

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 18th September 2023

Item 1 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

Order: Agreed

Item 2 Questions to the Area Manager.

Q.1 **Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

To ask the Manager to look at arranging signage at the entrance of (details supplied) on Balcurris Road, a lot of cars park here and cars are speeding as people are trying to leave the car park.

Reply

The Area Engineer will need to assess the entrance at (details supplied) in order to recommend what traffic measure are necessary. Dublin City Council cannot install any traffic measures in the (details supplied) car park as it is private property. DCC can only install traffic measures on roads and footpaths that are in charge by DCC.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.

Tel: 01 222 2523

Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.2 **Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

To ask the Manager for an update on the progress made regarding (details supplied) moving closer to Ballymun

Reply

The City Valuer's Office remain in negotiations with (details supplied) for the lease to them of a site north of Balbutcher Lane (Southern part of site No. 31 in Ballymun LAP). Upon agreement of terms with the club a report will be brought to the North West Area Committee for approval.

Contact: Bláthnaid Conlon, Senior Staff Officer, Property Disposals.

Tel: 01- 222 3408

Email: blathnaid.conlon@dublincity.ie

Q.3 **Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

To ask the Manager for an update on the improvements works for (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services completed upgrade of pathways in (details supplied) early Q2 this year.

Parks met onsite with appointed contractor for construction of reflective garden recently with works set to commence this week. Likewise, arrangements have been made for playground construction to commence within the coming weeks once final

equipment orders have been secured. Gym equipment station will be the final element to be installed following playground works.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to power wash the (detailed supplied)

Reply

The Public Domain Team will request the locations of (details supplied) to be power washed.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 01 2225496
Email: Robert.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager when will the Affordable Housing Schemes be advertised in (details supplied)

Reply

Under the Affordable Housing Act 2021, local authorities need to publicly advertise when an Affordable Housing Scheme becomes available. In advance of the date when the particular dwellings are scheduled to be completed, the Council will advertise the availability of the dwellings in at least one newspaper circulating within the administrative area and on Dublin City Council's website.

The advertisement will include details regarding the location, number and type of dwellings to be sold, their price, the income limits for eligibility, as well as how and when to apply.

Planning permission has not yet been secured for affordable housing on the (details supplied) site however work is due to start on Saint Joseph's site in early 2024. Dublin City Council is developing our Affordable Housing website and will advertise all affordable homes on this site.

Contact: Sara Bermingham, Administrative Officer
Tel: 01 222 2040
Email: sara.bermingham@dublincity.ie

Q.6 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager how long is the An Bord Pleanála appeal likely to delay the housing project in (details supplied)

Reply

The estimated date for a decision on this appeal is end of Dec 2023/Jan 2024, with construction to commence shortly thereafter, the appeal to Bord Pleanála has delayed this project by approximately six months.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 01 222 6114
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie:

Q.7 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager are the security cameras operating in Ballymun and how they are being used to tackle illegal dumping.

Reply

Waste Management Services have currently no security cameras operating in Ballymun to tackle illegal dumping a further update will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.8 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to prune the trees in (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services carried out a significant amount pruning works to trees in (details supplied) recently. If there is a specific tree within the estate, Park services can inspect and add it to our Tree Care Programme should any works be deemed necessary.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Exec Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager for an update on the Tree Replacement Programme in (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services have a number of location listed for tree replacement. Trees will be replaced on a multi annual basis as tree pits become available.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to arrange clean up around (details supplied)

Reply

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned location cleaned by the middle of September 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager for details of Rent arrears in Ballymun.

Reply

The approximate rent arrears for Ballymun is €4,782,667.67 plus additional €17,348 if you include the Shanliss and Oldtown areas.

Contact: Margaret McGrane, Area Housing Officer
Tel: 0863808187
Email: Jackie.oreilly@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of the footpaths on Ferndale Road in particular the cul de sac between numbers 3 and 18 where the paths are in need of attention. Can any repairs be carried out as soon as possible.

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143622) has been passed to the local engineer who will inspect this issues.

