

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at 2.30 p.m.

### AGENDA

- 4623 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2009  
*(Attached) pages 4-8*
- 4624 Questions to the Area Manager  
*(Attached) pages 53-58*
- 4625 With reference to the redevelopment of Liberty Hall
- 4626 With reference to North Inner City Community Policing Forum  
*(Report Attached) page 14*

#### Planning and Development Matters

- 4627 With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper
- 4628 With reference to Derelict Sites quarterly report.  
*(Report Attached) pages 15-20*

#### 4629 Planning Applications

**Application No:** 4517/09

**Applicant:** Phil Conlon

**Location:** Lands To The Rear Of, 59-69, Drumcondra Road Lower, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 (bounded by Temple Lane to South & East & 59-69 Drumcondra Road Lower to west & rear gardens of nos. 71-73 Drumcondra Road Lower to the north)

**Proposal:**

PROTECTED STRUCTURE - Planning permission sought for the development of a nursing home at a site known as rear of Nos. 59-69 Drumcondra Road Lower (protected structures), which is bounded by Temple Lane to the South and East and rear of Nos. 59-69 Drumcondra Road Lower (protected structures) to the west and rear gardens of Nos. 71-73 Drumcondra Road Lower, Dublin 9 (protected structures) to the north. The building will comprise of a three storey building over basement car park accessed from within the site, with a screened roof garden at third floor level to the east of the building . All the above will comprise of 50 en-suite bedrooms plus ancillary daycare rooms, dining facilities, oratory, shop, hairdresser and admin uses, and ESB sub-station. The basement will comprise of 28 car parking spaces, bicycle parking, bin stores and plant, along with staff changing, laundry and kitchen area. Open space will be provided at ground floor level, a first floor roof garden, second floor terrace, and screened third floor roof garden. Vehicular access will be via Drumcondra Road onto Temple Lane, accessing the site to the south west and exiting the site to the north east in a one-way arrangement. There will be a public pedestrian walkway along the length of the south onto Temple Lane with pedestrian access to the south east.

**Registered Date:** 18-Dec-2009

#### Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- 4630 With reference to Public Library Events for January 2010 in the Central Area

### Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 4631 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.  
**(Report Attached) pages 21-26**
- 4632 With further reference to the provision of Enhanced Bus Priority Measures on Berkeley Road and Berkeley Street.  
**(Report to follow)**

### Central Area Matters

- 4633 With reference to the use of the Probation Service to assist in graffiti removal.  
**(Report Attached) page 27**
- 4634 Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit **pages 28-31**  
NEIC IAP **pages 32-33**  
North West Area (including HARP) **pages 34-36**  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City **pages 37-40**  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City **pages 41-42**  
Central Area Sports Report **pages 43-52**

#### Motions

- 4635 **Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That this Committee ask the Manager to give an update on the measures taken to alleviate stone-throwing from Ballybough House to Cadogan Road, Fairview.

- 4636 **Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Area Committee supports the call for a dedicated Community Policing Forum for the Navan Road area to cater for the large population in this area. The proposed area to be covered would include the Navan Road from Ashtown to Cabra Cross, Blackhorse Avenue and all of Pelletstown.

- 4637 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee agrees that a liaison be put in place between City Council Housing Officials and the Gardaí to combat continuous anti-social behaviour and other criminal activity by Dublin City Council tenants in the Central Area.

- 4638 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee agrees that a report be issued as to why residents on Carnlough Road and Ventry Park were without water from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, and if this happens again that Dublin City Council address the situation faster and provide an alternative source of water.

- 4639 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee agrees that the public lighting should be upgraded outside the shops on Fassauga Avenue.

**4640 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee agrees that an alternative service will be made available in the Central Area now that the annual junk collection is gone and that the Council contact WEEE Ireland with the view to holding an electrical goods collection in the Central Area in 2010.

**4641 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee agrees that the roadway and the footpath of the bridge on Fassaugh Avenue be made a priority when road gritting is being carried out as this is vulnerable to freezing over.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010**

**CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

**12 noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010**

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at 2.30 p.m.

### MINUTES

**4590** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009  
**ORDER: Agreed**

**4591** Questions to the Area Manager  
**ORDER: Noted.**

#### Planning and Development Matters

**4592** With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

**4593** With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground adjacent to 9 Barron Place, Dublin 9 to Martin & Ita Howe, 9 Barron Place, Dublin 9  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4594** With reference to the proposed lease of a site at Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1 to The Lourdes Day Care Centre Limited.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4595** With reference to the proposed lease of the former Fire Station at Dorset Street, Dublin 1 to St. Saviour's Olympic Boxing Academy, St. Saviour's Karate Club and The Model Railway Society of Ireland.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4596** With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in the premises known as No. 54A Arbour Hill, Dublin 7 to Mr. Peter Gorman.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4597** With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of Units 4, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1 to Citizens Information Service (C.I.S.)  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4598** With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of Unit 5, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1 to Hands on Peer Education (H.O.P.E.)  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4599** Planning Applications

**Application No:** 4319/09

**Applicant:** Communication Workers Union

**Location:** 575, North Circular Road, St. Margaret's Avenue North, & Richmond Lane, Dublin 1

**Proposal:**

PROTECTED STRUCTURE: For an office development with a gross floor area of 4920sqm in an existing retained Protected Structure and new blocks abutting the protected structure and new blocks abutting the protected structure on the combined sites, on a site area of 0.2185 hectares. The proposed development consists of works to the existing office building. A

protected structure (BlockA-1590sqm), to include:- demolition of existing recent extensions to the rear internal refurbishment works (removal of all modern interventions and replacing with new demountable partitions, forming new openings in existing internal walls, change of existing floor levels in west wing of the original building) external alterations and modifications to include the replacement of aluminium windows with new timber sash windows to match original windows; demolition of aluminium entrance porch fronting onto North Circular Road; alterations to existing roofs to both the west and east wings in order to allow for the provision of 1 no. additional storey to the west and 2 storeys to the east over existing roof levels. The development also comprises of demolition of an existing single storey warehouse and out buildings along St. Margaret's Avenue North and Richmond Lane and replacing with the construction of a new 3 storey "L" shape block (Block B & C:3330sqm) with a setback fourth storey. Block B accommodates shared facilities for both Unions including (meeting hall, meeting rooms and research areas) and block C contains open plan and cellular offices. A new single storey roof lit canteen is located at ground floor level over a new hard and soft landscaped podium slab of 480 sqm (over the car park created by the changes in ground level); in addition, lower floor consists of Office Space, 215m<sup>2</sup> 27no. car parking spaces, 60 cycle parking spaces, an ESB sub-station, plant area, waste storage, and other ancillary uses, including a vehicular entrance which will be from St. Margaret's Avenue North via a ramp to the car park.

**Registered Date:** 23-Nov-2009

**ORDER: Presentation Noted. Request by the Councillors for a Planning Information Meeting to be arranged in the Central Area office in Sean MacDermott Street.**

**4599(a) Agreed that a presentation be made at next meeting by SIPTU in respect of redevelopment proposals for Liberty Hall.**

#### **Housing and Residential Services**

**4600** With reference to progress report on new Leasing Arrangements for Social Housing  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

**4601** With reference to a Special Letting of No. 3E Liberty House, Dublin 1 to CASPr  
**ORDER: Agreed.**

**4601(a) Agreed that deputation from Alfie Byrne House attend the next meeting.**

#### **Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**

**4602** With reference to Public Library Events for December 2009 in the Central Area  
**ORDER: Noted.**

#### **Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

**4603** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

#### **Central Area Matters**

**4604** With reference to the Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the access between 75 & 76 Summerhill to Simon's Place via Thompson's Cottages, Dublin 1  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**4604(a)** With further reference to grants towards the running costs of private swimming pools for year 2008.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council**

**4605** Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit

NEIC IAP  
North West Area (including HARP)  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City  
**ORDER: Reports noted.**

- 4605(a)** Members requested that their best wishes be sent to Oliver Walsh, the Park Ranger in John Paul Park, Cabra who is retiring this month.  
**ORDER: Agreed.**

#### Motions

**4606** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council do all they can to provide a club house for the boxing club at Smithfield.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4607** **Motion in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen**

That this Committee ask the City Manager to re-examine the condition of the road surface on East Wall Road as it is dangerous for cyclists in particular the surface curb side / Southbound between the turn at Alfie Byrne Road all the way down to the T junction R131/N1. Sections of this road need to be made good and safe for cyclists. The reply given to Question 34 at the City Council meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 was unsatisfactory.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4608** **Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee ask the City Manager to continue the use of the pool at Sean McDermott Street in view of the fact that those who avail of it say it is perfectly useable in its present state.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4609** **Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee ask the Area Manager to state when the units at Castleforbes will be available and the number of people who are eligible for these units.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4610** **Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee ask the Area Manager to make a statement on Dublin City Council's support or otherwise of the RAPID Programme.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4611** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to call on the Garda Commissioner to provide extra Gardai to patrol the Tolka Road, Clonliffe Avenue and surrounding areas due to increase in break ins and that a plain clothes patrol be put in place in these areas in order to bring those to justice who carry out these crimes.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4612** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will clean out all shores in the East Wall area to prevent flooding when rain falls and also if Dublin City Council will improve public lighting in the area off East Wall.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4613 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Area Committee calls for the retention of the Sean McDermott St swimming pool as an important community facility in an area of high social deprivation.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4614 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager if the materials dumped at the Gloucester Diamond and Park end of the new Rutland Street Primary School be removed.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4615 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to outline the future plans for the School on Stilts, Rutland Street

