

## **CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- 5274** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.  
**(Attached) pages 4-9**
- 5275** Questions to the Area Manager  
**(Attached) pages 55-59**
- 5276** With reference to a presentation by the Planning Department on the proposed Pelletstown Local Area Plan
- 5277** With reference to a presentation by the Cultural, Recreational & Amenities Department on the Tall Ships visit to Dublin.

### **Planning and Development Matters**

- 5278** With further reference to a proposal to grant a lease to Blackhall Parade Children's Project Limited of a premises at North King Street, Dublin 7.  
**(Report Attached) page 17**
- 5279** With further reference to Derelict Sites Quarterly Report  
**(Report Attached) pages 18-22**

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

- 5280** With reference to Public Library Events for April, 2012 in the Central Area  
**(Report enclosed)**

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

- 5281** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2012  
**(Report Attached) pages 22-25**

### **Housing and Residential Services Department Matters**

- 5282** With reference to Introduction of a Pilot Scheme for Choice Based Lettings in the North East Inner City  
**(Report Attached) pages 25-28**
- 5283** With reference to Community Grants Scheme 2012  
**(Report Attached) pages 29-34**

### **Central Area Matters**

- 5284** With reference to a Naming Proposal for Development at Liberty House/Railway Street, Dublin 1.  
**(Report Attached) page 35**

- 5285** With further reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7  
**(Report Attached) pages 36-37**
- 5286** Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit **pages 38-42**  
NEIC IAP **pages 43-45**  
North West Area (including HARP) Housing Issues **pages 46-49**  
North East Inner City Housing Issues **pages 50-52**  
North West Inner City Housing Issues **pages 53-54**

### Motions

**5287** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee assist, in whatever way possible, the Dublin Docks Preservation Society group regarding The Docks Photo Exhibition and their campaign in the future for a Docklands Museum and to congratulate Mr Declan Byrne and his committee in a job well done.

**5288** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that a report is received on Maple House, North Circular Road, Dublin 7. This Councillor has received complaints of anti-social behaviour that may be associated with some of the residents of Maple House.

**5289** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that any future development that takes place in Dublin 1, 3 & 7 near residential areas that planning conditions are adhered to i.e. no late night noise, no early starts, cleaning and washing of roads near where works take place and a meeting beforehand between the developer of the proposed site, Dublin City Council's Enforcement Section and residents in order to prevent ongoing problems during development.

**5290** **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee agrees that a bridge enhancement programme should be undertaken and put in place for the Luke Kelly Bridge in Ballybough so that the bridge can reflect its historical status and be fit, in aesthetic terms, to remain named after the late Luke Kelly.

**5291** **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee agrees that the City Council should immediately install location signs for Ballybough and East Wall (locations to be decided in conjunction with local residents associations), such signs being of the same quality and finish as those recently put in place in Fairview and Clontarf. Also, the logo on the signs should be decided in conjunction with local residents so that they reflect the history, culture and heritage of the areas.

**5292** **Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee condemns the bullying, intimidating and aggressive tactics deployed by the Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan, to "persuade" residents to comply with the Household Charge and instruct the Manager to write to the Minister informing him of this condemnation.

**5293 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee notes the response made by Croke Park to the Emergency Motion passed at last months Central Area Committee meeting and notes that Croke Park would “welcome proposals from this Committee as to how the proposed development can be further enhanced for the benefit of the community as a whole” and further agrees that proposals in relation to the Handball Centre should not include bringing court proceedings against members of the Irish Handball Centre Committee as happened recently which necessitating appearances by committee members in Court.

**5294 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee rejects the Managers suggestion and further instructs the City Council to give authorisation for the erection of the plaque on this site given that the requested location is the exact spot where the O’Rahilly died, having regard to the report on my motion of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (CAC Item 5224) which concludes “ it is suggested that an additional plaque would be superfluous”

**5295 Motion in the name of Councillor Anna Quigley**

That this Committee calls on the Manager to set up a Monitoring Group to review the implementation of the Mountjoy Square ACA on a bi-annual basis with active involvement of local residents.

**5296 Motion in the name of Councillor Anna Quigley**

That this Committee calls on the Manager to include a requirement in the Litter Bye-Laws that wheelie bins rather than bags are used for household waste in multi-occupancy dwellings in the North Inner City.

**5297 Motion in the name of Councillor Anna Quigley**

That this Committee calls on the Manager to ensure that it is a condition of planning permission granted for developers in residential areas of Dublin 1, 3 and 7 to set up a formal liaison group with adjacent residents for the duration of the build so that residents have a clear and effective line of communications for any issues that might arise e.g. noise, traffic, dirt etc.

