

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Miosuil a cuireadh ar athló, a tionóladh ar an **19 Samhain 2007** i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Paddy Bourke sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Maurice Ahern
Tom Brabazon
Gerry Breen
Christy Burke
Clare Byrne
Eibhlin Byrne
Eric Byrne
Julia Carmichael
Brendan Carr
Anne Carter
Joan Collins
Michael Conaghan
Ray Corcoran
Emer Costello
Pat Crimmins
Michael Donnelly

Comhairleoir :

Daithi Doolan
Dessie Ellis
Declan Flanagan
Mary Freehill
John Gallagher
Deirdre Heney
Kevin Humphreys
Vincent Jackson
Nicky Kehoe
Liam Kelly
Sean Kenny
Dermot Lacey
Bronwen Maher
Sean Paul Mahon
Paddy McCartan
Louise Minihan

Comhairleoir

Andrew Montague
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Naoise O'Muirí
Aodhán Ó'Riordáin
Mary O'Shea
Larry O'Toole
Tom Stafford
Bill Tormey
Edie Wynne

Apologies

Oisin Quinn

Oifigigh

John Tierney
Philip Maguire
Matt Twomey
Michael Stubbs

Ciaran McNamara
Vincent Norton
Hugh Fitzpatrick
Catherine Darmody

Carmel Walsh

1. The City Council decided to suspend Standing Orders to agree the following emergency motion, submitted by Councillors D. Lacey and K. Humphreys, without debate:
 "Dublin City Council:
 - Regrets the decision by An Bord Pleanála to ignore the case made against the proposal to locate an Incinerator at Poolbeg.
 - Salutes the energy, commitment and activism of the community who fought against this proposal at every step of the way.
 - Reiterates the repeated view of the elected members of Dublin City Council that this proposal is the wrong solution in the wrong area.
 - Calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to repeal the Waste Management Acts that have disgracefully given the power on these matters to the unelected City Management and to use his office to refuse Departmental Sanction for any expenditure required for this proposal to proceed.
 - Pledges to support the local community in any way we can to fight this proposal in defence of a clean, safe and sustainable environment."

2. The Emergency Motion (Held over from City Council meeting of the 5th Nov 07)_"In noting Dublin City Council's excellent report, 'Successful Apartment Living 2', City Council resolves, as a matter of urgency, to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment of apartment complexes in Dublin City and an action plan to carry out identified work." Councillor D. Doolan who had submitted this motion agreed to accept a report from the City Manager on the matter.

3. Motion referred from July South Central Area Committee Meeting "This Committee agrees that the City Council should take a more interventionist stance on the city's economy in general and in this context commence a policy position which includes as a key objective the retention of Guinness as it's historic site. Such a policy position would help towards safeguarding the capital's industrial employment and it's cultural tourism status." Councillor M. Conaghan moved the motion and during a debate on the matter, the following amendment was proposed by Councillor C. Ni. Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor M. Conaghan "That the following sentence be added to the motion "And that an all party group of Councillors seek a meeting with Diageo to discuss the review of the company's brewing operations in Ireland in light of the implications, economic, cultural and historical, for the city of Dublin should the St. James Gate Brewery close" The amendment having been put and carried the following substantive motion was then put and carried. "This Committee agrees that the City Council should take a more interventionist stance on the city's economy in general and in this context commence a policy position which includes as a key objective the retention of Guinness as it's historic site. Such a policy position would help towards safeguarding the capital's industrial employment and it's cultural tourism status. And that an all party group of Councillors seek a meeting with Diageo to discuss the review of the company's brewing operations in Ireland in light of the implications, economic, cultural and historical, for the city of Dublin should the St. James Gate Brewery close"

4. Motion referred from September South Central Area Committee Meeting "That this Area Committee demands that the new Minister for the Environment pass the much-awaited 'Sale of Flats Scheme' as soon as possible in order that tenants can purchase their homes." The Council agreed

to move this motion for a report from the City Manager. Copy of Report to be circulated to all Councillors

5. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor P. Mc Cartan "That the Manager brings forward bye-laws to control busking in the city where it has an impact on residential areas" (Motion referred from the September South East Area Committee Meeting). Following a discussion on the motion the motion was put and declared defeated.
6. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke "That this South Central Area Committee seeks, from the City Manager, assurances that the long awaited re-development of the Kylemore Avenue playground site, in the middle of Ballyfermot, proceeds to preparing documents for tendering of this long awaited job and that our objective will be to commence re-development of this vital public space in early spring 2008 and that the issue of maintenance and management of this vital site be part of the development. The finances for this space are provided in the 2006 estimates and funding made available from Urban Ballyfermot." (Motion referred from the October South Central Area Committee Meeting) The motion was put and carried.
7. It was moved by Councillor E. Costello and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey "Dublin City Council, having regard to its statutory functions – as a housing authority and in particular its functions in relation to the provision of adequate and suitable housing accommodation for homeless persons, in relation to facilitating greater participation by marginalised groups in the social, economic and cultural life of the local community, and as a forum for the democratic representation of local communities and the promotion of their interests, Hereby determines as the policy of the Council, pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Act 2001, as follows.
The Council welcomes private and corporate voluntary initiative in meeting housing need including in particular in meeting the needs of groups who experience social exclusion and whose members cannot provide accommodation for themselves from their own resources.
While strongly encouraging and offering all reasonable assistance (including financial assistance within available resources) for such initiatives, the Council and its officers are conscious also of its role in representing and promoting the interests of local communities.
The Council strongly believes that such housing projects should be undertaken in a spirit of partnership with local communities. Where there is conflict or a risk of conflict between an accommodation provider and the local community, a policy of non-intervention on the part of the Council is neither reasonable nor responsible.
It shall be a function of the Council to aim to promote partnership in such cases through agreed structures for the provision of timely information, direct engagement with community representatives, the acknowledgement and meeting of reasonable community concerns and the satisfactory resolution of disputes.
Dublin City Council shall draw up a register of accommodation provided by the voluntary and statutory initiatives to meet housing needs for the purpose of mapping the levels and areas where these services are provided. The Register would contain the following information:
 - Name & Registered address of the institution/agency

- Address of premises where accommodation is being provided
- Type of service and number of accommodation units.”

The motion was put and carried. The Council also agreed that the motion be referred to the Housing, Social and Community Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.

8. It was moved by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor C. Burke “That Dublin City Council seeks from the Department of Environment & Local Government a returnable deposit scheme for all plastic cartons, beer can’s particularly soft drinks bottles as a major gesture in reducing the dreadful litter situation generated from such containers. Germany has a very successful scheme as have the Swedish why can Ireland make a bold step to reduce the on-street litter situation by charging a 25 cent deposit returnable when bottle returned to seller this will substantially reduce on-street litter.” The motion was put and carried.
9. It was moved by Councillor A. Carter and seconded by Councillor N. Kehoe “That the Manager report to the City Council in relation to the provision of Social Housing in Area B given that in 2007 there seems little or no provision whatsoever for new build of social housing for the large number of housing applicants in this area.” The motion was put and carried.
10. In the absence of Councillor T. Brabazon the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 9 on the Agenda Paper dropped “ Will the City Manager use all of his influence to ensure that the Dart station of Grangeabbey/Baldoyle is completed in the earliest possible time. The end of 2008 is simply too late.”
11. It was moved by Councillor D. Doolan and seconded by Councillor K. Humphreys “Dublin City Council welcomes the fact that, despite Fine Gael opposition, the European Parliament voted to maintain incineration as waste disposal, the least favoured option of waste management, rather than recategorising and promoting incineration to waste recovery.” The motion was put and carried.
12. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor S. Kenny on behalf of Councillor O. Quinn, to refer the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 11 on the Agenda Paper to the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee “This Council resolves to allow all Taxis, Buses and all other properly licensed public transport vehicles to use the Port Tunnel free of charge in particular to facilitate traffic travelling to and from the Airport.”
13. In the absence of Councillor M. Fitzpatrick the following motion standing in her name at Item No. 12 on the Agenda Paper, dropped “Dublin City Council to immediately commence work on a “resident only “ Parking Scheme for the City so that when the appropriate legislation is available the scheme can be implemented without delay.”
14. In the absence of Councillor K. Forde the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 13 on the Agenda Paper, dropped “ That this Council supports the introduction of a "Carbon Labelling" scheme so as to inform consumers of the origin and environmental impact of consumable and perishable goods which are flown or shipped tens of thousands of miles into Ireland so as to satisfy pricing expectations and year round demand.”