A significant number of repairs have been carried out in the area associated to the 2022 & 2023 Works Programmes to reduce the overall number of defects. This area will be considered as part of the 2024 Works Programme.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to have a look at boundary wall dividing 13-24 Graigue Court and Crannoge Road. Cracks have appeared in the wall and it doesn't look safe. Children use this location as a play area.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will examine the matter and revert back with a detailed reply to Councillor Connaghan.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to reinstate gaps in the railings at the Hopscotch Playground at the rear of 2 Crannoge Road.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will examine the matter and revert back to Councillor Connaghan with further details.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the replacement of the boiler at (details supplied) the tenant here is a carer and has 2 kids with special needs. He has regular issues with this boiler which is in place for 23 years. He informs me that the contractors have recommended on several occasions that the boiler needs to be replaced. Can you arrange this please.

Reply

Housing Maintenance Heating Section can confirm that this boiler replacement has been approved and the contractor will be in touch with the tenant to arrange installation shortly.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the footpaths adjacent to (details supplied) be resurfaced please. There are lots of elderly residents in this area and the footpaths need to be resurfaced to prevent trips.

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143623) has been passed to the local Inspector who will inspect this issues.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the footpath at (details supplied) to be re-instated. The footpath here is in really bad condition and is a serious trip hazard.

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143624) has been passed to the local Inspector who will inspect this issues.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to provide an update on footpath repairs at (details supplied) where the resident has been reporting same for over a year now.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Job number 41122396 has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the clearing of the green on Westwood Avenue. A large branch came off a tree a while back and has not been removed. The overgrowth at the side of houses is becoming a magnet for dumping also.

Reply

Parks Services have added this to local works schedule for clearance.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of (details supplied) with regards to the continued use of a plug in electric heater. Can the Manager say whether this is standard practice or whether this situation needs to be upgraded

Reply

Housing Maintenance will examine the matter and revert back with a detailed reply to Councillor Connaghan

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to see if it is possible to accommodate a 7 or 9 a side pitch in Mellows Park and also Northway Park where there seems to be space available.

Reply

Parks Services will review this proposal taking into consideration other current allocations and in the context of ongoing developments in the area.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to provide a report on waste bin collection frequency in the Northwest Area. Driving around recently and there seems to be a lot of bins overflowing and is there big belly bins being considered as replacement in any areas.

Reply

Waste Management Services have the litter bins on the main thoroughfares and shop fronts emptied two or three times a day on a daily basis. Litter bins in residential areas are emptied once a day, five days a week, Monday to Friday. We are not installing any further big belly bins at this stage.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair of the dishing at (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Job number 41165675 has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to outline if any measures are proposed to deal with speeding on (details supplied) Speeding and rat running on (details supplied) is worsening, particularly when motorists are avoiding the Beneavin traffic lights at peak times, are there any traffic calming measures proposed.

Reply

The Area Engineer has no funding available for traffic calming measures on the aforementioned road for the remainder of 2023.

(details supplied)

1. For the most part, there is on-street parking which is effectively acts as traffic calming by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing drivers forward visibility.
2. (details supplied) is a narrow residential road the tree-lined appearance of the road creates an enclosed nature to the area which further enhances traffic calming
3. (details supplied) is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone sign, indicating the lower speed limit the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. The Area Engineer does not recommend the provision of extra traffic calming measures at this location.

If residents observe instances of drivers speeding these instances should be referred to the local Gardai for enforcement

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 01-222-5365.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.25 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair of the footpath at (details supplied) as the path is very uneven and cracked, there is a large rise in one part due to tree roots.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Job number 41111315 has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.

Tel: 01 2222222

Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair of the footpath at (details supplied) It is very broken and uneven

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Job number 41141106 has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.

Tel: 01 2222222

Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to outline if any upgrades to the footpaths are planned for (details supplied)

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143622) has been passed to the local engineer who will inspect this issues.

A significant number of repairs have been carried out in the area associated to the 2022 & 2023 Works Programmes to reduce the overall number of defects. This area will be considered as part of the 2024 Works Programme.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.

