



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 11th July 2023**

- 1 **With reference to the election of a Chairperson.**
ORDER: Cllr. Séamas McGrattan was elected Chairperson.
- 2 **With reference to the election of a Vice-Chairperson.**
ORDER: Cllr. Declan Meenagh was elected Vice-Chairperson
- 3 **With reference to the questions to the Area Managers.**
ORDER: Noted.
- 4 **With reference to the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2023.**
ORDER: Agreed.
- 5 **With reference to notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001. Dalymount Park Stadium Redevelopment, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.**
ORDER: Noted.
- 6 **With reference to Taking in Charge the laneway at Connaught Street, Dublin 7.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 7 **With further reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in a site at Berkeley Place/Berkeley Street (James McSweeney House), to Cabhrú Housing Association.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 8 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the Crèche Unit at Liberty Corner Development, Foley Street, Dublin 1.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 9 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence for the use of the site at 543-551 North Circular Road and 17 Russell Street, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 10 **With reference to a Naming and Numbering proposal for a development at 109 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed.

- 11 **With reference to a Naming and Numbering proposal for site known as Glasnevin Hill, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.**

ORDER: Agreed.

- 12 **With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of multiple properties at Harbour Court, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed to initiate the procedure.

- 13 **With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway at St. Marys Terrace, Dorset Street, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 14 **With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway at St. Laurence Place East, Sheriff Street Lower, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 15 **With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way at O'Devaney Gardens, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

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

ORDER: Report noted.

- 17 **With reference to Public Domain Environmental Services Report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 18 **With reference to the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Reports.**

ORDER: Reports noted.

- 19 **With reference to the North Inner City Area Reports.**

ORDER: Reports noted.

- 20 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

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

ORDER: Report noted.

22 **With reference to a report from Waste Management Services in relation to the collection of green waste.**

ORDER: Report noted.

23 **With reference to Motions to the Area Manager.**

The following Emergency Motions to the Area Manager were tabled.

Emergency Motion in the names of Councillors Declan Meenagh, Darcy Lonergan, Eimer McCormack, Cat O'Driscoll, Cieran Perry, Seamus McGrattan, Colm O'Rourke

This Area Committee commends the Berkeley Road Residents Association for the recent Streetscape report

- Endorses the Berkeley Road Residents Association Streetscape document and commits to quickly implementing it.
- Calls on all relevant Council departments including traffic and parks to provide a clear plan to implement the report.
- Calls for these departments to update the September Central Area Committee on their progress on this.

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

The central area committee agrees that the illegal dumping at the Phibsborough Shopping Centre bottle bank is a real problem. We agree to prioritise dealing with this issue as an urgent action.

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the Names of Councillors Ray McAdam & Cieran Perry.

That the Area Committee reiterates our position that all existing services in the Grangegorman Bring Centre continue to be provided in the Dublin 7 area. Given the fact there are rumours that an unmanned facility without full recycling services nor any provision for garden waste are spreading across the area, this Area Committee calls upon the Waste Management Department to immediately clarify the situation with regards the future provision of Recycling Services in the Dublin

7 area. Any move away from the position outlined to Councillors in May would represent a duplicitous act on behalf of the Executive and therefore, this Area Committee is left no choice but notify the Manager of our intention to utilise our powers under Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2014 with regards the provision of full recycling services in the Dublin 7 area.

ORDER: Agreed.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

NORTH INNER CITY

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

This area committee calls for alternative uses be explored for the ground floor site at Dominick Street flats, including educational and cultural uses even where a lower rent could be paid due to the significant contribution such uses would make to the overall regeneration of the site.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello

That this Central Area Committee agree to retain a “constrained” No 617 bus stop on the North Strand as suggested in the Active Travel report circulated to Councillors.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this committee rejects any proposals to downgrade St Mary's Pro Cathedral.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Area Committee congratulates Kellie Harrington on qualifying for next year's Olympic Games in Paris.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this committee congratulates Christy Fagan on the recent 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Sean Mac Dermott Taekwondo Club which he founded in 1973 and which he has run for the past half century. This committee also wishes Christy a long and happy retirement.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

Go ndéanann an coiste seo comhghairdeas le foireann, tuismitheoirí agus daltaí Ghaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire as "casadh an fód" dá scoil nua le déanaí, ócáid ar a fhreastail líon áirithe ionadaithe áitiúla.

That this committee congratulates the staff, parents and pupils of Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire on the recent "turning of the sod" for their new school, an event attended by a select number of local representatives.

ORDER: Agreed

CABRA GLASNEVIN

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That the Central Area Committee write to Irish Rail to ask that a community art project be set up to improve the appearance of Pelletstown station and get community involvement.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

The Central Area will hold a discussion on how we can maximize support for community groups by minimizing costs and promoting the circular economy.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

That the Central Area Committee calls on the Manager to carry out a review of the street clutter in the Berkeley Road area as per Dublin City Development Plan policy. Local residents believe the excessive amount of signage detracts from the visual appearance of the street. Of particular concern are the old guardrails at the traffic lights. The *Design Manual for Urban Road and Streets* published by the Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport in 2013 acknowledges that such guardrails may be counterproductive and as

- It may increase vehicle speeds and aggressive driver behaviour.
- Create a false sense of safety for both drivers and pedestrians (guardrails will only stop vehicles travelling at very low speeds).
- Block intervisibility between drivers and children.
- Result in pedestrians/cyclists being trapped on the carriageway or found in locations that are not anticipated by drivers.
- Reduce the width and capacity of footways and crossings.
- Create a collision hazard for cyclists where built in close proximity to cycle lanes.

There are also 17 traffic and advisory signs on Blessington Street & Geraldine Street, 6 traffic & advisory signs on Geraldine Street & O'Connell Avenue, 5 traffic & advisory signs on O'Connell Avenue & Vincent's Street, 5 traffic & advisory signs on Vincent's Street & Sarsfield Street and 11 traffic & advisory signs on Sarsfield Street and North Circular Road.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Eimer McCormack

The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council Public Domain to immediately reintroduce the cutting of grass verges and pruning of trees in the Cabra and Glasnevin Ward. Not just for hardship cases but throughout the area.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

To promote sustainable building in an urban setting the Central Area Committee agrees that the next building designed in the Central Area by DCC will avoid concrete and instead use timber for construction and act as a demonstration project for modern, sustainable construction methods.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillor Colm O'Rourke

That this Central Area Committee calls on the Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services Division to prune the trees at Glendhu Road, Glengariff Road, Glenbrook Road and Glendhu Park due to the previous

requests of residents for the tress to be pruned not being accepted and furthermore that a timeframe be given as to when the trees will be pruned.

ORDER: Agreed

Councillor Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson

Tuesday 11^h July 2023

Attendance

Members

Séamas McGrattan
Nial Ring
Eimer McCormack
Ray McAdam

Janet Horner
Janice Boylan
Cat O'Driscoll

Joe Costello
Colm O'Rourke
Darcy Lonergan

Christy Burke
Cieran Perry
Declan Meenagh

Officers

David Forde
Frank Lambe
Aisling Browne
Victor Coe
Muskan Sahdev
Brian Mongey

Marie Kavanagh
Karl Mitchell
Annette Cleary
Paul White
Donncha O'Dúlaing

Brendan Doggett
Emer Wilson
Joao Brescia
Marion Foran
Alan Morrin

Gráinne O'Grady
Cathy Cassidy
Gerry McEntagart
Claire Dempsey
John McPartlan

Other:

Viral Bhavsar