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4616 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to ensure that the cutway in Phibsborough (at the Post Office / Phibsborough Avenue) is cleaned and disinfected at least twice a week as people are urinating in it.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4617 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to outline any further plans to move Smithfield Horse Fair in view of the Part VIII application which is imminent.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4618 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to investigate and report on the practice in certain areas of the City Centre of removing labels from refuse bags

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4619 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to agree that the names of all new Dublin City Council housing developments will come before this Committee for consultation.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4620 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager for a report on the number of litter fines issued in 2009 in the Central Area and how many prosecutions have been issued also.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4621 Motion in the name of Councillor Dessie Ellis**

That this Area Committee calls for poop scoop bins to be installed in Violet Hill Estate.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4622 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Area Committee calls upon the Area Manager to write to Iarnrod Eireann seeking that it (I.E) meets with residents of East Wall or the Residents' Association of East Wall on a monthly basis to keep local people and the area informed of developments in relation to the proposed Interconnector and that these meetings should remain in place until all works associated with the Interconnector are completed.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Cllr. Christy Burke (Chairperson)**

**Cllr. Seamas McGrattan (Vice Chairperson)**

**Lord Mayor Cllr. Emer Costello**

**Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick**

**Cllr. Mary O'Shea**

**Cllr. Nial Ring**

**Cllr. Ray McAdam**

**Cllr. Marie Metcalfe**

**Cllr. Cieran Perry**

**Cllr. Claire O'Regan**

**Cllr. Aine Clancy**

**Officials**

**Charlie Lowe, Executive Manager, Central Area**

**Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area**

**Tony Flynn, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Residential Services**

**Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer, Cabra Area**

**John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area**

**Paul Kearns, Senior Planner, Central Area Team**

**Kehinde Oluwatosin Assistant Planner, Central Area Team**

**Alec Dundon, Executive Engineer, Roads & Traffic**

**Cathy Cassidy, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area Office**

**Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area Office**

**Motions to the Area Manager  
Central Area Committee Meeting  
December 2009**

**Item** 4606

**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council do all they can to provide a club house for the boxing club at Smithfield.

**Report**

The Smithfield Boxing Club has stated that it has identified ground floor office space near Smithfield that has not been used in approximately 18 months. We understand that they are examining the potential of this premises for use as a boxing club. Dublin City Council has no premises in its ownership suitable for the Club.

**Item** 4607

**Motion in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen**

That this Committee ask the City Manager to re-examine the condition of the road surface on East Wall Road as it is dangerous for cyclists in particular the surface curb side / Southbound between the turn at Alfie Byrne Road all the way down to the T junction R131/N1. Sections of this road need to be made good and safe for cyclists. The reply given to Question 34 at the City Council meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 was unsatisfactory.

**Report**

Road Maintenance may include East Wall Road in the 2010 Works Programme, subject to funding. What is really required is a complete resurfacing of the carriageway, which would come at a considerable cost.

**Item** 4608

**Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee ask the City Manager to continue the use of the pool at Sean McDermott Street in view of the fact that those who avail of it say it is perfectly useable in its present state.

**Report**

The closure of the pool at Sean McDermott Street (as well as the pools in Crumlin and Coolock) is the recommended option to assist in achieving the savings required in the budget of the Cultural, Recreation and Amenity Department. The proposal is based on the age of the pool, the level of usage and the financial burden the pool puts on Dublin City Councils resources.

**Item** 4609

**Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee ask the Area Manager to state when the units at Castleforbes will be available and the number of people who are eligible for these units.

**Report**

The twenty-one units on this site are being acquired by the Dockland Housing Trust. The units are earmarked for social housing. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government allocated funding to the Docklands Housing Trust to acquire these units.

To date the Trust has not requested Dublin City Council to draw down the money for these units. The developer for this scheme has gone into receivership and a report on the matter has been requested from the Docklands Housing Trust.

**Item** 4610

**Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee ask the Area Manager to make a statement on Dublin City Council's support or otherwise of the RAPID Programme.

**Report**

A meeting was held recently in the South Central Area with local Councillors, the Chairs of the local AITs, the Area Manager, Anne Graham and Monica Murphy, Senior Executive Officer (Community and Enterprise Section) with responsibility for the RAPID Co-ordinators.

The meeting was called by the local councillors to address this issue and it was agreed Dublin City Council would do whatever it could to ensure the RAPID programme be maintained. It was agreed that a submission would be made to the Minister supporting the programme for the entire city through the RAPID Co-ordinators and that a Parliamentary Question would be put down by the councillors through their own party TDs before the Budget in relation to this.

I understand that at least one such question had already been answered in the Dail.

**Item** 4611

**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to call on the Garda Commissioner to provide extra Gardai to patrol the Tolka Road, Clonliffe Avenue and surrounding areas due to increase in break ins and that a plain clothes patrol be put in place in these areas in order to bring those to justice who carry out these crimes.

**Report**

The Area Manager has written to An Garda Siochana regarding the matter and a reply will be issued to the Councillor.

**Item** 4612

**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will clean out all shores in the East Wall area to prevent flooding when rain falls and also if Dublin City Council will improve public lighting in the area off East Wall.

**Report**

The Drainage Section started work in the East Wall Area 16 on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009. To date we have currently cleaned gullies on 144 of the 165 roads that make up the area. Each of these roads have been cleaned to our benchmark of a minimum of 75% of all gullies on the roads cleaned before the road is marked as having being cleaned and we shall continue cleaning there until all of the roads are accounted for.

**Item** 4613

**Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Area Committee calls for the retention of the Sean McDermott St swimming pool as an important community facility in an area of high social deprivation.

**Report**

The closure of the pool at Sean McDermott Street is the recommended option to assist in achieving the savings required in the budget of the Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department. The proposal is based on the age of the pool, the level of usage and the financial burden the pool puts on Dublin City Councils resources.

**Item** 4614

**Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager if the materials dumped at the Gloucester Diamond and Park end of the new Rutland Street Primary School be removed.

**Report**

Parks Department will be removing the dumped materials from this area. It should be noted that this material is being dumped by local residents.

**Item** 4615

**Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to outline the future plans for the School on Stilts, Rutland Street

**Report**

The School on Stilts is currently in the ownership of the St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust but has been transferred by way of a Memorandum of Agreement dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 to Dublin City Council, for the period of one year, while title issues pertaining to the exchange of lands with the Diocesan Trust, which includes this building, are resolved. This exchange was approved by the City Council on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 subject to revised terms and conditions.

Dublin City Council is in the process of offering the three community groups who occupy the School on Stilts licence agreements. Draft licence agreements have been issued to all of the groups in situ.

There are no firm plans for the future development of the lands incorporating the School on Stilts. However, it is envisaged that the lands acquired from the Diocesan Trust will be used for mixed used purposes whenever market conditions allow.

**Item** 4616

**Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to ensure that the cutway in Phibsborough (at the Post Office / Phibsborough Avenue) is cleaned and disinfected at least twice a week as people are urinating in it.

**Report**

Waste Management Services had the cutway in Phibsborough (at the Post Office/Phibsborough Avenue) cleaned and disinfected on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009. We also

have arranged to have this cutway cleaned and disinfected every Monday morning which would be the most relevant time after the weekend activity in the area.

**Item 4617**

**Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to outline any further plans to move Smithfield Horse Fair in view of the Part VIII application which is imminent.

**Report**

There is no funding available to relocate the Smithfield Horse Fair to a suitable alternative site.

Alternative legal options to resolve the issue are being examined.

**Item 4618**

**Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to investigate and report on the practice in certain areas of the City Centre of removing labels from refuse bags.

**Report**

A number of reports have been received in this office regarding the removal of labels from household refuse bags, however, no person was able to provide evidence of purchase of such labels. Household labels can be purchased at a number of locations in the city and unless the purchaser retains the counterfoil/receipt they cannot prove they have purchased labels.

**Item 4619**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager to agree that the names of all new Dublin City Council housing developments will come before this Committee for consultation.

**Report**

The following is the current process for naming and numbering new housing developments:

- (a) As early as possible (usually at planning stage) a postal plan of a new development is submitted to the Area Committee.
- (b) The Area Office is then contacted for suggestions for the new name. The Place Names Commission has urged that local historical names be given to new estates and streets and this would generally be done.
- (c) The new name(s) is/are then sent to the City Council's Heritage Officer for approval.
- (d) When the Heritage Officer approves the new name, it is then brought to the Area Committee for its approval.

**Item 4620**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee ask the City Manager for a report on the number of litter fines issued in 2009 in the Central Area and how many prosecutions have been issued also.

**Report**

The total number of litter fines issued in the Central Area to date for 2009 is 2227 and 330 prosecutions have been initiated.

**Item** 4621

**Motion in the name of Councillor Dessie Ellis**

**That this Area Committee calls for poop scoop bins to be installed in Violet Hill Estate.**

**Report**

Arrangements have been put in place to install a dog bin at a park/open green space near Violet Hill Estate.

**Item** 4622

**Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Area Committee calls upon the Area Manager to write to Iarnrod Éireann seeking that it (I.E) meets with residents of East Wall or the Residents' Association of East Wall on a monthly basis to keep local people and the area informed of developments in relation to the proposed Interconnector and that these meetings should remain in place until all works associated with the Interconnector are completed.

**Report**

Iarnrod Éireann will be requested to attend the local area Forum as soon as a railway order is granted by An Bord Pleanála and Government approve the proposal to enable it to proceed to construction.