Tel: 01 2222222

Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.28 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to outline if the dishing at (details supplied) is on a list for repair

Reply

There was currently no works scheduled for (details supplied)

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143629) has been passed to the local Inspector who will inspect the issues.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q. 29 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the inspection of the tree at (details supplied)

Reply

This is a mature purple plum was inspected and was added to our Tree Care Programme for some structural pruning. These works will be completed in the coming weeks.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the inspection of (details supplied) as cars are frequently parked on both sides of the road, making access to driveways and walking on the paths difficult

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector has reviewed these streets and Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to issue warnings initially for footpath parking. The Council is aware that residents of streets that are narrow have difficulties parking and have no option but to park on footpaths to avoid blocking the roadway. However, it is illegal to park on a footpath and enforcement action may be necessary if vehicles are causing obstruction to footpath users. If residents are experiencing obstructions to their driveways, they may contact Dublin Street Parking Services directly at 01 6022500 or info@dsps.ie.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement Officer
Tel: 01 222 2238
Email : linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to confirm if any pruning of the bushes on the green at (details supplied) is planned

Reply

Parks Services have this area of shrubbery at (details supplied) listed on our autumn/winter Shrubbery Maintenance Programme to be pruned back.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to outline if any pavement repairs are planned at (details supplied)

Reply

In relation to the footpaths significant repairs were carried out in the area of Cedarwood Road as part of the North West Civil Works Programme 2017, through to early 2018. Further repairs were carried out to the adjacent Oakwood Park area as part of the 2023 programme to reduce the overall defect in the area.

Currently, there are no planned works for the Cedarwood Road cul-de-sac.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.

Tel: 01 2222222

Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to confirm if weeding will take place at the green on (details supplied)

Reply

The Public Domain Team will request the location on (details supplied) for manual weed removal.

Contact: Robert Ingram, A/Public Domain Officer

Tel: 01 2225496

Email: Robert.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the reinstatement and repair of the playground in (details supplied)

Reply

Parks Services continue to routinely repair and maintain remaining play items in this playground. Ongoing vandalism at this location makes it very difficult to make any obvious improvement on the play space. Park Services have listed your request for further review taking into consideration other ongoing development proposals for the park.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent

Tel: 01 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection of the very large tree at (Details supplied) with a view to a severe prune or replacement.



Reply

Park Services inspected the tree outside (details supplied) and was found to be in a healthy condition with no other works recommended at this time.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager if he will consider putting a ramp in at (details supplied) for wheelchair and buggy users



Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143636) has been passed to the local engineer who will inspect this item and consider the suitability of a dishing for pedestrians at this location.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to review the insulation, windows and doors at (details supplied)

Reply

This dwelling previously received wall insulation (cavity pump) and attic insulation in 2014 and therefore the insulation works are complete under the EERP Programme. The double glazed PVC windows have had seven new double glazed units fitted and new rubber seals installed, as well as eight new handles and five pairs of 16" hinges and were all operating as they should. These works were carried out by a specialist window contractor.

The local Housing Maintenance Depot reports that a new back door and frame and a new front door and frame were ordered from our Joinery Workshop on the 18/1/23, with a lead in time of approximately 20 weeks.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal and cutting back of shrubbery at (details supplied) as it is blocking some of the pathway.



Reply

Park Services have listed this shrubbery for removal. These works will be completed in the coming weeks as local schedule allows.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for a review of the public lighting at (details supplied)

Reply

A lighting assessment has been carried out on the public lighting at/near bus stop no (details supplied) The City Council accepts that additional/improved lighting should be provided. It is presently exploring a few options how this can be provided economically with a view to carrying out improvement works this year.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for the inspection and removal of the dead tree at (details supplied)



Reply

Park services have listed this tree for removal. These works will be completed in the coming weeks as local schedule allows.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the public consultation and plans for the 5 arm junction in Finglas Village, including an updated timeline.

Reply

The Rapid Build Options Report as required by the NTA for the Finglas Village Improvement Scheme is being advanced for the scheme, the report is expected to be completed by the end of September 2023. The report will then be considered by Active Travel and the NTA, it may have an impact on the design of the scheme. As soon as the impacts of the report are known the Elected Members will be updated on the scheme and the timeline.

Contact: Andy Walsh, Executive Manager, Active Travel Programme Office.
Tel: 01 2222020
Email: andy.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for the inspection and removal of the dead tree at (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services have listed this tree listed for removal on our contracted tree work list. All contracted tree work is carried out on a prioritised basis subject to available budget.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to provide a follow up to question 59 of the Dublin City Council monthly meeting in July 2023, as to when the works will commence on clearing the very overgrown shrubbery.

