

NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Item 1 Minutes of the North West Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2023.

Order: Agreed

Replies to Questions Tuesday 21st November 2023

Q.1 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to look at the green space behind the (details supplied) to stop parking on it and also make it more appealing to look at. A number of years ago money was set aside from the discretionary fund but it was never spent on this.

Reply

Park Services will list this green space for some greening elements and improvement in future Parks Improvement Programme. If discretionary funding is identified, the continuation and installation of bollards along the outer edge of the public pathway would be better aesthetically than in the open space. This solution prevents cars mounting and parking on the pavement.

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

Q.2 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the grass to be cut along (details supplied) on both sides especially in front of the Tuath housing at Hampton woods.

Reply

An inspection of this general area will be made to see if all grass verges included in the Dublin City Council's Landscape Maintenance Contract 2022-2025 are being maintained. Please note certain grass verges in front of Hampton Woods are not taken in charge.

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

Q.3 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to look at the new road constructed outside (details supplied) when it rains the water doesn't reach the shores so it has nowhere to go and is causing flooding. This has only occurred since the new road was constructed.

Reply

The Senior Resident Engineer on the project will investigate this matter and resolve it.

Contact: Joe Kelly Senior Engineer Road Design and Construction Division
Tel: 012222907
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager is there an update on creating indent parking at Poppintree Park

Reply

Dublin City Council have no plans on creating indented parking at Poppintree Park. DCC promotes Sustainable Transportation and Active Travel around the Dublin North West Area. The proposal of more parking on the road would be contrary to this policy.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 222 2523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager if assistance can be given to the businesses at (details supplied) who rent off Dublin City Council to combat anti-social behaviour where large gangs hang around on a daily basis.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer will report the issue to the Community Sergeant in Ballymun Garda station relating to the anti-social behaviour in the environs.
Dublin Metropolitan Region Northern Community Police Office Tel: +353 1 666 4093

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

Q.6 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager when the list will be open for the Affordable Housing site managed by O’Cualann in Poppintree which has already began construction.

Reply

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.

At this point any constituent who may be interested in applying should consider the qualifying criteria for the Affordable Purchase Scheme and their ability to raise a minimum 10% deposit (first-time buyer).

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Development
Tel: 01 222 3517
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q.7 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the leaves to be removed from Poppintree Park Lane West

Reply

Waste Management Service operate a Leaf Clearing Programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets and paths with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. In addition we assist resident groups in clearing leaves from their areas and remove the collected leaves for them. We will ensure that Poppintree Park Lane West is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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 if the gutters can be cleared in (details supplied)

Reply

The Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot has engaged a contractor to clear the gutters in question, these works have already begun and this should resolve the matter.

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

Q.9 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager if waste management checks can be arranged for (details supplied) due to illegal dumping there

Reply

The Litter Enforcement Manager will organise door to door enquires to be carried out by the Litter Wardens at the location specified above

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager
Tel: 01 2222222
Email: Stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Councillor Noeleen Reilly

To ask the Manager for an update on expressions of interest for the Ballymun Shopping Centre Site and what are the next steps.

Reply

The City Council Active Land Management group are currently considering options for the entire former Shopping Centre site which is just under 8 acres, in conjunction with the Council's Housing Department. A more detailed update will be made available when this work has reached conclusion, which is envisaged to be late this year or early next year.

Contact: Aileen Maloney, Senior Executive Valuer
Tel: 222 6117
Email: aileen.moloney@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for ramps on the main Barnamore Park road. There has been a lot of incidents of cars entering and exiting the estate at high speeds and there are lots of kids in the immediate vicinity.

Reply

Barnamore Park does not meet the criteria for the provision of speed ramps. The road is a cul-de-sac, short in length (less than 200m), not conducive with speed and the number of vehicles are low.

