout. And that the committee agrees that the siting of the works at this location is totally inappropriate.

**Reply**

This planned work site forms part of Core Bus Corridor Scheme 1, Clongriffin to City Centre. The NTA submitted the Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme statutory application documentation to An Bord Pleanála in April 2022 as the first Scheme for approval. The formal statutory public consultation period for this scheme is now finished. The proposed site formed part of the submission to An Bord Pleanála therefore no changes can be made. A decision on the scheme is due shortly.

I have forwarded the Councillors' concerns to the NTA's Bus Connects team for their awareness. Queries regarding Bus Connects schemes can be sent to [info@busconnects.ie](mailto:info@busconnects.ie)

**Contact:** Niall Bolger Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer  
**Email:** [Niall.bolger@dublincity.ie](mailto:Niall.bolger@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed.

Action: The Area Office will liaise with Dublin City Council's Bus Connects Liaison team to get a report on this issue and to ask that they engage with the NTA vis-à-vis attending the next NCAC.

**Cllr. Alison Gilliland**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 19 September 2022**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Alison Gilliland  
(Chairperson)  
Dearbháil Butler - zoom  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell - zoom

**Members:**

Daryl Barron-zoom  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Terence Flanagan-zoom  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Larry O'Toole

**Members:**

Donna Cooney  
Patricia Roe - zoom  
Declan Flanagan - zoom  
Tom Brabazon - zoom

**Apologies:**

Catherine Stocker  
Racheal Batten

**Absent:**

Jane Horgan Jones

**Officers**

Owen Keegan, Eileen Quinlavin, Derek Kelly, Bernie Roe, Derek Farrell, Fiona Moore, Catherine Cahill, Niamh Reilly, Paul Murphy, Chris Manzira, Grainne O'Brien, Fergus O'Carroll, Ray Yeates, Bernie Lillis, Deirdre Scully, Catalin Rosca, Pdraig O'Brien, Dympna McCann, Victor Coe, Bláthnaid Conlon, Shannon Kelly, Joanne O'Sullivan, David Windrim, Connell McGlynn, Gerard O'Connell, Dermot Stevenson.