“Question to the Chief Executive Council Meeting 3 rd July 2023

Q.59 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

CRES To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cutting back of the very overgrown

shrubbery at the entrance to (details supplied).

Details: As you enter the housing (details supplied) CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY: Parks services will arrange for an inspection of the area at (details supplied) and report any necessary work to local contractor for attention.”

Contact: Stephen Groome, Exec Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Reply

Parks Services have highlighted this area with the local landscape maintenance supervisor for his attention and prioritisation during autumn/winter Shrubby Maintenance Programme.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for a review of the speeding signage at (details supplied) with a view to increasing the amount of signage/ making people more aware of the speed limit.

Reply

(details supplied) is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, which indicates the lower speed limit and warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. This sign is provided at the entrance of the housing state. During the site inspection, no visibility issues were observed.

Therefore, additional signage is not recommended at this location to avoid a proliferation of signage. Speeding should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport
Tel: 01 222 6453
Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to give an update on the upgrade to the five-arm junction in Finglas and provide a timeline for completion.

Reply

The Rapid Build Options Report as required by the NTA for the Finglas Village Improvement Scheme is being advanced for the scheme, the report is expected to be completed by the end of September 2023. The report will then be considered by Active Travel and the NTA, it may have an impact on the design of the scheme. As soon as the impacts of the report are known the Elected Members will be updated on the scheme and the timeline.

Contact: Andy Walsh, Executive Manager, Active Travel Programme Office.

Tel: 01 2222020

Email: andy.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to clean up and improve the look of the recycling area beside the new Finglas Library and ensure that it is properly maintained

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure everything possible is done to maintain and improve look of the above mentioned recycling area.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

Tel: 01 2224240,

Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to increase the level of cleaning in Finglas Village and the immediate surrounding area, including slip roads, tree pits and ensure the regular emptying of bins

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that Finglas Village is cleaned and bins there emptied regularly on a daily basis. We will monitor the immediate surrounding area and have cleaning carried out when necessary.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

Tel: 01 2224240,

Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager if improvements to the cycle paths from Finglas to Phibsborough can be carried out on an interim basis pending the approval of the Bus Connects Plans, as cyclists report that the existing cycle paths have become more eroded and more dangerous for them to use, which risks turning people off cycling

Reply

There are no planned surface upgrades to the existing cycle lanes in the North West Area as part of Road Maintenance Services 2023 Annual Works Programme. If

Councillor Callaghan would like to suggest specific areas where surface improvements can be implemented these areas will be considered for the 2024 Works Programme.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to survey and address the poor conditions of the footpaths at (details supplied) which are currently uneven and represent a trip hazard.

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143622) has been passed to the local engineer who will inspect this issues.

A significant number of repairs have been carried out in the area associated to the 2022 & 2023 Works Programmes, to reduce the overall number of defects. This area will be considered as part of the 2024 Works Programme.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager if, further to serious concerns raised regarding an area in Dublin 11 (details supplied), proper cleansing of the area and repair of footpaths can be carried out and if a scheme can be drawn up in conjunction with local business owners to enhance the area in terms of the streetscape, and to make it generally more attractive

Reply

In relation to the footpaths significant repairs were carried out in the area of (details supplied) as part of the North West Civil Works Programme 2021, through to early 2022.

The areas the constituent has reported to be in poor condition are not in charge by DCC Road Maintenance and should be raised with the Building Management Company.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services clean the shopping area on (details supplied) on a daily basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 01 2224240,
Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q. 51 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager if greater maintenance of Johnstown Park, Dublin 11 can be carried out to bring it up to the same standard as Griffith Park and Albert College Park.

Reply

Park Services have dedicated park staff based at the park who carry out on a regular servicing. Johnstown Park is overseen by the same management team as the above-mentioned Parks. Park services will arrange a follow up inspection of the park to determine if there is any obvious maintenance issues that should be addressed in the coming week.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager if repair of a footpath can be carried out at (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Job number 41112995 has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager when will the Ballymun Swimming pool slides be operational again. This has been an ongoing issue and has is a constant disappointment to the children locally.