The criteria for the installation of ramps are:

- The road should have a straight run of at least 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed should be greater than the posted speed limit.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns, based either on actual accident statistics or on observed road safety patterns, or a written report from an inspector of the Garda Traffic Division of the local Garda Síochána relating to an issue of safety.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 222 2523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the replacement of the door at (details supplied), the tenant reports that the door was replaced to a new style and there are gaps at the top and bottom which are causing drafts and allowing water in at times. Can the door be replaced with the old style to alleviate the problems.

Reply

The original door in this property was installed when properties were constructed under Ballymun Regeneration. More recently we have installed a new wooden door from our Joinery Workshop. As the tenant was unhappy with this, we further installed a timber insert and insulated the door as well.

The tenant is now looking for the original door to be replaced, however, the Depot are unable to source these doors anymore. We will ask one of our Forepersons to call again to see if there are any additional measures we can take to assist with the situation.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the back garden at (details supplied) to be repaired. It was reported to me that the back garden was in this state when the tenant moved in and we should not have let a property if the back garden was in such a condition.

Reply

The upkeep of back gardens falls under the tenant's responsibility. However, as a gesture of goodwill, we will inspect the garden and assess what the situation is.

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 provide details of the number of apartments purchased or are in the process of being purchased in The Plaza Apartments in Ballymun. Can the Manager indicate the level of inspection which is provided before purchase and if any issues with mould or damp were recorded at any stage.

Reply

Dublin City Council own 30 units in the Plaza. Ballymun, several more have been offered to DCC under the tenant in situ acquisitions programme. All properties offered under the tenant in situ scheme are visually inspected by our Building Inspector.

Our Inspector noted on recent inspections faulty extractor fans and landlords not providing proper upkeep of the properties.

Contact: Aisling Browne, Administrative Officer, Housing and Community
Tel: 01 2226530
Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for inspection of the windows at (details supplied) where it was reported that there are defective windows and one is nailed shut. Has there ever been a routine inspection of the condition of these windows and consideration of a replacement scheme as happened previously at Woodhazel Close.

Reply

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot has not received any repair request in relation to the windows. We will log this now for the tenant and an inspection of the windows will be carried out.

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 a housing maintenance inspection at (details supplied) where it is reported that there is a broken toilet, the boiler and radiators are troublesome and the doors and frames have given the tenant issues also.

Reply

Housing Maintenance have no report of any issue with the toilet, but we will log this now for inspection/repair. The carpenter is currently addressing the issue with the radiator in the bedroom as it is related to the plasterboard and this will be resolved. We will arrange to have the boiler inspected and repaired if necessary for the tenant.

The tenant is on the list for new windows from our Joinery Workshop.

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

Q.17 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of (details supplied) where it is reported that there are no vents in the property. A contractor has been out recently and advised the tenant that because there is no insulation in the walls. This is why he is having so many issues.

Reply

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot will arrange for an inspection of this property and vents will be installed here if necessary. The Depot confirmed that this property has been insulated previously.

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

Q.18 Councillor Anthony Connaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the ramps which were removed along Glasanaon Road when the road was resurfaced recently to be re-instated.

Reply

It is the intention of Road Maintenance Services to reinstate the ramps throughout the resurfaced area of Glasanaon Road.

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict with the contractor, the reinstatement for these ramps was extended and will be prioritised for the coming weeks. I wish to extend my apologies to the residents for resolution to this protracted issue.

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 road surface along Wellmount Road (Wellmount Ave to Cardiffbridge Road) to be examined and repaired. There seems to be lots of potholes along here since the inclement weather we have had recently.

Reply

There are no planned resurfacing works for footpaths or carriageways on Wellmount Road in 2023 as part of the works programme as the budget has been fully allocated.

An inspection will be carried out by the local inspector and any potholes identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area (Enquiry Ref 11147491).

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

Q.20 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the weeds around (details supplied) to be removed.

Reply

Park Services carried out an inspection of (details supplied). Weeds found outside the boundary of the open space are a matter for Roads maintenance section.