**5298 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls on the Manager to organise an event outside shops on Fassaugh Avenue similar to the successful event on the Cabra Road around International Women’s Day.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**

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

**12 noon on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2012**

**CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE  
COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR**

**CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

- 5244** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.  
**ORDER: Agreed.**
- 5245** Questions to the Area Manager  
**ORDER: Noted.**
- 5246** With reference to a presentation by Volunteer Ireland on their structure and their activities.  
**ORDER: Presentation noted. The Members requested that the Manager assist Volunteer Ireland in getting an outdoor venue, near to Henry Street to hold their Volunteer Fair.**
- 5247** With reference to flood prevention in the Central Area  
**ORDER: Report deferred. Following a discussion it was agreed that a report be prepared dealing with:-**
- (a) Cause of problem at various listed locations of flooding incidents (by area not specific address)
  - (b) What are the potential engineering solutions if any (regardless of the cost) to resolving flooding issues at the listed locations
  - (c) What are the indicative costings for the potential engineering solutions to resolving flooding issues at the listed locations
  - (d) What can residents do at the affected locations to protect their properties at their expense by use of various devices/methods
  - (e) What resource deficiencies exist within the Environment and Engineering Department as it relates to this issue
  - (f) What is the indicative cost of the previously proposed improvement works to the Park Road Swale
  - (g) How is it proposed that the Drainage Division engage with residents groups and what is the timescale for this

**Planning and Development Matters**

- 5248** With further reference to Proposed Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Bealagowan House, St Mobhi Boithirin, Dublin 9 in accordance with section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**

- 5249** With reference to Public Library Events for March, 2012 in the Central Area  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

**Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

- 5250** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012

**ORDER: Report noted. Cllr. McAdam requested that the Traffic Engineer provide a timeframe for DYLS at Godfrey Place and an update on resident parking applications on Finn Street and Father Matthew Square.**

### **Central Area Matters**

- 5251** With reference to the Protocol for submission of Emergency Motions to the Central Area Committee Meeting  
**ORDER: Agreed.**
- 5252** With reference to the Central Area Works Programme 2012  
**ORDER: Report noted. Members unanimously requested that Castleforbes Road be dealt with by Roads Maintenance in 2012.**
- 5253** With further reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7  
**ORDER: Report noted. Members requested that this proposal is deferred for one month in order that a report from the Gardai on anti social behaviour in this area is obtained and that a copy of the objection letter be given to the Councillors with the Garda report.**
- 5254** 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 Housing Issues  
**ORDER: Reports noted.**

### **Emergency Motion**

**The following emergency motion was tabled**

- 5255(a) Emergency motion in the names of Cllrs. Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Aine Clancy, Mary Fitzpatrick, Christy Burke, Claire O'Regan, Ray McAdam**

That this Committee instructs the Manager to immediately write to Croke Park and inform them that the councillors of the Central Area Committee wish to convey their disappointment that meetings on the development of Croke Villas have been organised and held by Croke Park Officials with residents of Croke Villas as well as one public representative to the exclusion of local councillors and, further instruct him to inform Croke Park that protocol dictates that all public representatives should be invited to such meetings in the future and that we fully expect to be invited to such meetings. In addition, this Committee agrees that any proposal forthcoming from Croke Park for the development of Croke Villas must include an agreed solution to the ongoing issue of the Handball Centre.

**ORDER: Agreed.**

### **Motions**

- 5255 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to ask representatives from NAMA to attend the Central Area Committee in April to allow members of the Central Area Committee to outline the housing shortage in the Central Area and to request that NAMA agree to report back to the Central

Area Committee with the need for housing units to be transferred to Dublin City Council for letting.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to NAMA.**

**5256 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that a multi agency approach be put in place to deal with anti social breach of planning laws and overcrowding at some properties on the North Circular Road, Dublin 7. Multi agency should consist of Planning Department, Enforcement Department and C W O's from the Department of Social Welfare and the Gardaí.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5257 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that the Central Area Committee request C.I.E. to paint the steel gantry on Spencer Dock and if C.I.E. would give a date as to when the works will start.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5258 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That this Area Committee instructs the Manager to issue a request to Dublin Bus to upgrade the current bus shelter outside the shops on Cabra Road (shelter is opposite 97 Cabra Road) as the current structure offers insufficient shelter as it is without sides and does not provide shelter from wind or rain.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Dublin Bus.**

**5259 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

This Area Committee calls on the Traffic Department to introduce improved traffic calming measures on Dingle Road. The current ramps serve little purpose. There is a long outstanding request from local residents to improve the current situation.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5260 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

This Area Committee calls on Dublin Bus to build a bus shelter at the stop outside the Precious Blood Church on Fassagh Avenue.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Dublin Bus.**

**5261 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

This Area Committee calls for the skate park in John Paul Park to be re-named after the late Conor Hickey who was a regular user of the park.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5262 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

This Area Committee insists that any changes to the Passport for Leisure Scheme must be approved by the full City Council and not just the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs SPC.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5263 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