Reply

Unfortunately the slides will remain closed as there is a major leak from one of the slides when it is operating. The slides require a structural survey to ensure they are safe to be opened to the public. The Sport and Recreation Section is currently working on a tender document for the Sport and Fitness Facilities. The tender will incorporate design and refurbishment works in a number of sport and fitness facilities. The Ballymun Sport and Fitness Facility is one of the facilities included and the slides is one element which will be addressed.

Contact: Emma Byrne, Ballymun Centre Manager
Tel: 01 2228243
Email: emma.byrne@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can Maker Spaces be put in place in the new Finglas Library and Ballymun Library. Ballymun Library has an excellent opportunity to convert the garage attached to the Ballymun Library and this could be converted into an excellent community space which is in short supply. A Maker Space in both libraries would be a brilliant addition to our library service encouraging innovation, creativity and training. These spaces encourage upcycling, repairs and reuse of so many items that get discarded too quickly.

Reply

Neither Finglas nor Ballymun Library is large enough to have a separate space of the type that Coolock Library offers. We are working on plans to expand our Maker Spaces programming throughout Dublin City Libraries, and both Finglas and Ballymun will be included in that programming.

We continue to offer the Maker Space in Coolock Library, the crafting groups that meet in many Libraries across the city, as well as workshops held across the branch libraries such as our "Tech for teens" series which runs at the autumn mid-term, and events delivered with partners like such partners as the Rediscovery centre, Anyone 4 science, Metatech, Make Create Innovate, and Bricks4kidz.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Tel: 2224816
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can a replacement tree be put in place on the centre grass strip on the Ballymun Road near the entrance to Dublin City University.

Reply

Parks Services have listed this location for inspection, should it be deemed a suitable location for a new tree it will be added to our tree-ordering list.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the paths on Ferndale Road in the cul de sac be replaced/repared.

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143622) has been passed to the local engineer who will inspect this issues.

A significant number of repairs have been carried out in the area, associated to the 2022 & 2023 Works Programmes, to reduce the overall number of defects. This area will be considered as part of the 2024 Works Programme.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.
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Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can Bike Repair Stations be put in a number of areas to make it easier to keep your bike in good repair.

Reply

Dublin City Council have been trialling a public bicycle repair station in Drury Street Car Park for the past number of years with limited success. Despite the fact that the repair station and pump were placed in an indoor facility with CCTV cameras and security, the repair station has been vandalised and the bike pump broken on a

number of occasions. We are aware of other local authorities in Dublin having similar issues with repair stations placed in the public realm.

To date it has been our view that these repair stations are unsuitable for placing on public streets. In addition we have yet to establish that there is a clear demand for such a service and just how many cyclists would actually conduct running repairs to their bicycles should such a facility be provided.

DCC has two additional indoor cycling facilities, one in the Jervis Street Car Park and one in the Spire Car Park. As these facilities become popular we will look to install repair stations in these locations in an effort to establish the demand for these facilities and whether consideration should be given to rolling them out across the city.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer
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Email: alec.dundon@dublincity.ie

Q.58 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can Tolka Valley playground be repaired and secured from future damage. The locals are very frustrated that their children lose out on this public amenity continuously.

Reply

Parks Services continue to routinely repair and maintain remaining play items in this playground. Ongoing vandalism at this location makes it very difficult to make any obvious improvement on the play space. Park Services have listed your request for further review taking into consideration other ongoing development proposals for the park.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q. 59 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can more planting and planned activities for the community take place in Johnstown Park.

Reply

A park permit is required to run a community activity in the parks and these are applied for through DCC Parks Section. Community & Development are happy to work with our Parks Section to delivery activities in the park in conjunction with local community groups.

Contact: Larry Dooley, Community & Social Development Officer
Tel: 086-8150358
Email: larry.dooley@dublincity.ie

Parks Services are always happy to engage with local community groups/schools should they have a proposal in mind. Proposals are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 3395
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Q.60 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can a youth expo take place in the coming weeks when most youth organisations will be starting back after the summer holidays. This will encourage more young people to join these clubs if they can meet the leaders and discuss what they have to offer in a face to face setting. The local schools could all visit at set times to see what is on offer in the area. Also it could be a great opportunity for these organisations to look for volunteers to help run these groups.