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

Road Maintenance Service Crews are currently undertaking a Weed Treatment Programme across the City. This area will be included in the schedule.

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

Q.21 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to initiate the process of extinguishing the right of way and a potential closure of (details supplied)

Reply

The Public Domain Officer and Housing Manager will propose a meeting with Councillor Connolly regarding the proposed extinguishment of (details supplied)

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

Q.22 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection of the very large trees on (details supplied) with a view to pruning.

Reply

According to our records, the Carpinus trees along (details supplied) are in a healthy condition with no other works recommended at this time.

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

Q.23 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the footpath outside (details supplied)

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11147492) has been passed to the local Inspector who will inspect this issues.

A significant number of repairs have been carried out in the area, associated to the 2023 Works Programmes to reduce the 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.24 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for an update on the pruning of the bushes/shrubbery at (details supplied)

Reply

Park Services have the shrubberies along (details supplied) included in our Autumn/Winter shrubbery maintenance programme. These works will be completed in the coming weeks.

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

Q.25 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for an update on the new all-weather pitch in Kildonan Park, including an updated timeline.

Reply

Programme of works is running a little behind due to extremely wet weather and unfavourable ground conditions experienced recently, anticipated completion Q1 2024.

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

Q.26 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for update changes to the 5 arm junction in Finglas Village and at the roundabouts on Jamestown Road and Saint Margaret's Road in Finglas.

Reply

St Margaret's Road/McKee Ave

The design for the toucan crossing at St Margaret's Road./McKee Avenue. has been revised and submitted to the NTA for review and approval to commence the tender process. The tender process would typically take 12 weeks to complete, followed by a 4 week construction period.

Jamestown Road

The Preliminary Design for the roundabout is complete. The programme for detailed design is 10 weeks, with a 12 week period for preparation of tender documents and completion of the tender process, followed by an estimated 16 week construction period. Funding availability is to be confirmed for this scheme to progress to construction.

Finglas Village Improvement Scheme:

Preparations are underway for the Finglas Village Improvement Scheme to go to public consultation in Q1 2024. Further updates on the consultation dates will be provided to elected members in due course and on the website dublincity.ie/activetravel.

Contact: Conor Lynch, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office.
Tel: 222 4566.
Email: conor.lynch@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager for an update on Dublin City Council's efforts to prevent dog fouling in the Finglas- Ballymun LEA.

Reply

An intensive compliance campaign was done in the North West Area at Albert College Park, Jamestown Park and Poppintree Park on 10/09/2023

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer
Tel: 01 2224243
Email: Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

The Public Domain Officer has made contact with the Litter Enforcement Manager to initiate an anti-dog fouling enforcement campaign in the parks domain.

The following locations will be targeted:

Poppintree Park, Coultry Park, Balcurris Park, Whiteacre Park, Sillogue Park Mellows Park, Tolka Valley Park, Johnstown Park and Kildonan Park

Contact: Robert Ingram Public Domain Officer

Tel: 01 222 5496
Email: robert.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.28 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager if any structural supports were put into the back residential area at (details supplied) when the N2 was built and if any assessment was carried out.

Reply

Retaining walls were constructed along the slip road for traffic city bound and turning left into (details supplied)

If a specific issue is or has been identified regarding structural supports along the boundary, the Road Design and Construction Division or the Finglas Area Office should be notified and an inspection can be organised.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design and Construction Division
Tel: 012222907
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q.29 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager if the carriageway replacement at (details supplied) is included in a works programme.

Reply

An inspection will be carried out by the local Engineer and any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area (Enquiry Ref 11146250).

Depending on the severity and number of the defects found at (details supplied) these works will be considered for the 2024 Civil Works or 2024 Resurfacing Programmes.