**Central Area Office  
51/53 Sean Mac Dermott Street  
Dublin 1**

**January 2010**

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee**

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**With reference to North Inner City Community Policing Forum**

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Following discussions between the Members of the Board of the North East Inner City Community Policing Forum and local Public Representatives it has been agreed that 2 members of the Central Area Committee of the City Council should be nominated to the Board of the NEIC Policing Forum.

Accordingly the Central Area Committee is requested to proceed on this basis with the names of those selected being forwarded for separate ratification by the City Council at its next meeting as per established protocol.

**Charlie Lowe  
Executive Manager**

**Development Department,  
Derelict Sites Section,  
Block 3, Floor 3,  
Civic Offices.**

**05/01/2010**

**To the Chairman and Members of  
The Central Area Committee.**

**Derelict Sites Quarterly Report**

I attach details of Derelict Sites in the Central Area, which are currently under review. The sites listed on Appendix 1 are currently under investigation with a view to formal action, if necessary, while formal action is being taken in relation to the sites listed on Appendix 2. Appendix 3 is a list of the sites currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register, which are situated in the Central Area.

**D. Wallace  
Executive Manager**

# **APPENDIX 1**

## ***DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT CENTRAL AREA***

### **SITES WHERE FORMAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN UNDER THE DERELICT SITES ACT 1990**

<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Current Position</i></b>
DS717 <u>Abbey Street Upper, 35, Dublin 1.</u>	2010 Levy demand issued on owners.
DS623 <u>Ballybough Road, 22b, D.3.</u>	2010 Levy demand issued on owners.
DS670 <u>Botanic Road, 33-55, Glasnevin, D.9.</u>	Works completed as requested. No further action required.
DS716 <u>Clonliffe Road, 202, Clontarf, Dublin 3. (Protected Structure)</u>	Owner written to, asked to finish improvement works. To be re-inspected in early January, 2010.
DS715 <u>Cross Guns Bridge, former Mill site, Phibsborough, D.7.</u>	Owners in Liquidation. Solicitors for Liquidator requested to carry out works - for re-inspection at end of January.
DS714 <u>Cross Guns Bridge, site adj. Cross Guns Quay Apartments, D.7.</u>	Owners in Liquidation. Solicitors for Liquidator requested to carry out works - for re-inspection at end of January.
DS694 <u>East Road, 30, East Wall, D.3.</u>	Site has been rendered non-derelect - removed from Derelect Sites Register on 17/11/2009.
DS697 <u>Mountjoy Square North, 1 &amp; 2, D.1.</u>	Site not considered derelect - referred to Environmental Liaison Officer.
DS576 <u>Phibsborough Road, 113 &amp; 113a (Flynn's Cottages), D.7</u>	Site not considered derelect at present; site will continue to be monitored.

- DS515 Phibsborough Road, 223, D.7. Works carried out by owner as requested - no further action required at present.
- DS232 Prospect Villa, off Prospect Road, D.9. Derelict building demolished; site removed from Derelict Sites Register on 2nd December 2009.
- DS593 Seville Place, 42, D.1 Works carried out at this site as requested - no further action required at present.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### ***DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT***

#### ***CENTRAL AREA***

##### **SITES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION WITH A VIEW TO FORMAL ACTION IF NECESSARY**

###### ***Location***

###### ***Current position***

Arklow Street, 25, Dublin 7.

Works carried out; no further action required.

Ballymun Road, 12, Glasnevin, D.9.

Works carried out; no further action required.

Devery's Lane, rear 138/139  
Phibsborough Road, D.7.

Hoarding has been erected at this site - no further action required

Dorset Street Upper 104A -115,  
Dublin 1.

Site is now in use as a car park - no further action required under Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Finglas Road, 31, D.11.

Works carried out as requested - no further action required.

Fitzroy Avenue, 49, Dublin 3.

Following receipt of reference of ownership, site due for re-inspection at end of January.

Hollybank Road, 63, Drumcondra,  
D.9.

Works carried out; no further action required.

Joyce Road, 33, Drumcondra, D.9.

Works carried out; no further action required.

Navan Road, 171, Cabra, Dublin 7

Some works have been carried out - being kept under review.

North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1.

Reference of ownership requested with a view to writing to the owners requesting them to carry out certain works.

Nottingham Street, 14, Ballybough,  
D.3.

Works have been carried out to secure property and rubbish has been removed - no further action required at present.

Old Cabra Road, 52, Dublin 7

Reference of ownership requested with a view to writing to the owners requesting them to carry out certain works.

Rawlton House, Sherrard St., D.1.

Owners written to and requested to carry out works to improve appearance of site; for re-inspection at end of January.

St. Paul's Church, site at rear, North King Street, D7.

Site has been tidied. No further action required under Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Strangford Gardens, 1, Eastwall, Dublin 1.

Owners have given an undertaking to carry out requested works.

Walsh Road, 16, Drumcondra, D.9.

Owners requested to carry out certain works to improve the appearance of the site; for re-inspection at end of January.

## APPENDIX 3

### Sites on Derelict Sites Register in Central Area

Address:	Entered:	Outstanding Levies:
Bella Street, 1, Dublin 1.	02/02/2005	€11,670.00
Connaught Street, 7, Phibsborough, D.7.	19/03/2009	Nil
Connaught Street, 19, Phibsborough, D.7.	19/03/2009	Nil
Connaught Street, 21, Phibsborough, D.7.	19/03/2009	Nil
Cross Guns Bridge, site adj. Apartments, D.7.	18/08/2009	Nil
East Road, 30, East Wall, D. 3.	27/02/2009	Nil
Hawthorn Avenue, 1, East Wall, D.3	12/11/2003	€29,025.00
Terrace Place (6), rear 23 Rutland St., D. 1.	20/10/2008	€2,160.00
Terrace Place (7), rear 24 Rutland St., D. 1.	18/04/2008	Nil
Terrace Place (8), rear 25 Rutland S., D. 1.	18/04/2008	€2,400.00

## MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009

### *f School Wardens*

#### 1 Navan Road, Dublin 7.

Reps for additional School Warden on Navan Road to serve Scoil Mhuire GNS (Mary Help of Christians).

Public Rep

DocID:231652

Not Recommended

The pedestrian count does not meet the warrant for provision of a school warden. A School Warden already exists at this signalised junction and a wrap around green man is provided to allow children/parents/other pedestrians cross in safety.

### *c Parking Prohibitions*

#### 2 St. Joseph's Place, Dublin 1.

Reps to rescind Double Yellow Lines on St. Joseph's Place as part of Blessington Court Square Scheme.

Dublin City Council

DocID:243251

Recommended

Eastern side from Blessington Court for 3m north.

#### 3 Wolfe Tone Street, Dublin 1.

Rescind Disabled Parking Bay on Wolfe Tone Street east side at junction with Mary Street and re-install on east side from a point 30m south of Mary Street south for 6m.

Dublin City Council

DocID:243244

Recommended

**4 Blessington Court, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Blessington Court as part of Blessington Court Square Scheme.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243251**

Recommended

From No.12a Blessington Court north for 5m (west side of square). From No.8 Blessington Court north for 13m (east side of square).

**5 Foley Street, Dublin 1.**

Rescind Pay and Display Parking on Foley Street.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

North side, from a point 155 metres east of the junction with James Joyce Street, extending eastwards for 15 metres.

**6 St. Joseph's Place, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on St. Joseph's Place as part of Blessington Court Square Scheme.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243251**

Recommended

East side from a point 5m north of No.12a north for 9m. East side, from a point 4m south of east/west section Nos. 1-11, south for 10m. East side from a point 2m north of Blessington Court north for 5m.

**7 St. Joseph's Place, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on St. Joseph's Place as part of Blessington Court Square Scheme.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243251**

Recommended

East side from a point 2m north of Blessington Court south for 2m and then east along the northern side of Blessington Court for 5m. East side, from a point 4m south of the east/west section Nos. 1-11, north for 4m and then east along the south side adjacent to No.6 for 5m.

**8 Foley Street, Dublin 1.**

Pay and Display Parking on Foley Street, Mon-Sat 07.00-19.00 (2 hrs max).

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

On the southern kerblineline at the indented parking bays between the junction of James Joyce Street and Buckingham Street. Northern kerblineline from a point 180m east of the junction with James Joyce Street eastwards for 15m and from a point 210m east of the junction with James Joyce Street eastwards for 25m.

**9 Foley Street, Dublin 1.**

Clearways on Foley Street, Mon-Sat 24Hour.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

Along the Northern kerblineline from junction with James Joyce Street extending eastwards for 145m. Along the northern kerblineline between the junctions of Beaver Street and Buckingham Street.

**10 Foley Street, Dublin 1.**

Double Yellow Lines on Foley Street.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

Southern kerblines from junction with Buckingham Street westward for 20m.

**11 Blessington Court, Dublin 1.**

Reps to Rescind Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Blessington Court as part of Blessington Court Square Scheme.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243251**

Recommended

South side from the western boundary of No.12a to a point 2m west of the eastern boundary of No.8.

**12 Infirmary Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Infirmary Road.

Resident

**DocID:241733**

Recommended

West side from Parkgate Street to the southern entrance of the new Criminal Courts of Justice entrance (approx 125m).

**13 Cliftonville Road/Botanic Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Cliftonville Road at junction with Botanic Road.

Public Rep

**DocID:239908**

Not Recommended

The existing double yellow lines on Cliftonville Road, extending 5m on both sides from the junction with Botanic Road, are considered adequate.