15. It was moved by Councillor M. Conaghan and seconded by the Lord Mayor Councillor P. Bourke "Council supports the efforts of the Managers in protecting and safeguarding the character of the Grafton Street area of the city and agrees that an allied aim of this should be to introduce new indigenous, commercial character into this district.

To this end, the Planners should now set aside sufficient space to allow young entrepreneurs in the creative industries to have better opportunities to design, develop and market unique products in fashion, design, craft, film, music, etc.

In doing this the city would not only be responding to the energy, creativity and entrepreneurial flair of many young Dubliners but would also be laying the foundations for a new, sustainable seam in the economy of the city.

Such an initiative would be undertaken between the City Council and a range of government and other agencies. Consideration should also be given to a joint initiative with the city of Belfast." The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed to refer the motion to the Economic Development, Planning and European Affairs Strategic Policy Committee"

16. It was moved by Councillor N. Kehoe and seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole "That this City Council call on the Minister for Health to employ more Occupational Therapists due to the long waiting lists which are up to 12 months for senior citizens who are applying for Disability Grants" The motion was put and carried.

17. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor D. Lacey "That Dublin City Council grants at source the tax credit for household waste management charges." The motion was put and carried.

18. It was moved by the Lord Mayor Councillor P. Bourke and seconded by Councillor L. O'Toole "This Council calls on the City Manager to secure, or to provide funds for the building of a wall at Whitehall car park to protect the privacy of the residents of Elmfield Estate. The existing wall no longer serves this function following the change of the car park level subsequent to the building of the Port Tunnel." The motion was put and carried.

19. It was moved by Councillor M. Ahern and seconded by Councillor T. Stafford "That any application from Voluntary Housing Association, Trust or Charity for Planning Permission, or Capital Grant Assistance be discussed and approved at relevant Area Committee before being passed/approved." During a debate on the motion the following amendment was proposed by the Lord Mayor Councillor P. Bourke and seconded by Councillor G. Breen "that the wording **and approved** be deleted" The amendment having been put and carried the following substantive motion was then put and carried. "That any application from Voluntary Housing Association, Trust or Charity for Planning Permission, or Capital Grant Assistance be discussed at relevant Area Committee before being passed/approved."

20. Councillor K. Humphreys sought and obtained the consent of the Council to withdraw the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 20 on the Agenda Paper "Will the City Manager provide an undertaking that Dublin City

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Council will no longer use the designated treated sludge storage facility at Thornhill County Carlow operated by Tom and Patrick Nolan having regard to the decision by An Board Pleanála, An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: PL 01.220117, which definitively states "it is considered that the proposed development relates to a site the use of which is unauthorised for the carrying on of general storage and that the proposed development would facilitate the consolidation and intensification of this unauthorised use. Accordingly, it is considered that it would be inappropriate for the Board to consider the grant of a permission for the proposed development in such circumstances."

21. The City Council agreed that a Report be sent to Councillor M. Rafferty in relation to the following motion standing in his name at item No. 22 on the Agenda Paper "That arrangements be made for the cleaning and maintenance of the East Wall Play Centre and the full complement of three staff reinstated there."
22. Councillor C. Burke sought and obtained the consent of the Council to withdraw the following motion standing in his name at Item No. 23 on the Agenda Paper "That this City Council calls on the Irish Pharmacy's Association to withdraw its decision on methadone dispensing and to immediately reinstate the methadone program."
23. The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m. in accordance with Standing Order No. 8.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR