

## COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniúl Speisealta a tionóladh ar an 17 Bealtaine 2010 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6 i.n.

**I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Emer Costello sa chathaoir.**

**Comhairleoir:**

Paddy Bourke  
Tom Brabazon  
Gerry Breen  
Christy Burke  
Eric Byrne  
Michael Conaghan  
Pat Crimmins  
Dessie Ellis  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Declan Flanagan  
Killian Forde  
Mary Freehill

**Comhairleoir:**

John Gallagher  
Deirdre Heney  
Kevin Humphreys  
Vincent Jackson  
Sean Kenny  
Dermot Lacey  
John Lyons  
Ray MacAdam  
Paul McAuliffe  
Ruairí McGinley  
Séamas McGrattan  
Marie Metcalfe  
Louise Minihan  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Eoghan Murphy  
Críona Ní Dhálaigh

**Comhairleoir**

Catherine Noone  
Jim O'Callaghan  
Aodhán Ó Ríordáin  
Damian O'Farrell  
Naoise O Muirí  
Claire O'Regan  
Mary O'Shea  
Larry O'Toole  
Maria Parodi  
Ciaran Perry  
Oisín Quinn  
John Redmond  
Nial Ring  
Brid Smith  
Bill Tormey  
Henry Upton

**Apologies**

Mannix Flynn

Joan Collins

Eddie Wynne

**Oifigigh**

John Tierney  
Philip Maguire  
Declan Wallace  
Ciaran McNamara

Michael Phillips  
Jim Keogan  
Terence O'Keeffe  
Damian Drumm

Vincent Norton  
Catherine Darmody  
Carmel Walsh

1. Submitted Report No. 194/2010 of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Construction of 2 Swales for flood alleviation at Glendhu Park and Park Road Ashtown, Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor A. Ó Ríordáin "That Dublin City Council agrees the contents of Report No 194/2010. The motion was put and

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carried. Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick requested that a report be presented to the next Central Area Committee detailing progress that has been made in addressing flood risk issues in Cabra West/Cabra East.

2. The Lord Mayor addressed the City Council by saying she called this Special Meeting to discuss motions and to clear the Agenda. She advised if anybody wanted to move motions for report to do so before discussing other motions.
3. The City Council agreed that the following motion standing in the name of Councillor Christy Burke be sent to the Health Service Executive: "That this City Council calls on the Health Service Executive to provide funding to purchase nursing home beds in order to allow hospitals in the city to free up beds; at present there are 120 delayed discharges at the Mater Hospital".
4. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor C.O'Regan on the following motion standing in her name at Item no 19 on the Agenda Paper "That the Manager give a report on the number of inspectors monitoring dog fouling legislation and the number of prosecutions area by area, city wide." It was also agreed that Councillor Dermot Lacey would be issued with a copy of the report.
5. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor M. Metcalfe on the following motion standing in her name at Item no 24 on the Agenda Paper "That the City Manager give an update on the plans for the future of O'Devaney Gardens." It was also agreed the Lord Mayor would be issued with a copy of the report.
6. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor V. Jackson on the following motion standing in his name at Item no 29 on the Agenda Paper "That Dublin City Council calls upon the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to ban all chewing gum which is non bio-degradable for sale within the republic as it is a blight on our cities that chewing gum can be stuck for years on footpaths, etc."
7. It was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor R. McGinley "That Dublin City Council becomes a leader in the adoption of new technology in all areas of its affairs". Councillor G Breen asked for a change in the reporting structure to give this area the importance it needs. It was noted that reports on IT and new technology issues are being made to the Corporate Policy Group. The motion was put and carried.
8. The City Council agreed to defer the following motion standing in the name of Councillor M. Flynn at Item No. 3 on the Agenda Paper "That this Committee calls on the Lord Mayor, Councillor Emer Costello to issue a statement in relation to the Dublin Diocesan Report and its findings also that the Lord Mayor call a debate on the issue in chambers. Dublin City Councillors have a role to play in how the safety and the welfare of our children is managed and that this Council issue a statement of regret and apology to all those who were abused in residential institutions. The then Dublin Corporation administrated the Non-attendance of School Act on behalf of the Department of Justice. Children were brought before the Children's Court under this act and incarcerated for long periods of time throughout their childhoods where they suffered horrendous abuse at the hands of those whose care they were entrusted. It is the duty of the now Dublin City Council to acknowledge its role in the history of residential

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institutions and set its record straight in the interest of healing and reconciliation. I believe it is now time for us to take this positive, responsible position”.

9. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor K. Humphries “That this City Council petitions the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Minister for Finance to sanction the raising of a City Bond for the purpose of refurbishing the more than 700 Voids in the city. I understand that my area alone (Area B) has more than 3,000 people/families on the Housing waiting list. The housing situation has become critical and requires a radical solution. I envisage that the rent collected would pay back the Bond and Interest”. Report by C. McNamara, Assistant City Manager, noted. The principle outlined in the motion was agreed and it was further agreed to refer the motion to the Financial Development and General Strategic Policy Committee.
10. The following Motion referred from February 2010 North Central Area Committee Meeting was moved by Councillor G. Breen and seconded by Councillor S. Kenny “This Committee applauds the recent decision by Wicklow County Council under Section 34 and 35 of the Planning and Development Act to refuse permission to a company whose Directors were also Directors of a Building Development Company, which had not previously adhered to planning legislation”. The motion was put and carried.
11. It was moved by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor R. McAdam “This Council calls on the Manager to use his good offices to facilitate the establishment of a “car club” scheme in the City, similar to the one in London and based on the principle of the Dublinbikes scheme, whereby people would be able to participate in a car sharing arrangement, without the burden of individual car ownership and its associated costs/problems but with all the benefits that access to a car when convenient can bring. Discussions should be held with relevant government departments to amend the necessary legislation to allow for the creation of car club parking bays on our City streets, and car club operators in the UK should be approached to find out more about the operation of such a scheme and to ascertain potential interest in the Dublin market. Furthermore, discussions should be held with the Department of Communications, Energy and Resources to incentivise the use of electric cars in any such scheme through the provision of free/reduced energy via power points located at the designated car club parking bays”. Following report by M. Phillips, it was agreed to refer this motion to the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee.
12. It was moved by Councillor A. Ó Ríordáin and seconded by Councillor C. O’Regan “ That in relation to the postering at Local Election time the following will be the new procedure in the Dublin City Council ‘Local Elections’:  
No candidate will be permitted to erect posters without obtaining a postering licence from the council.  
Such a licence will be obtained from the City Council only upon production of nomination papers.  
A limit of posters per candidate will apply in direct proportion to the size of the electoral area. 50 posters per seat is proposed.  
Only posters stamped by the Council can be erected.  
Only cable ties stamped and coded by the council may be used.  
A maximum postering size of A1 will apply to all posters”.

Following discussion on this motion, it was put to a vote and declared lost.

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13. It was moved by Councillor L. O'Toole and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh. "That this Council instructs the City Manager to write to An Post requesting that the paintings, depicting the Easter Rising, be returned to public display in the GPO." The motion was put and carried.
14. It was moved by Councillor K Humphreys and seconded by Councillor A. Ó Ríordáin "That the City Manager investigates the possibility of developing Micro-Hydro Electricity on the rivers within the city, especially the Dodder and the Tolka". Manager's Report noted and the motion was put and carried.
15. It was moved by Councillor M. Conaghan and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That this Council will consider a Special Variation of the Development Plan so as to better assist in the regulation, etc. of the retail outlets known as "Head Shops" in light of the serious and on-going concern at aspects of their operation in the city". It was agreed to write to the Minister seeking change in regulations in order to amend the Development Plan to prohibit activities in retail outlets such as Head Shops and that the matter be pursued through the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee and the Economic Development, Planning and International Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.
16. It was moved by Councillor C Noone and seconded by Councillor M. O'Shea "That the Manager restricts the use of private traffic cones to reserve parking spaces by private residents and gives the Council the authority to confiscate cones if they are blocking public parking spaces." The motion was put and carried.
17. It was moved by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor Ní Dhálaigh "That this Council agree to the set up of a Committee to prepare the City for the centenary of the 1916 rising, initially to comprise members of the City Council and city officials but with a remit to expand its scope and membership following public consultation". The motion was put and carried.
18. At this time, the City Council agreed to take the following related motion in the name of Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh standing at Item no. 25 on the Agenda paper "That this Council starts preparations to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising in Dublin City by establishing a committee consisting of local authority members from each of the political parties along with representatives from the wider community to plan a series of cultural, historical and educational events to take place in the run up to the centenary of the 1916 Rising and to plan the most appropriate manner to mark the centenary itself". The motion having been seconded by Councillor N. Ring was put and carried. It was agreed to liaise with the national committee and the two motions be progressed through the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.
19. The following motion standing at Item no. 14 on the Agenda paper in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan was deemed to have fallen due to his absence from the Chamber at this time. "That this local authority examine and revise downwards development charges and all other costs related to the broader provision of employment".
20. It was moved by Councillor D J Ellis and seconded by Councillor C. Ní Dhálaigh "That this Council calls for urgent action from Dublin City Council and Fingal County council in regards to the horrific conditions in Dunsink Lane resulting in widespread dumping, water shortages, rodent infestation, sanitation issues and

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the serious threat to health and safety of residents there. That both Councils come up with a plan to once and for all address this issue that has been consistently ignored and put on the long finger". The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that a full report be presented to the next meeting of the North West Area Committee.

The Lord Mayor requested that motions be dated so it will be clear how long they are on the Agenda. She requested that this matter be referred to the Protocol and Selection Committee.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm as arranged and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

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