14 **Bantry Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Bantry Road.

Public Rep

**DocID:243246**

Not Recommended

Parking on the road acts as traffic calming and its removal could lead to increased speeds.

15 **Clareville Grove/Claremont Lawns, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Claremont Lawns and Clareville Grove.

Public Rep

**DocID:236654**

Recommended

Claremont Lawns from a point 1m south of LS No.4 north and continuing west to Glasnevin car park entrance on Clareville Grove. Claremont Lawns west side, from a point 2m east of LS No.1 on Clareville Grove, east and continuing north to a point 6m south of Finglas Road. Claremont Lawns, from a point 2m west of a point opposite the common boundary of property No.s 4/5, west and continuing north, 25m in total.

***b Traffic  
Conditions***

16 **Manor Place, Dublin 7.**

Reps for additional Traffic Calming on Manor Place, Stoneybatter.

Public Rep

**DocID:229505**

Not Recommended

Speed survey results show that traffic speeds are appropriate to the road.

**17 Infirmery Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Yellow Box at the entrance/exit to the new Criminal Courts of Justice, Infirmery Road.

Business

**DocID:241056**

Recommended

On southbound carriageway over the length of the entrance to the new Criminal Courts of Justice.

***a Traffic Signs***

**18 Foley Street/James Joyce Street/Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.**

No Entry Signs on Foley Street.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

60m east of the junction with James Joyce Street.  
165 m east of the junction with James Joyce Street.  
At the junction of Foley Street and Buckingham Street (both sides of the carriageway).

**19 Foley Street/Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.**

Reps for No Right Turn at the junction of Foley Street and Buckingham Street.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

**20 Foley Street/Beaver Street, Dublin 1.**

No Left Turn at the junction of Foley Street and Beaver Street.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:243292**

Recommended

January 2010

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

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**Re: Graffiti Removal**

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The Probation Service recently contacted D.C.C and a meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 between them and the five area Public Domain Officers. Two adjoining Local Authorities are using their Graffiti removal team and they are proposing to expand the service into the entire Dublin city area.

A graffiti removal team will consist of a supervisor, an industrial civil servant, five operatives a van and power washer and rollers extension poles and chemicals.

All training and supervision will be carried out by the Probation Service. The operatives will be offenders who have received a community service sentence from the courts and serious offenders or dangerous criminals will not be considered for the service.

The labour part of the service will be free, D.C.C will be expected to supply the paint and chemicals to the crew.

It was agreed to carry out a trial in each of the D.C.C areas review its effectiveness and report back to the managers.

The pilot scheme will be carried out under the following conditions.

- Each of the 5 DCC area offices will identify at least one graffiti removal or painting project for the Probation Service to work on.
- DCC will need to obtain permission / waivers in the case of private property.
- The projects identified will be at ground floor level (no working at height).
- The areas identified initially will preferably be on a laneway (or similar such as an underpass, Luas or DART /railway line) or within a DCC park and will each involve approximately 1-2 days work for the Probation Service crew. No work will be carried out on DCC Housing property.
- The initial five projects will be carried out as early in the New Year as can be arranged with the Probation Service.
- Waste Management will fund the materials (paint and / or chemicals) to be used.
- Together, these 5 projects will be regarded as a pilot and when they are complete, we will then review the service provided and DCC's further involvement or partnership with the Probation Service.

**Charlie Lowe**  
**Executive Manager**

January 2010

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

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## Environmental Services Report

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### Environmental Response Unit

Over 34.6 tonnes of dumped materials were collected within the Central Area in the month leading up to Christmas by the Environmental Response Unit working with the assistance of the Garda and acting on information supplied by local residents who contacted the litter hotline number. Approximately 62 reports were attended to.

### Litter Hotline

In the period December 1st to December 24th 2009 82 incidents were reported to the Litter Hotline:

Dumping - 62
Litter – 2
Cleansing – 7
Non tagged bags – 1
Other – 7
Graffiti - 8

The breakdown of how incidents were reported to the hotline is as follows:

E-mail – 5
Phone – 46
DCC staff – 3
CRM – 28
Counter - 0

The breakdown of the areas that the complaints relate to is as follows:

Drumcondra – 7	Phibsborough – 13
Cabra – 10	Ballybough – 1
East Wall – 3	North Wall – 0
NEIC – 28	Stoneybatter – 6
NCR - 6	Other – 8

### **Litter Warden Statistics**

There were a total of 91 Fines issued in the Central Area for littering offences between in the period December 1<sup>st</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Totals for 15<sup>th</sup> December – 31<sup>st</sup> will be issued in next report.

Area	No of Fines
Cabra	47
City Centre 8 – 4 shift	0
Phibsboro / Glasnevin	11
North East Inner City	63
City Centre 5 over 7 shift	8
City Centre 5 over 7 shift	6
City Centre 5 over 7 shift	0

### **Public Domain Defects**

In the period between December 1st to December 24th 2009 Public Domain Operatives have reported 97 defects to the following departments:

Roads Maintenance – 11
Cleansing – 3
Traffic – 3
Drainage – 1
Waterworks – 0
Parks – 1
Other - 0
Public Lighting - 1

### **Communications**

The following groups and meetings are attended by representatives of the Environmental Services Unit.

- NEIC Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- North Wall Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- Mountjoy and District Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- East Wall Community Forum – Meetings every 6 weeks
- Drumcondra Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- North West City Community Forum – Meetings held every three months
- Healy St & Area Community Policing Forum Meeting – Meetings held every six weeks (not convened by DCC)
- Central Area Business Forum – Meetings held every two months
- Henry Street Mary Street Partnership – Monthly Meeting
- Capel Street Business Watch – Meetings Quarterly
- Croke Park Community Liaison Committee – Monthly Meetings
- Area JPC – Meetings held every three months
- Talbot Street Business Watch
- James Joyce Street Security Forum

The following lists the issues that are regularly raised for attention at the various community forums attended by DCC representatives.

#### **North Wall Community Forum**

1. Luas extension
2. Anti-social behaviour, especially on St. Laurence's Place East.
3. Breaches of planning conditions at development sites in the area
4. Traffic issues - Seville Place.

#### **North East Inner City Community Forum**

1. Cumberland Street Market.
2. Cleansing issues and dumping in the area.
3. Anti-social behaviour at local clinics.
4. Begging and harassment of residents in the area.

#### **Healy St & Area Community Policing Forum**

1. Dumping of rubbish and cleansing issues at:  
Rutland Place North, Thompson Cottages, Summerhill Parade, Summer St Nth  
and North Circular Road – (Summerhill Parade to Dorset St)

#### **Mountjoy and District Community Forum**

1. Cleansing issues
2. Security
3. Blessington Street Basin and surrounding parks
4. Local Area Plan

#### **Drumcondra Community Forum**

1. Cleansing Issues
2. Traffic Issues
3. Anti Social Behaviour

#### **Ballybough Community Forum**

1. New Community Centre
2. Traffic
3. Cleansing

#### **East Wall Community Forum**

1. Anti-social behaviour in the playground
2. Completion of Environmental Traffic Cell
3. Cleansing

**Other issues that are raised for discussion/attention include the following:**

#### **Parks**

Playgrounds, Tree pruning, tree planting, weed spraying, green waste disposal, sports pitches, small open spaces, flower/shrub containers.

#### **Public Lighting**

Requests for heritage style replacement columns, maintenance, increased wattage, new installations.

#### **Road maintenance**

Footpath repairs/replacement, carriageway, repairs/replacement signage.

**Traffic Management**

Traffic calming, traffic signals, road marking renewal, street parking, cycle ways, environmental traffic cells.

**Housing**

Maintenance, allocations, security (CCTV), anti social behaviour, precinct improvements, parking.

**Waste Management**

Charges, road sweeping, fines, fly dumping, dog fouling.

**Planning**

Enforcement, objections, derelict sites, community gain.

**Misc.**

Flooding, disruption from construction sites, institutions, funding, environmental health.

**Hugh McKenna**

**Assistant Area Manager**

January 2010

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

### **PROJECTS UNIT, NORTH EAST INNER CITY**

#### **Civic Centre**

The Development Agreement was executed on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007. The developer lodged a planning application on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, planning reference 1174/08. Planning Permission was granted on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008, subject to conditions.

Two appeals were lodged to An Bord Pleanála. One appeal was deemed invalid by An Bord Pleanála as it was lodged after the final cut-off date for receipt of appeals. On the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009, An Bord Pleanála granted permission for this development with revised conditions.

Bernard McNamara and Associates have withdrawn from this project.

#### **Liberty Park Crèche**

Kids Inc operate the Liberty Corner facility, on behalf of Dublin City Council, as a traditional crèche and Montessori facility. It caters for children from 3 months to 5 years. Dublin City Council is subventing the cost of childcare places for local parents. The facility caters for approximately 31 children. The National Childcare Investment Programme gave funding approval for the fit out costs on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The crèche was fitted out and opened for business on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007. All of the fit-out costs have been drawn down from Pobal.

A new-tiered fee structure was introduced in July 2008 in order to comply with requirements for National Funding for the crèche. Approval for funding was received for the NCIP Community Childcare Subvention Scheme and 100% of the funding for 2009 has been drawn down. There are currently 17 children attending the crèche on a full time basis.

An application was made earlier this year to Pobal to include the Liberty Park Crèche in a new scheme, which offers free childcare places to pre-school age children. The scheme is called the ECCE Scheme and commences in January 2010. Free Montessori part-time childcare will be on offer for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2005 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Leaflets to advertise the scheme are being distributed throughout the area.