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

Q.30 Councillor Keith Connolly

To ask the Manager to initiate the process of extinguishing the right of way and a potential closure of (details supplied)

Reply

The Public Domain Unit have yet to receive hard copy of formal submission from (details supplied) residents association with regards the extinguishment requested. The Public Domain Unit will contact the association with relevant details. I have added the extinguishment process below for future reference.

An application for the extinguishment of the public right of way over a laneway which is in Dublin City Council's charge must be made in writing to the Area Manager or Public Domain

Officer, stating the reasons (e.g. to eliminate anti-social behaviour) why the closure of the laneway is being proposed.

The signatures and addresses of the proposers and adjoining residents/landowners with properties abutting the laneway in question must support an application for the extinguishment of the public right of way. As the extinguishment of the public right of way is a statutory procedure, which must be published, there is a right of objection by local residents and members of the general public who may not agree with the proposal. These objections must be considered by Dublin City Council, even to the extent of hearing the views of both proposers and objectors at an Oral hearing, should the need arise. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function of Dublin City Council.

An application for extinguishment should also be accompanied by a method statement as to how the laneway will be maintained in the future by the fee simple owner of the ground and/or the adjoining owners/occupiers, and how access will be provided for any private right of way, and to any public services – E.S.B., Bord Gais, Eircom, Water, Drainage, Etc., that may exist under the laneway if these services are not diverted at the proposers expense.

If the public right of way is extinguished, Dublin City Council will have no further responsibility for maintenance/liability of the laneway and cannot undertake liability for any expense involved in effecting the physical closure.

Planning Permission is not required for the erection of a gate provided it does not exceed two metres in height in accordance with Class 5, Second Schedule, Part 1 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001.

The agreement of the residents adjoining properties is very important, as the gates will be adjoining their property. Upon receipt of this information along with an undertaking as to the future maintenance of the laneway, details of the proposed method of closure i.e. gates, wall, etc., and the administration/advertising fee of €3,000, the initiation of the procedure is considered by the Area Manager.

In certain cases, at the discretion of the Area Manager, it may be decided that DCC is prepared to subsidise the advertisement costs by 50% (€500 approx.) and forego the cost of administration (€2,000 approx.)

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

Q.31 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the grass be cut in Johnstown Park

Reply

The grass is cut on a weekly basis at Johnstown Park, subject to favourable ground conditions. This is to avoid damage to machinery or grass areas.

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

Q.32 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the bins around Hillcrest/Ballygall Road/Wadelai please be emptied more regularly.

Reply

Waste Management Service will ensure that the litter bins in the above mentioned areas will be emptied on a more regular basis.

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

Q.33 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can plastic barriers across from (details supplied) be removed as they have been there for months.

Reply

The barriers have no markings and Dublin City Council cannot determine who owns the equipment. Accordingly Road Maintenance Section have been requested to arrange for the removal of said barriers as soon as possible.

Contact: Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Roadworks Control Unit
Tel: 2223808
Email: conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie

This issue has been raised and as the barriers have not been identified, they will be removed by RMS as soon as is possible.

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

Q.34 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can rubbish please be removed from (details supplied)

Reply

Waste Management Service had the above mentioned location inspected on the 9th November 2023 and there was no rubbish there.

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

Q.35 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can a nature base solution be found for water logging on Stormanstown Green towards the St. Canices Park end. It makes the green less usable in the wetter months.

Reply

Park Services planted a number of trees at this end of the green a number of years ago, a recent inspection indicates these trees are doing well. The willow trees were planted with the intention that they will help dry out this area. As these trees mature, they will require more water. There is a natural low water table at this point. Park Services will list this location for some additional tree planting during future tree ordering.

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

Q.36 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can graffiti on boxes, poles along Ballygall Road, Griffith Avenue Extension and Ballymun Road and (details supplied) please be removed.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer will organise an inspection of Ballygall Road, Griffith Avenue Extension and Ballymun Road. Any inspection undertaken to identify graffiti on DCC public lighting poles have to be reported to the relevant public lighting section similarly non dcc boxes may have to be reported to utility companies.