Reply:

Youth organisations in the Finglas Area run Summer Programmes in June, July and August these programmes are specifically designed to encourage and support the younger generation transition into appropriate programmes in September/October. These programmes are identified through local schools and An Garda Síochána.

Registration for the Summer Programme is open to all young people in the area and is subject to availability.

Youth Services engage on regular basis with local schools, with schools attending programmes during school term.

Youth Services are continuously on the look -out for volunteers and many of the current crop of volunteers are past users of the service.

Contact: Larry Dooley, Community & Social Development Officer

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Q.61 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can more tree planting and pollinator friendly plants be put into Northway Park. This will help reduce noise and air pollution and increase habitats for wildlife

Reply

Parks Services will list this proposal for further consideration and inclusion in our future Parks Improvement Programme 2024/25

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent

Tel: 01 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager when will the chess tables & table tennis go into all local parks

Reply

Parks Services do not have plans to install chess tables & table tennis into all local parks. We have 2 chess tables to be installed at Albert College Park and Poppintree Park, We are currently awaiting a contractor to install these. The installation of any additional equipment in our parks must take into consideration existing environment, amenities and available space.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Exec Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Noted

Item 3 Finglas Area Office Report, Pat Teehan, Area Manager.

Order: Noted

Item 4 With reference to Lease of a plot adjacent to 90 Fairlawn Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 for gardening purposes

Order: Recommend to City Council

Item 5 Ballymun Area Office Report, Jackie O'Reilly, Area Manager

Order: Noted

Item 6. With reference to Grant of Lease of Unit S5, Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin

Order: Recommend to City Council

Item 7. Motion in the name of Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask that this Area Committee support putting in place connections with local groups and the new North City Recycling Centre to reduce the amount of items ending up in landfill and incineration. An example of this would be that the local men's shed who carry out a lot of wood & metal work for local organisations could avail of waste materials in the Recycling Centre, hardwoods are in great demand by the group and are costly to purchase. This partnership and other partnerships with local groups would reduce their costs and DCC costs by reusing these materials.

Order: Robert Ingram to report back to Councillor with a detailed report in relation to recycling groups and the use of Social Media platforms.

Item 8 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That this Area Committee:

Stands in solidarity with FÓRSA members of Dublin City Council and other local authorities across the state as they commence industrial action to address issues around job evaluation and pay;

We support their call for a formal job evaluation process to ensure workers jobs are properly graded and enumerated;

We call on Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland Darragh O'Brien, the LGMA and the Executive of Dublin City Council to return to negotiations with FÓRSA and to agree a mechanism for progressing the job evaluation process.

We also call on the chairperson of the North West Area Committee to write to both the LGMA and Minister O'Brien urging them to engage with FÓRSA to resolve this dispute as soon as possible.

Order: Report to Councillor

Item .9 Public Domain Report, Robert Ingram Public Domain Officer

Order: Noted

Item: 10 Presentation North West Area Arts Research

Order: Noted

Item 11. BusConnects Network Redesign Routes

Order: Noted

Item 12 Traffic Service Request, Status Report

Order: Noted

Item. 13 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

Order: Noted

Item. 14 **AOB** Tree Pruning, Tree Strategy and Works Programme in the NWA parks

Order: Bernard Brady to report back to Councillors

NWA Councillors: Caroline Conroy, Noeleen Reilly, Keith Connolly, Mary Callaghan, Anthony Connaghan, and Briege MacOscar.

Apologises: Pat Teehan (Senior Executive Officer)

Officials: Bruce Philips (A/Executive Manager), Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager Ballymun), Robert Ingram (Public Domain Officer), Fiona Farrell (Staff Officer) Olive Warnock (Staff Officer), Derek Healy (Housing Manager), Larry Dooley (Community & Development Officer), Bláthnaid Conlon, (Senior Staff Officer), William Managan (Senior Executive Engineer) Joao Brescia (Assistant Engineer) Bernard Brady (Senior Executive Landscape Architect), Kelly Hickey (Assistant Arts Officer), Ciarán Loughnane (Senior Staff Officer) Liam Barry (Economic Development Officer)

Councillor Mary Callaghan
Chairperson

The meeting concluded at 4.10pm