#### **Liberty Corner - Disposal of Nine Retail Units**

The Retail Units are on the market for sale, 5 units have been disposed of, the remaining 4 units are still on the market and Lisneys are continuing to market them.

#### **Retail Units at Killarney Court**

Expressions of interest from community groups, operating in the North East Inner City area, were invited and 14 submissions were received. A report and recommendation was made to the North East Inner City Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

HOPE secured part of the funding for the project through a Capital Premises Fund of €20,000 from the Minister for Drugs. Dublin City Council is funding the majority of the refurbishment costs.

Westside Civil Engineering, the successful contractor signed a letter of acceptance in mid December 2009 and work commenced on the refurbishment of the units. Work is ongoing.

### **Foley Street Improvement Works**

Phase 1 of the Foley Street improvement works is now complete – this included the upgrading of the park and carrying out work on the Liberty Park boundary along Foley Street.

Phase 2 of the improvement works includes 80m of road improvements, 355m of footpath improvements including new pavement, new kerbs, new parking bays, public lighting, drainage and ducts. Works on phase 2 commenced on the 4th August 2009 and are near completion.

Phase 3 of the improvement works includes the upgrading of 120m of carriageway between Beaver Street and Buckingham Street. Phase 3 will proceed after phase 2 is completed, if there is sufficient funding for the phase.

**Denise Clynh**  
**Senior Staff Officer**

January 2010

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee**

**North West Inner City Cabra Area Office**

The following lists the issues that are regularly raised for attention at the various community / business forums attended by DCC:

**NWIC Community Policing Forum**

1. Street drinking
2. Prostitution
3. Event management e.g. Smithfield on Ice
4. Horse Fair
5. Parks management
6. Planning issues
7. Traffic

**Smithfield Business Forum (New)**

1. Footfall promotion
2. Plaza design completion / utilization
3. Plaza visibility / accessibility / management
4. Event activities e.g. Farmers' Market
5. Parking / Traffic management
6. Anti-social behaviour e.g. street drinking
6. Litter

**Cabra Community Policing forum**

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Local drugs situation
3. Precinct upgrades –Faussagh Ave
4. DCC Housing / property estate management issues
5. Event management e.g. Halloween

**Cabra Rd / Pk Residents Assoc**

1. Waste management – impact of intro of Brown bins
2. Level of rented properties in area
3. Impact of hostels / half way houses in the area
4. Planning issues
5. Railway line – dumping / drainage

**NCR Res Assoc**

1. Trees on NCR – impact on pathways on driveways
2. Anti-social behaviour at Altona Tce.
3. Litter / waste management
4. Roads issues
5. Planning issues

**Finglas / Cabra Local Drugs Task Force (LDTF)**

1. Supply reduction tactics
2. Communication with DCC and Gardai re drug supply matters
2. Monitoring of impact of local drug treatment services
3. Education and prevention

4. Growth in intimidation of drug users' families over debts
5. Updates from participating agencies on activities

### **Community Policing Fora**

Navan Rd Community Council and Cabra Community Policing Forum presented their visions for how Cabra / Navan Rd catchment areas should be represented at a specially convened meeting of the JPC. Their alternative presentations will now be considered by the JPC who will consider an administrative strategy for Community Policing Fora for this part of North West Central Area.

### **NWIC Policing Forum**

The Chair of this forum stood down at the end of October and DCC in consultation with the Gardai propose that a public representative chair the forum. Public representatives will be invited to indicate their interest in the position in advance of the next meeting in February.

### **Royal Canal Works**

Waterways Ireland are currently undertaking a programme of works to dredge and upgrade sections of the canal between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> locks. Dublin City Council, Cabra Area Office, have facilitated meetings between residents and Waterways Ireland. Residents and public representatives have raised concerns regarding some aspects of the work, particularly from a conservation perspective and, in response, Waterways Ireland have undertaken to replace stone walls with the same stone where possible. Residents are also concerned about the visual impact of green mesh fencing but Waterways Ireland maintain that erecting this fencing is essential to demark their boundaries from Irish Rail lands.

Waterways Ireland has undertaken to continue consultations with residents, particularly with regard to the issue of seepage from the canal in the Shandon area. An assessment will be undertaken as works proceed and solutions put forward.

Full details of the works being undertaken are contained in a reply to Q.34 on the January agenda.

### **Leinster St Laneway**

Following discussions with ESB and eircom both companies have agreed in principle to the erection of gates at the rear of Leinster St and Shandon Rd subject to stringent conditions. Both have sought assurances as to rights of access and protection of plant that can be secured over the long term. Residents are currently liaising directly with ESB with a view to securing an agreement acceptable to all parties. ESB and eircom are seeking to ensure that their access rights are not threatened by the extinguishment and Dublin City Council are currently conducting a reference search on the laneway.

### **Mount Bernard Park**

The RPA appointed contractors to undertake soil assessments in the park in relation to the proposed Luas station. This involved drilling and the erection of protective hoarding. Work was completed before Christmas but will resume at an unspecified date in 2010.

### **Development works**

#### **McKee Park:**

The Manager's Order appointing the replacement mechanical engineers was received on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. And the contractor started on site on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. They are in the process of erecting secure hoarding and seeking the agreement of neighbouring residents who are directly affected.

**Dunmanus:** Following the response from DOEHLG to the City Council's original proposals, it was necessary to re-design this scheme. The design has now been reviewed in light of the cost plan. The Department had raised a number of points, which have been addressed, and some minor details remain to be addressed and when finalised it will be resent to the DOEHLG for approval.

#### **Dunard Estate**

Parks Division are still awaiting receipt of the Safety Report Audit from the local football club in relation to the green area. This report is required in order for the suitability of the green area to be assessed for use as a football pitch as requested by the club. In the meantime Parks are having to deal with significant anti-social behaviour whereby mature trees are being cut down and burned.

### **Smithfield Enhancement Project**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December the Project Manager made a presentation to the ex members of the former Harp Monitoring Committee and local public representatives on the proposals for the Smithfield plaza. The Part 8 has been launched and the public information sessions will take place this month.

### **Ashington Park Playground**

The tender exercise is now complete and the appointed contractor will commence work in the coming weeks with work expected to be completed before Christmas or more likely early in the New Year, depending on the weather conditions.

### **Community Update**

Many groups throughout the area have been celebrating Christmas during the month of December. There have been get-togethers including children's parties, senior citizens, women's groups, sports groups and open celebrations. Many of events take place in Dublin City Council Recreation Centres and are organised by Local Residents and DCC Staff. On these occasions neighbours meet neighbours and there is a sense of belonging to communities.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Cabra**

This years Cabra Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm on the Fassaugh Road Roundabout. In recent years DCC staff from the Cabra Office have worked closely with local community groups to publicise the event and help make it a focal point for the community at Christmas time. This year the Christmas Lights were switched on by Lord Mayor Emer Costello and Christmas Carols were sung by two local schools, St. Declans Girls School and Gael Scoil Bharra. After the Lights were switched on Entertainment and Refreshments were held in St. Finbarrs GAA Club. Local groups showcased their talents and each group attending put on a performance for the audience. The Lord Mayor also attended and was impressed by the various groups who performed for her and the audience. Many thanks to all who took part on the night and to Cabra CDP and St. Finbarrs GAA Club for there support in organising the event.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Royal Canal Park**

This years RCP Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at the Roundabout in RCP close to Centra shop. This year was the second year that this event was held and as was the case last year many of the local community turned out with their children to see the lights being switched on. Carol singers were on hand along with guitar players and local children to make the event a joyous one. Congratulations are due to the Residents Association who organised the event and to Pat the Pastoral Worker for his support in this endeavour and to the residents group in Laburnum who organised Santa and gathered the children in their area and brought them around to the tree

### **Ventry Park Community Centre**

The staff along with local volunteers and children put on the show Pinocchio and Cinderella on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This along with many other activities including a visit to Smithfield on ice, made Christmas special for the children using the centre. They finished up on Christmas Eve with a Christmas breakfast.

### **Ventry Park Community Garden**

This initiative was first proposed during the summer of 2009. At that time, the site was identified, permission was sought and meetings were held with representatives of the Centre Management Committee, Hall Staff and the Gardening Group. It has the support of Ventry Community representatives, Community Development Staff, Parks Department and Centre Staff. It will now commence on January 16<sup>th</sup> at twelve noon when the sod will be turned and the digging will start. Anyone interested in joining this group or getting involved should just turn up on the day. The designated gardening area is in Ventry Park beside the Community Centre. There will be a leaflet drop to houses surrounding the Centre at the beginning of January and we are hoping for a good turnout and happy planting in 2010.

**Fergus Synnott**  
**Administrative Officer**

January 2010

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

### North East Inner City Housing

#### Area Housing Manager – Chris Butler

##### Sean O'Casey Avenue

Ongoing problem with dumping in the laneways to be addressed by re-issuing keys and trying to get residents to keep gates closed. Residents have requested that the appearance of the fence is improved. Discussions ongoing in relation to this matter.

##### Sean Treacy House

Complex fully detenanted. Demolition completed. Planning process completed. Tenders for project have been submitted and tender report has been sent to DOE for approval. Final approval from DOE. has now been secured.. A preliminary survey of the surrounding houses was conducted on the 10/02/2009. Contractor on site since February 2009. Approx. 18 month build period. There are very few former residents of Sean Treacy House who are due to move back to the completed development. Therefore the majority of the 53 units will be available to applicants on the Housing and Transfer lists.