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

Q.37 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can a potholes on Delville Road & St. Pappins Green that was temporarily filled with tar please be fixed properly.

Reply

There is no planned resurfacing works for carriageways on Delville Road or St. Pappins Green in the 2023 Resurfacing Programme as the budget has been fully allocated.

Both areas will be put forward for consideration as part of the 2024 Resurfacing Programme.

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

Q.38 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can an ongoing maintenance issue at (details supplied) please be completed urgently.

Reply

The Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot has completed works to the staircase in this property. All works have now been completed, except for a very small piece of

plastering under the stairs, which has been given to a contractor and will be finished shortly.

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

Q.39 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can the gullies in Shanliss Estates, Shanard Road, Oldtown Road, Junction of Santry Lane and Shanliss way be cleared urgently as it was flooded in the recent heavy rainfalls

Reply

The gullies at the above locations will be cleaned the week commencing 22nd November 2023. Any defects found will be passed on to the Surface Water Operations Division for repair.

Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division
Tel: 01 222 7504
Email: kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Councillor Caroline Conroy

To ask the Manager can we look at setting up a website "Repair My Stuff" where residents can find repair staff to fix their household items in order to reduce items being dumped. This would encourage repair and reuse.

Reply

There are a number of Repair and Reuse organisations who provide this service in Ireland. Community Resources Network Ireland is a representative body for community reuse, repair and recycling organisations in Ireland.

Repair My Stuff, The Rediscovery Centre and the Repair Café along with the Ballymun Recycling Centre are some of the organisations who provide repair and reuse services.

This is not a service that the City Council can provide at present as there would be too many factors such, as insurance, to be taken into consideration for such an undertaking.

Contact: Pat Teehan, Finglas Area Manager
Tel: 01 222 5133
Email: pat.teehan@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager if improvements can be made to the Finglas / Phibsborough cycle paths route (follow up to Q48 Sept Question) both in the long and short term

Short term

Regularly clear cycle lanes of foliage as it is slippery and creates a fall risk, especially in areas near Premier Square

Check cycle lanes for any urgent resurfacing

Long term

All cycle paths require re-surfacing

Cycle paths are marked on paths past garages, bus stops and slip roads but traffic coming out of these garages, ignore these signs and traffic turning up slip roads drive into cyclists as they are not aware of signage

Cyclists have a small laneway to cycle in but we share these with the water drains which are constructed with a heavy dip. This is something the cyclist needs to avoid as it buckles tyres but because we have such a narrow cycle lane we have to just cycle over these dips

Reply

In response to the suggestion for Short Term action, an inspection will be carried out by the local Engineer and any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area (Enquiry Ref 11147156).

Depending on the severity and number of the defects found in the area, these works will be considered for the 2024 Resurfacing Programme.

Contact: John Dalton, Roads Maintenance North.

Tel: 01 2222222

Email: john.dalton@dublincity.ie

Reply

Waste Management Service will ensure that the above mentioned cycle paths are included on a regular cleaning schedule.

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

Tel: 01 2224240,

Email mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Reply –Active Travel

The councillor's question relates mainly to the maintenance of cycle tracks along the Finglas Road – Premier Square -to Phibsborough. The Active Travel Programme Office does not have any specific projects along this route. However, this route encompasses a Bus Connects Route – the Finglas to Phibsborough Route.

Contact: Chris Manzira – Deputy Director – Active Travel Programme Office.

Tel: 01 2222222

Email: Christopher.manzira@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to improve and increase the services for children with Autism at Finglas Library in the short term and provide a sensory room in any phase two works.

Reply

A range of services for children with Autism is currently being provided in Finglas Library.

Sensory Toys

Sensory toys can reduce stress and anxiety in children with additional needs. They can help with attention, focus, calming, and active listening. Finglas Library has a wide range of sensory toys that are available on demand and incorporated into storytime events. Sensory cushions, beanbags, ladybird and emoji cushions have been ordered for the children's area.

Sensory Unit

Sensory units are aimed at people with sensory processing disorders. They offer a sensory management system for both children and adults. A sensory unit is planned for Finglas Library in Q1 2024.

Tovertafel/Magic Tables

The Tovertafel is a fun, interactive 'magic table' for people living with dementia, autism, and learning disabilities. Tovertafel games are projected on to the table and sensors respond to the movements and gestures of the players. The games encourage shared experience and stimulate physical activity. A Tovertafel will be installed in Finglas Library before the end of November 2023.

Ear Defenders

Ear Defenders are helpful to children who may be sensitive to certain noises. Finglas Library has ear defenders that patrons may use in the library.

My Sensory Hour

My Sensory Hour at Finglas Library is for children and their parents/carers. Every Saturday morning from 10am -11am, children with autism are invited to play interactive games on the Tovertafel and explore the range of sensory toys in a sensory-friendly environment. My Sensory Hour will commence at Finglas Library on the 6 January 2024.

General Services for People with Autism provided by Dublin City Libraries

Autism Friendly Programming

Dublin City Libraries offers an inclusive programme of free events for all sectors of our community. Our most recent summer events programme included sensory storytimes, dance workshops, interactive storytelling, and drama workshops for neuro-divergent children.

Assistive Software & Sensory Toy Catalogue

Dublin City Libraries will provide a lending service of larger assistive software and sensory toys for all patrons of our branch libraries. This service will be managed by the Library in the Community team and will launch in Q1 2024.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Tel: 01 2224800
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to liaise with residents of [details below] who wish to extinguish the right of way at because of extreme antisocial behaviour and to urgently address this matter.

Reply

The Public Domain Unit will contact the above contact at Beneavin Glasnevin residents association with regards to the extinguishment requested. I have added the extinguishment process below for future reference.

An application for the extinguishment of the public right of way over a laneway which is in Dublin City Council's charge must be made in writing to the Area Manager or Public Domain Officer, stating the reasons (e.g. to eliminate anti-social behaviour) why the closure of the laneway is being proposed.

The signatures and addresses of the proposers and adjoining residents/landowners with properties abutting the laneway in question must support an application for the extinguishment of the public right of way. As the extinguishment of the public right of way is a statutory procedure, which must be published, there is a right of objection by local residents and members of the general public who may not agree with the proposal. These objections must be considered by Dublin City Council, even to the extent of hearing the views of both proposers and objectors at an Oral hearing, should the need arise. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function of Dublin City Council.

An application for extinguishment should also be accompanied by a method statement as to how the laneway will be maintained in the future by the fee simple owner of the ground and/or the adjoining owners/occupiers, and how access will be provided for any private right of way, and to any public services – E.S.B., Bord Gais, Eircom, Water, Drainage, Etc., that may exist under the laneway if these services are not diverted at the proposers expense.

If the public right of way is extinguished, Dublin City Council will have no further responsibility for maintenance/liability of the laneway and cannot undertake liability for any expense involved in effecting the physical closure.

Planning Permission is not required for the erection of a gate provided it does not exceed two metres in height in accordance with Class 5, Second Schedule, Part 1 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001.

The agreement of the residents adjoining properties is very important, as the gates will be adjoining their property. Upon receipt of this information along with an undertaking as to the future maintenance of the laneway, details of the proposed method of closure i.e. gates, wall, etc., and the administration/advertising fee of €3,000, the initiation of the procedure is considered by the Area Manager.

In certain cases, at the discretion of the Area Manager, it may be decided that DCC is prepared to subsidise the advertisement costs by 50% (€500 approx.) and forego the cost of administration (€2,000 approx.)

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

Q.44 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to give an update on the playground in Tolka Valley Park and to make improvements to the park.