##### Matt Talbot Court

Feasibility Study and costings for redevelopment submitted to the DOE for appraisal. Response from DOE indicated that they favoured PPP route for this project and this is not a viable option in the current economic climate. Project to be examined under new scheme for prioritisation of redevelopment projects. Installation of new railings at ground floor units completed. Quotes for installation of security doors received. Contractor for electrical work selected by Electrical Services.No funding available for doors from RAPID but funding has been secured by the Area Office. Electrical works will commence week beginning 30 November. Doors installed and works should be fully finished by mid January.

##### James Larkin House

Following requests from residents permit parking introduced. There is no funding at present for improvement works to the courtyard. Any maintenance issues regarding the courtyard are being dealt with on a case by case basis by maintenance. Netting for above football pitch to be installed shortly.

##### Liberty House

Revised plans for redevelopment has been conditionally approved by D.O.E. Meeting with residents took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Residents happy with proposals and the project will now proceed to detailed design stage. Follow up meeting with residents took place in August. Residents requested some changes to plan presented. Further meetings took place in October and November and tenants representatives have now signed off on plans. Plans to be submitted shortly to DOE to proceed to next stage.

##### St. Mary's Mansions

Serious anti-social problems. One tenant served with Notice to Quit. 2 Exclusion Orders granted and will come into force in October. A number of meetings have taken place with residents, through CPF, which DCC and Gardai have participated in. Remedial maintenance works being considered to address some of the issues. Pilot Estate Management project underway.

### **Patrick Heeney House and Crescent**

First phase of redevelopment now completed, following snagging issues. 25 units have been provided and tenanted and work has commenced on second phase. Second phase which will provide 37 units due to be completed May/June 2010. There are currently 3 tenants from Lourdes House living temporarily in other complexes who are due to move into the completed Patrick Heeney Crescent along with a number of tenants from Patrick Heeney House who will also be moving in. However, when the project is completed it will result in 33 units becoming available for Housing and Transfer applicants.

### **Avondale House**

It is intended to proceed with this PIP as soon as funding is confirmed. It is estimated that the works will take 45 weeks to complete.

### **Temple House**

Improved lighting installed February 2009. Resurfacing of Courtyard completed June 2009. Painting of complex completed. Issue in relation repair of boundary wall being investigated. All other works completed to satisfaction of residents.

### **Summerhill (No.s 40 – 49)**

Extra lighting being installed at basement floor level.

### **Area Housing Manager – Brian Kavanagh**

#### **Poplar Row**

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared the vacant site on Poplar Row of all domestic rubbish/debris. The electronic entrance doors to Poplar Row have been repaired, as they were vandalised. There are ongoing meetings with the Residents Association.

#### **Ballybough House**

A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Environment to get their observations and hopefully their initial approval to proposals to redevelop the vacant site at Poplar Row, the site at Orchard Road/ Tom Clarke House and Ballybough House on an incremental phased basis.

The houses on Cadogan Road, which face Ballybough House, have been targeted through out the summer by the youths who are congregating in the complex. Stones/bottles are being thrown at the dwelling on Cadogan Road, Dublin 3. The Estate Manager is liaising with An Garda Síochána with regard to this matter. A circular has been issued to all residents of the complex reminding them of their responsibilities under the terms of their tenancy agreement.

The Estate Manager has spoken to a number of the parents living in the complex and surrounding complexes whose children have been involved in the anti social behaviour

The Area Housing Manager and the Estate Manager meet with the Resident Association monthly to discuss issues of concern.

#### **Courtney Place**

Housing Maintenance Division has removed following requests from residents the remaining steel doors on the balconies. There are no outstanding Estate Management issues in this complex.

#### **Croke Villas**

Negotiations have been terminated with the preferred bidder. There are now 25 dwellings out of a total of 79 occupied in the complex. There are 15 families/individuals wishing to be transferred from the complex to suitable accommodation in Area's H, B and E.

A total of nine offers of accommodation were made to families/individuals of the above complex in the area's they requested during 2009. Seven of these offers were accepted and the remaining two were refused.

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared out the vacant sites/properties on Sackville Avenue and Ballybough Road. They have also erected fencing at the rear of 8 Ballybough Road.

A working group has now been established to examine the options for the redevelopment of the site. There are regular meetings between DCC and residents of the complex.

#### **North Clarence Street/Dunne Street**

Housing Maintenance carried out painting works on the football pitch, bin sheds and boundary wall in the complex. They also had the overgrown trees/shrubbery from the houses on North William Street cut back, as in was overhanging in the complex.

The Area Housing Manager and the Estate Manager meet with the Residents Association, CPF and Gardai on a regular basis to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

#### **North William Street/ Charleville Mall Flats**

Housing Maintenance carried out painting works to remove the graffiti in the complex. The bin sheds, boundary wall and meter room doors were painted.

#### **Tom Clarke House/Orchard Road Depot**

A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Environment to get their observations and hopefully their initial approval to proposals to redevelop the vacant site at Poplar Row, the site at Orchard Road/ Tom Clarke House and Ballybough House on an incremental phased basis. The Area Housing Manager and Estate Manager meet with the Resident Association on a regular basis to discuss issues concerning them.

The Area Housing Manager has arranged for NCPS to carry out line marking in the complex to regulate the parking. This work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

#### **Newcomen Court**

The expression of interest form has gone into Dublin City Childcare Committee and the approximate cost of the childcare facility is 3.5 million, this includes the following, construction/renovation costs, professional fees, fixture & fittings and equipment costs. The balance of the site is proposed to be used for Affordable Housing provision.

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared out the site of all rubbish and shrubbery. Community garden provision under examination.

#### **St. Agatha's Court**

A proposal has been submitted to Department of Environment to get their observations and their initial approval for this project.

Housing Maintenance and Parks Division had the overgrown shrubbery cut and the site cleaned out.

#### **Brendan Behan Court**

Housing Maintenance Painting Crew has completed painting works to the complex, as part of the 2009 Works Programme.

Complaints have been received in the office regarding residents erecting satellite dishes in the complex. A circular has been distributed to all residents to requesting them to have the satellite dishes

taken down. Regular meetings take place with the Resident Association and Dublin City Council to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

### **Ballybough Court**

Housing Maintenance Painting Crew are presently carrying out a comprehensive painting works in the complex as part of 2009 Works Programme.

### **St. Mary's Court**

Housing Maintenance Division has cut back the overgrown trees from the properties adjoining the complex, as they were blocking the natural light to the residents in the complex. It is planned to further cut back these trees once a hoist is made available, as it is required.

### **Blackhall/Marmion Court**

Dublin City Council arranged a meeting with a number of community agencies and An Garda Síochána to discuss the recent anti-social behaviour. The outcome of this meeting is that NWICN will look to speak to residents of the complex with a view to setting up a residents group. To date we are still awaiting a report back from NWICN on their observations and comments from speaking with residents.

**Charlie Lowe**  
**Executive Manager**

January 2010

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

### North West Inner City Housing Report

#### **Blessington Street**

Meetings are ongoing between residents and Estate Management.  
No outstanding issues.

#### **Chancery House**

There are no outstanding estate management issues within this complex. Work on garden area continuing.

#### **Constitution Hill**

Regular meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

#### **Dominick Court**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex. Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management, the residents and the warden.

#### **Dominick House/Palmerston Place**

There are no Estate Management issues within this complex.  
Consultation between the Residents Association and Estate Management to discuss any issues, which may arise, is ongoing.

#### **Dominick Street Lower**

There are no outstanding Estate Management issues within this complex.  
The Residents Redevelopment Group continue to meet with the Housing Projects Office and members of the Special Projects Task Force on a regular basis, with consultation progressing well.  
The newly implemented parking system in conjunction with NCPS, which came into effect on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December is working well and appears to be alleviating the problem of over flow in the carpark.

Christmas in the Dominick Street Lower Community Centre was a great success with Santa visiting all the children at their Christmas party, which concluded with a Christmas dinner and dance for all the senior citizens in the area. The party was organised by the estate management team in Parnell Street along with Store Street Garda Station.

#### **Dominick Street Upper Apartments**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

#### **Dorset Street Flats**

Anti social behaviour has alleviated in this complex over the last month, this may be due to the ongoing bad weather. The situation continues to be closely monitored on an ongoing basis. Regular meetings are also held with An Garda Siochana.

#### **Eccles Court**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise.  
Due to a number of security breaches within the complex Estate Management are in discussion with residents to rectify the situation

### **Friary Court**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

### **Georges Place**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. No outstanding issues within this complex.

### **Hardwicke Street: (Dermot O'Dwyer & Rory O'Connor House)**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. The newly implemented parking system in conjunction with NCPS, which came into effect on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December is working well and appears to be alleviating the problem of over flow in the carpark.

### **Henrietta House**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

### **Kevin Barry House**

Meetings are taking place between the Residents of Kevin Barry House, regarding any issues that may arise.

An extensive Painting Programme is underway and is hoped to be completed mid January 2010.

### **North King Street**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

### **Ormond Square**

Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and the Parks Department.

### **Saint Michans House**

Meetings are taking place between the Tenants Association, Estate Management  
A Housing Estate Office is open to the residents of this complex every Tuesday Morning.

### **Saint Peters Court**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

### **Sheridan Court/Place**

Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management.

### **Wolfe Tone Close**

There are no outstanding estate management or maintenance issues within this complex. Consultation between the residents of Wolfe Tone Close and Estate Management is ongoing.

### **Joe Farrell**

**Area Housing Manager**

January 2010

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

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**Sport and Leisure Services Area Report**

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**CABRA PARKSIDE COMMUNITY AND SPORTS COMPLEX**

**ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE**

The activities currently available in the Complex are:

Badminton	Basketball
Spinning Classes	Computers
Soccer	Tae Kwon Do
Kickboxing	Indoor Bowls
History Club	Hip Hop Dance
Karate	Judo
Pilates	Weight Watchers
Skate park	Ballet
Majorettes	Irish Dancing
Tai Chi	Teen Gym
Passport for Leisure	Youth Club
Cricket Club	Special Olympics

**SKATEBOARD PARK**

The Skateboard Park is still proving to be a great asset to Cabra Parkside and to date there is approximately 1250 members, with an average of 350 customers using it each month. All skate park users must wear appropriate safety equipment i.e. helmet and elbow/kneepads.

**TEEN GYM**

There are currently 744 members of the Teen Gym, with an average of 200 teens using it on a monthly basis. The teen gym users are only allowed limited access to the gym such as the CV equipment.

**PASSPORT FOR LEISURE**

The Passport for Leisure programme continues to be very successful with over 261 members registered who visit the gym regularly with new participants joining on a daily basis.

**SPINNING CLASSES**

Spinning classes are still running within the centre and we feel the demand will be just as high in 2010. We are currently running eight classes per week, with the majority being fully booked. Classes are pre booked on the day at reception.

## **THE BALLYBOUGH COMMUNITY, YOUTH & SPORTS CENTRE.**

### FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

Outdoor all weather Pitch/ Changing Rooms, Computer Room, Cookery Room/Café Area Youth Room/Youth Service Offices, Indoor Multi Purpose Hall, 2 Multi Purpose Studios, Childcare Centre/Outdoor Terrace Facility. The Centre is now open Monday to Thursday 8.30am-10pm, Friday 8.30am-5pm and Saturday 10-4pm.

As the centre has recently got staff, we will be dropping a four-page newsletter into all surrounding houses to explain what is available in 2010.

Christmas Party: The centre held a Christmas party for the children under 10 years of age, it was free to all who attended and we had entertainment, a disco and all the children got to see Santa. It proved a great success with over 110 children attending.

### CURRENTLY RUNNING FROM THE CENTRE.

- Adult Education- 3 Mornings a week.
- The Ballybough Youth Service is operating from the centre at present with dedicated offices and a youth room; they also have full access to the building.
- Men's Health Programme : Is due to kick off again in March 2010 this includes classes in Cookery Nutrition and Fitness for 10 weeks, coaches are from Glasgow Celtic.
- Chair Aerobics- For Senior Citizens-Wednesdays 11-12noon.
- The All Weather Pitch is booked most nights at present.
- Weight Watchers Friday mornings, also healthy eating demonstration cookery classes straight after Weight Watchers.
- Fitness Classes starting in January 2010, Circuit training €4 per class. Other classes Include Boxercise, Aerotone, Kickboxing and Pilates.
- In January we have a new martial arts class starting called Wing Tzun Kung Fu 8pm-10pm Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Computer Classes-Beginners Thursdays 11am-1pm. Also 2-4pm. We are also going to be running adult classes at night starting in February.
- Cookery Classes. Thai cookery classes for adults are starting in January, Wednesday nights. We hope to put more classes on if this proves successful.
- The childcare centre is now fully licensed and operational catering for 2-4 years of Age
- Networks have been made with the surrounding schools through the school liaison officer and through this we are working to-gether on providing after school activities.

- Conference/Meeting Hall: The centre now provides a state of the art conference hall, P.A system and projector available. We also do all the catering for tea and sandwiches. Groups who have used the hall for training. YPAR annual conference, IKEA Ireland and the HSE. In 2009 the Centre has seen two other anchor tenants move in, YPAR, two workers, also a representative from the CDYSB. We have also set up a meeting room free of charge available to local residents/committees to use.

### **SPORT & RECREATION – CENTRAL AREA**

#### **Gaelic for Girls:**

A five week programme of Gaelic for Girls was rolled out in the Ballybough Community Centre. There were a total of 16 girls that participated on a weekly basis. At the end of the programme, the girls enjoyed a tournament in Clan Na Gael, where they received tee shirts and certificates for their attendance. This programme will be rolled out twice a year in the Central Area.

#### **Football for All**

Dublin City Council alongside the FAI Football in the Community Officers has facilitated a four-week programme of soccer targeted at people with intellectual disability. The programme took place in the Ballybough Community Centre with an average of 16 participants on a weekly basis. The Programme will be run quarterly throughout the year.

#### **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons commenced in October 2009 to December 2009 for children of the Central Area in Sean Mc Dermott Street Swimming Pool. In total 65 children participated in the programme. This proved a great success and we hope to run it again in 2010.

#### **Basketball**

An 8-week programme of basketball lessons started in October 2009 for the children of Ozanam house. The 12 children that took part are from ethnic backgrounds and new communities within the Central Area. This was a pilot project and proved very successful.

#### **Older Adult Sports Day**

Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Team facilitated a citywide initiative involving a fun sports day for older adults. This Sports Day took place in Irish town stadium. There was an excess of 70 older adults who took part in the day from all areas of Dublin. This will be run on an annual basis.

#### **Disability Swimming Lessons**

Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Officer has facilitated a 6-week programme of swimming lessons specifically targeted at two branches of St Michaels House from Glasnevin and Smithfield. The swimming lessons took place in October 2009 with an average attendance of 20. From this 3

service users of St. Michael's House have now become involved in the Special Olympics Swimming Club.

#### DANCERSISE

Dancercise is a combination of exercise, dance and music. I have facilitated a 6 week programme for the Vincentian Refugee Centre based in Phibsborough. There were a total of 12 women who participated and it is envisaged that this programme will run again in the New Year. It targeted women who have been leading a sedentary lifestyle.

#### ROAD SHOWS.

The Sports and recreation team in DCC will be promoting Dublin as the European capital of Sport 2010. There will be many sporting events within the city in 2010. Also there will be information stands and promotional work given in fairs such as the Artane health fair and the ILAM Conference.

### **SPORT DEVELOPMENT – NORTH WEST INNER CITY FROM HENRIETTA STREET TO HILL STREET**

#### NATIONAL YOUTH RECREATION WEEK - SOCCER BLITZ

On Thursday 1st October 16 players took part in a soccer blitz organised by Dublin City Council Sports Development Officer in conjunction with FAI Development Officer Christy Loughheed and Community Worker, Linda O'Connor. The objective of this tournament was to encourage youth from Dominick St, Dorset St and Henrietta House to come together and compete against each other in a fun and friendly environment. The day proved to be extremely successful and enjoyed by all participants.

#### HIP HOP PROGRAMME

This event was organised within Dominick Community Centre and aimed at girls and boys 10 – 13 years of age. This was a hugely popular programme with a high attendance of youth from the surrounding area. Sessions ran for four weeks.

#### KEEP FIT PROGRAMME

Young people from Hardwicke Street took part in a Keep Fit Programme. The aim of these sessions was to encourage youth aged 16-20 to take part in outdoor physical activity such as jogging, up-hill sprints and a variety of body weight exercises. Participants were educated in the benefits of outdoor exercise while improving their cardiovascular capacity and body weight resistance while at the same time enjoying the outdoors.

#### HALLOWEEN SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Soccer has proved to be one of the most popular sports in the inner city and this was highlighted at the Halloween Soccer Tournament where 12 teams from various locations in the north inner city took part, such as St. Michel's Flats, Greek Street, Dorset / Dominick Street & Hardwicke Street Flats. The tournament took place within the Hardwicke Flats all weather soccer pitch with a high number of

spectators from the local area there on the day. It proved to be a very exciting day with great competitive spirit shown by all teams.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO START IN THE 2ND WEEK OF JANUARY 2010.

RUGBY: A six week trial rugby programme has been organised taking place in the Hardwicke Street Flats. It will target boys and girls aged 10-14 years of age.

TABLE TENNIS: A six-week programme will be rolled out in Georges Pocket for boys and Girls aged 9-12 years of age.

HIP HOP and BOXERCISE: Programmes have been organized to take place in Dominick Street community centre for both boys and girls aged 9-14 years of age. Both programmes will run for a period of 6-8 weeks.

### **CABRA AREA – SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

#### ANNA LIVIA CUP

Cabra was well represented in the citywide Anna Livia Futsal tournament. The tournament was held in the BRL Umbro Arena in Ballymun on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The players representing Cabra had won the Cabra region Futsal tournament and were anxious to impress on the day of the Citywide Final. The Cabra team, and in particular one of the Cabra players, received a special commendation on the day from referees who applauded their 'Fair Play' attitude. The tournament was a great success.

#### HALF DAY SOCCER LEAGUE

A four-week soccer league was organised for young people in Cabra. The programme was developed by the Sports Development Officer and DCC/FAI Football in the Community Development Officer as a means of attracting young people into sport. The programme was delivered every Wednesday throughout November, as this is when a number of schools in the area have a half-day. The programme was very successful with over thirty young people aged between 10-15 years participating every week for two hours.

#### CHEERLEADING

A new six-week Cheerleading programme has been developed in the Cabra area. The programme was developed in order to encourage young girls to become physically active in sport. The programme offers girls, over the age of ten, the opportunity to try this new and exciting sport, which encompasses elements of gymnastics, dance and teamwork. It is envisaged that this six-week programme will result in the formation of the first ever Cabra Cheerleading Club.