Address the issue of blue plastic DCC bags being hung on the railings which may be in lieu of bins

Increase the frequency of emptying the bins in and around the park and assess to see if it requires more bins

Increase planting and consider wildflowers in the park

Improve general maintenance and upkeep and consider additional landscaping.

Reply

Parks Services do not have plans to increase number of bins at this park currently, as they often attract non-park user waste and burning. Installation and management of bins outside park entrances are the responsibility of our Waste Management section. The bins in the park are serviced on a daily basis by Parks staff (Mon-Friday).

Parks Services continue to improve tree stock and planting at the park on an annual basis and focus on preserving the natural meadowland and natural seed banks in the park. Unfortunately, significant amounts of planting are lost to antisocial behaviour and unfavourable growing conditions (previous landfill site).

The upgrade of the playground at Tolka Valley Park is listed within our 3-year playground upgrade programme for the area. Taking into consideration, other plans and proposals for the park, such as Luas Finglas, it is likely the upgrade of the playground will commence towards the end of this programme. It is anticipated that, the additional passive surveillance and security provided by these other improvements should give a new playground scheme a better chance against anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Service will ensure that our litter bins around this park are emptied on a regular basis. There are no plans for extra bins here at this time.

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

Tel: 01 2224240,

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager if attention can be paid to a matter [details supplied] in Finglas

Reply

Installing bollards on the footpath would create clutter and consequently pose a danger for pedestrians, particularly disabled pedestrians and parents with buggies.

Cars and motorbikes speeding and driving dangerously is a matter for enforcement. Anti-Social Behaviour is not dealt with by the Area Engineer. Instances of dangerous driving should be reported to the local Gardaí.

Contact: Joao Brescia – North West Area Engineer.
Tel: 01 222 2523
Email: joao.brescia@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to arrange for senior community staff to meet with (details supplied) with a view to assisting them in finding permanent premises for their very worthwhile activities.

Reply

The Community & Social Development Staff are in regular contact with the Meeting Place Arch Club and acknowledge and support their valuable work and participation in Community Events. A meeting took place last month with the Committee and Mellows Court Community Room was suggested as a meeting place. Unfortunately on inspection it was deemed unsuitable for the special needs of the group. The Area Manager and C&SD staff are currently inspecting other options that may prove viable for use by the group. Contact will be made with the group once examinations are complete.

Contact: Marian Finglas, Senior Community Officer, Finglas Area Office
Tel: 01 2225424
Email: marian.finglas@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Councillor Mary Callaghan

To ask the Manager to give an update on the planned improvements to the five-arm junction in Finglas.

Reply

Finglas Village Improvement Scheme:

Preparations are underway for the Finglas Village Improvement Scheme to go to public consultation in Q1 2024. Further updates on the consultation dates will be provided to elected members in due course and on the website dublincity.ie/activetravel.

Contact: Conor Lynch, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office.
Tel: 222 4566.
Email: conor.lynch@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the management of the trees on (details supplied) as they are very large for the road and causing consistent issues with the pavements

Reply

Parks Services have inspected these Carpinus trees and are in reasonable condition with no other works recommended at this time. Any issues with the pavement should be referred to our Roads section.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.

Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

An enquiry has been passed to the local Inspector who will inspect these issues.

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

Q.49 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to outline if the footpaths on (details supplied) have been inspected for inclusion on the works list.

Reply

There are no planned repair works for footpaths on (details supplied) in 2023 as part of the current works programme as the budget has been fully allocated.

The investigation for works that will be included in the 2024 is currently ongoing and will be presented to the Councillors in due course. (details supplied) is an area to be included for consideration in the 2024 Civil Works Programme.

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

Q.50 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to confirm if repairs to the road surface are due to take place on (details supplied) as there is a large pothole outside.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Enquiry No.: 11117017 has been passed to the local Inspector and this defect will be addressed 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.51 Councillor Briega MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange for repair of the footpath at (details supplied) which has been broken by the tree roots.