#### CABRA PARKSIDE.SHOWCASE OF ACTIVITIES.

During the Halloween period a number of key stakeholders came together and developed the idea of a 'Showcase of Activities' which was to be held in Cabra Parkside Community & Sports Complex on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The concept behind the event was to provide the Cabra community the

opportunity to visit the centre, talk to clubs in the area and watch demonstrations by clubs/groups/activity providers. The night was a great success with over 150 people in attendance helping to create a great sense of community spirit. In particular, many young people from the area were afforded the opportunity to display their skills and get involved on the night through a number of the activities including cake sales, club information stands, fancy dress competitions, club demonstrations, etc.

NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES: The following are some of the activities planned for the New Year: Basketball, Rugby, Gaisce Group, Drop in sessions, Hill walking, Kayacking, Mountain Biking and many more.

### **FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY (F.A.I.) – Dublin 7 Lower (NWIC)**

#### SOCIAL INCLUSION.

The weekly futsal drop ins continue in Aughrim St Sports Hall. As Follows

- Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30 pm 9-12yrs
- Wednesday 5-6pm 14-17 yrs, Drumalee
- Friday 5pm-6.30pm 16-21yrs

#### SOCCER BLITZ

A mid- term Halloween blitz was held and organised in Cabra Parkside on the 29<sup>th</sup> Of October. The event was a great success with several teams taking part.

#### FOOTBALL FOR ALL

There was a 3-week programme held Oisin Jordan (FAI Football For All) in St.Vincents Of Navan Road for adults with behavioral Issues.

I also completed a 3-week programme for St Catherine's School in D7 for young boys and girls with behavioural issues.

#### NEW PROJECTS

- I worked in partnership with the DCC and we held girls futsal drop in. This catered for girls aged 7-10yrs and 13-15yrs and ran for 5 weeks.
- An after schools evening programme is also planned for St Gabriel's Sch in D7. This will involve parents and pupils participating in a Football Programme.
- A 4-week 5-aside futsal half-day league competition was organised and held in Cabra Parkside for boys aged 13-15yrs. This proved very popular with a total of 6 teams taking part throughout the duration of the competition.

#### NETWORKING

Regular Meetings with the sports development section and the community Development section within DCC

Maintain links with Most & Stone batter Youth Clubs.

Attended a community network meeting in St Gabriel's Sch with representatives from schools, residents groups, community workers and the Garda JLO.

Attended a Drumalee and Blackhorse Residents meeting.

#### ANNA LIVIA

The Anna Livia u13 competition was organised and held in Cabra Parkside with the local winners going forward to represent the area in a citywide final. The local team named the Cabra Legends were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals.

#### SCHOOLS

An Intercultural Schools programme was rolled out in Oct for Primary (5<sup>th</sup> & 6th class) Primary and Secondary schools.

A North Inner City 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class Primary Schools mixed futsal competition was organised and held in Aughrim St. In all a total of 8 teams took part in the event.

A Secondary Schools futsal competition was organised and held in Larkin College for 1<sup>st</sup> year students in the North Inner City. In all a total of 8 school teams participated in the event with the eventual winners Larkin College going forward to a citywide schools final held in Blanchardstown.

#### DCC EVENTS

Attended the Dcc Recreational week exhibition held in Cabra Parkside on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> October

Attended a D.C.C workshop for young people at risk of unsocial behaviour.

#### COACHING COURSES

Organised and held a Kick Start 2 Coach Education course in Cabra Parkside in October 2009. This is a follow on from the Kick Start 1 course held in April. This was well attended with 26 coaches taking part .A special word of thanks must go to Dcc for the use of the facilities in John Paul Park, which only adds to the quality of the course.

### **FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY (F.A.I)** **NORTH EAST INNER CITY AREA REPORT**

Here is a list of Drop in soccer sessions taking place in the area.

- Dominick St                      Mixed U11 Group.
- Dorset St                         Boys U14.
- Hardwicke St.                    Mixed U14
- Belvedere Y.C.                    Mixed U14.

- Ballybough CC Boys 10-14 Mondays.
- Ballybough CC Girls 10-14
- A pilot scheme to be run for 3 weeks in January 2010 for the Hay Youth Project in St Agatha's Hall.

## BLITZES

- There was a Halloween Blitz held in the Ballybough Community centre, which proved a huge success with 7 boy's teams and two girl's teams. Each team received an award and the players all had a great day. The winning team receiving a special trophy.
- The Anna Livia Competition was held in Hardwicke Street which involved 8 teams. The day was a huge success.
- There was an under 16 boys Blitz in Harwicke Street also. We had 5 teams take part.
- Christmas Blitz This was also held in Hardwicke Street for under 13 Boys. 5 teams took part.

## SCHOOLS/INTERCULTURAL.

An Intercultural project in connection with FARE WEEK was held in the area with two Primary and two secondary schools. This involved a classroom "Show Racism the Red Card" followed by football activity. This was a very positive event.

Also football blitzes for the secondary schools was held in October at the Larkin College, 8 teams competed. There was also one for the Primary schools in Aughrim Street in October with 4 teams taking part.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> Of November a joint post primary Futsal Blitz for both the NWIC and the NEIC. This was held in The Larkin College. 8 teams took part. Proving very successful.

A similar event was held in Aughrim Street Sports Hall, were a total of 150 pupils took part. There were teams from both the NWIC and the NEIC.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

An Introductory Kick start level 1 course will be taking place in January 2010. Participants will be from FAS, Youth Reach, Clubs and interested parties. This will take place in The St. Laurence O'Toole Centre. I have organised a level 2 course to follow in May 2010.

The Hanney cup: this will take place in Hardwicke Street starting January 4<sup>th</sup> for over 16 men.

## NETWORKING

Periodic meetings held with relevant stakeholders, including Igor Khmal, L.J.Mcginley, DCC Sports Officers, Treacy Byrne Ballybough CC, Derek Farrell Rapid Co-ordinator, Anthony Flynn Sheriff YC, Olivia O'Toole, St.Laurence O'Toole CC Anthony Perry Hardwicke St, local Youth Groups regarding

## **AUGHRIM STREET SPORTS HALL**

ACTIVITIES: BELOW IS A LIST OF ACTIVITIES RUNNING IN AUGHRIM STREET.

• Indoor Soccer	• Futsal
• Basketball	• Badminton
• Yoga	• Boot camp//Fitness circuit
• Kempo Karate	• Tae Kwon Do
• Ninjitsu	• GAA

### **BADMINTON**

The Viking Badminton Club meets every Monday night in the centre from 7.30pm – 10.30pm. This club is open to all standards of player with new members always welcome.

There is also an option of Pay and play 12euro per court per Hour.

Tuesday 11am-1pm & Saturday 11am-12.30pm

Ninjitsu Thursday night 8-9.30pm

Winter Rates.

Mainhall 30 Euros before 6pm and 60euros after 6pm

Upstairs 13 Euros. Before 6pm and 30euros after 6pm

### **SPORTS & RECREATION CONTACTS WITHIN THE CENTRAL AREA.**

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**Question to City Manager**

**Central Area Committee**  
**Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

- Q1**     **Councillor Christy Burke**  
To ask the City Manager (details supplied)
- Q2**     **Councillor Christy Burke**  
To ask the City Manager (details supplied)
- Q3**     **Councillor Christy Burke**  
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- Q5**     **Councillor Christy Burke**  
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- Q9**     **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
To ask the City Manager (details supplied)
- Q10**    **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
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- Q11**    **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
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- Q12**    **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
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- Q13**    **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
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- Q14**    **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
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- Q15**    **Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
To ask the City Manager (details supplied)
- Q16**    **Councillor Marie Metcalfe**  
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- Q32** **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**
- To ask the Manager to improve the condition of the roads and paths on (details supplied)
- Q33** **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**
- To ask the Manager for details of the proposed upgrade of (details supplied)
- Q34** **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**
- To ask the Manager if Dublin City Council are involved in the upgrade works at (details supplied) and if he could give details of same.
- Q35** **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**
- To ask the Manager for (details supplied)
- Q36** **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**
- To ask the Manager if there are plans to (details supplied)
- Q37** **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**
- To ask the Manager for a report as to why the road at (details supplied) constantly floods following rainfall.
- Q38** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager what action, if any, is being taken to alleviate (details supplied)

**Q39** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager for a progress report on (details supplied)

**Q40** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager to outline the role of the Area Office in implementing the transition programme (referred to by the City Manager in the Draft Budget document), for (details supplied)

**Q41** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager to detail (details supplied)

**Q42** **Councillor Nial Ring**

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**Q46** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q47** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q48** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager what is being done to address (details supplied)

**Q49** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to deal with (details supplied)

**Q50** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to deal with (details supplied)

**Q51** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to examine (details supplied)

**Q52** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to comment upon and what assistance can Dublin City Council provide to (details supplied)

**Q53** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to examine (details supplied)

**Q54** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to deal with (details supplied)

**Q55** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

**Q56** **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to re-assess (details supplied)

**Q57** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to state what action he is taking to deal with (details supplied)

**Q58** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to facilitate (details supplied)

**Q59** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager when funding will be made available for the completion of (details supplied)

**Q60** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to outline his proposals for (details supplied)

**Q61** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to outline (details supplied)

**Q62** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q63** **Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to give an update on (details supplied)

**Q64** **Councillor Claire O'Regan**

To ask the Manager to confirm (details supplied)

**Q65** **Councillor Claire O'Regan**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)