Reply

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11147200) has been passed to the local inspector who will inspect this issue. If works are required a job will be scheduled for repair 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.52 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on Q10 from NWAC in October, namely (details supplied) as several neighbours have unfortunately reported several incidents of the apples being thrown at the houses facing the park.

Reply

Park Services have a firm policy that we do not remove healthy trees for the reduction of fruit or leaves.

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

Q.53 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to arrange for removal of weeds around (details supplied) on the footpaths around the green.

Reply

Park Services carried out an inspection (details supplied) open space. Any weeds found outside the boundary of the open space on the footpaths are a matter for our Roads maintenance section.

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

Road Maintenance Service Crews are currently undertaking a Weed Treatment Programme across the City. This area will be included in the schedule.

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

Q.54 Councillor Briege MacOscar

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the (details supplied) and the latest timeline.

Reply

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

Order: Noted

Item 4. Motion in the name of Councillor Caroline Conroy

That this Area Committee supports that a suitable site be found in the Finglas area to create a Community Garden. As a council we have signed up to the Climate Action Plan and we have put into our development plan that we need to put in place solutions for our Climate & Biodiversity crisis, through nature base solutions and education. A community garden fulfils these and much more, it is a great space for all the community it reduces stress, it gives purpose to residents who may have retired or are unemployed for whatever reason. It is also a great learning place for all. It increases biodiversity habitats and can help reduce flooding.

Order: Report to Councillor

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

Order: Noted

Item 6 Halloween Report Jackie O'Reilly and Pat Teehan

Order: Noted

Item 7 With reference to a proposed disposal of a plot to the front of 44 Dolmen Court, Poppintree Dublin 11

Order: Recommended to City Council

Item 8 With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 Year Licence in Unit 3, The Turnpike, Santry Cross, Ballymun Dublin 11

Order: Recommended to City Council

Item 9 Motion in the name of Councillor Noeleen Reilly

That this Area Committee expresses concern at the number of private sites in the Northwest area not taken in charge by Dublin City Council. Residents living in these areas are at a disadvantage and do not receive the same level of service as other citizens. Can Dublin City Council provide a list and actions so this can be expedited.

Order: Report to Councillor

Item 10 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager arranges for an improvement of the ramps along Sillogue Road and Marewood Crescent. Some ramps were removed previously and not replaced and with the extra traffic coming from Sillogue Avenue added traffic calming is needed.

Order: Report to Councillor

Item 11 Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager arranges for the playground in Whiteacre to be upgraded and included on the upcoming Parks Improvements Programme. Can consideration be given to the addition of sensory play equipment and equipment for children with additional needs as well as regular play equipment

Order: Report to Councillor

Item 12 Community Climate Action Programme – Presentation Dean Eaton

Order: Noted

Item 13 Public Domain Report, Robert Ingram Public Domain Officer

Order: Robert to go back to Councillor Conroy with end of year graffiti removal costings

Item 14 Housing Allocations Quarterly Report

Order: Noted

Item 15 NWA Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Report

Order: Noted

Item 16 Traffic Service Request, Status Report

Order: Noted

Item 17 Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

Order: Noted

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

Officials: Bruce Philips (A/Executive Manager), Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager Ballymun), Pat Teehan (Finglas Area Manager) Robert Ingram (Public Domain Officer), Fiona Farrell (Staff Officer) Olive Warnock (Staff Officer), Derek Healy (Housing Manager Finglas) Margaret McGrane (Ballymun Housing Manager) Gerald McEntagart (North City Executive Engineer). Joao Brescia (Assistant Engineer) Caroline Dillon (Area Community Officer Ballymun) Stephen Groome (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer) Liam Barry (Economic Development Officer Ballymun)

The meeting concluded at 4.35pm

Councillor Mary Callaghan
Chairperson