This Area Committee calls for the overhead structure on Spencer Bridge at Sheriff Street to be preserved. It should be recognised as a significant historical feature of heritage value for the area. We call for the visual appearance of this to be addressed and improved in the style of similar structures on North Wall quay. This should be done without haste, but certainly in advance of the Tall Ship event 2012.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5264 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee agrees that the decision to close O'Connell Bridge for the Bavaria City Racing event scheduled for June 3rd be reversed and that the City Council authorise a different route that will aid the flow of traffic, pedestrian and motor, in and out of the City Centre on June 3rd. The committee further agrees that an alternative route using the Quays in the Docklands with a crossing over the Samuel Becket Bridge should be used, as this route has the backing of Dublin City BID, City Centre Retailers and the DCBA.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5265 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee instructs the Manager to write to the owners (JC Decaux) of the "Suicide Plot" located at the junction of Ballybough Road and Clonliffe Road (South West Side) and request that they contact the Heritage Office (which recognises that historical and social significance of this graveyard), to agree a suitable plaque/statue for the site and further request the owners that any future planning application for the site recognises and takes account of the significance of the site.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to JC Decaux.**

**5266 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

In light of the recent confirmation that the prostitution problem in the Stoneybatter /Arbour Hill/Benburb Street areas now includes child prostitution, this Committee instructs the Manager to immediately set up a meeting with the Gardai, the HSE, Social Services, Ruhama and any other relevant organisation to put together an all agency strategy to investigate and take immediate action to eliminate the prostitution problem in these areas.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Gardai Siochana.**

**5267 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee instructs the Manager to contact the directors of Chartered Land and request that it makes available to members of this committee all material information on their recent (Nama funded) application for Ministerial consent for proposed work to the 1916 National Monument at 14 to 17 Moore Street.

**ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Chartered Land.**

**5268 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring, Councillor Aine Clancy and Councillor Mary O'Shea**

In light of the progress made and commitment to the development of the Phibsborough area by Phizzfest, Phibsborough Business Association and the local residents, and the fact that Phibsborough is a defined area which has potential for real change, that this committee agrees that Phibsborough should be used as a pilot area for the implementation and evaluation of the City Council's Vacant Spaces Project.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5269 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on Dublin City Council to amend their "outdoor advertising" strategy to exclude Constitution Hill / Phibsboro Road, Navan Road and Manor Street as being suitable for additional outdoor advertising.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5270 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on DCC to apply the Choice Letting Scheme for the North Wall area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5271 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on DCC Housing Dept to bring forward a plan for social regeneration of the North Wall area that would include exploration of the various options possible with the CIE lands previously ear-marked for blocks M/N.

**ORDER: Report rejected. Revised report to be prepared.**

**5272 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on DCC to facilitate the provision of a permanent Garda sub- station in the North Wall area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**5273 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on Dublin City Council and the Gardai to ensure that the Event Management plan for the Tall Ships event ensures that residents and businesses in the area are facilitated with access to the area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Cllr. Ray McAdam (Chairperson)**  
**Cllr. Seamas McGrattan (Vice Chairperson)**  
**Cllr. Cllr. Aine Clancy**  
**Cllr. Christy Burke**  
**Cllr. Mary O'Shea**  
**Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick**  
**Cllr. Nial Ring**  
**Cllr. Claire O'Regan**  
**Cllr. Anna Quigley**  
**Cllr. Cieran Perry**

**Officials**

**Charlie Lowe, Executive Manager, Central Area**  
**Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area**  
**Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer, Central Area**  
**Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area**  
**Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area**  
**John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area**  
**Pat Cronin, Executive Manager, Drainage and Wastewater Services Division**



**Ken Hand, Senior Engineer, Drainage and Wastewater Services Division**  
**Gerry O'Connell, Project Engineer, Drainage and Wastewater Services Division**  
**Colin Egan, Area Engineer, Drainage and Wastewater Services Division**  
**Patricia Hyde, Senior Planner, Heritage, Archaeology and Conservation**  
**Sally Reddington, Senior Engineer, Traffic Division**  
**Cathy Cassidy, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area**  
**Sandra Walley, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area**

**Councillor Ray McAdam**  
**Chairperson**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**

**Motions with replies**  
**Central Area Committee Meeting**  
**March, 2012**

Item 5255

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**Report**

A letter will be forwarded to NAMA if the members agree the terms of the motion.

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That this Committee agrees that a multi agency approach be put in place to deal with anti social breach of planning laws and overcrowding at some properties on the North Circular Road, Dublin 7. Multi agency should consist of Planning Department, Enforcement Department and C W O's from the Department of Social Welfare and the Gardaí.

**Report**

In 2011 along 1 to 150 North Circular Road 42 private rented properties were inspected by Environmental Health inspectors in response to complaints received.

Each individual complaint was responded to and the rented unit inspected. Following the inspection the appropriate enforcement action was taken.

Files on 21 of these rented units have been closed as following a re-inspection it was noted that the required remedial works were completed and no further action was required to be taken. A further 21 files remain open. Further inspections on these properties will be undertaken when the time given to undertake the required works has expired, to ensure the works have been completed.

Cabra Area Office has been working continuously with NCR Residents Association to address the issues arising in this area within the constraints of legislation and resources available.

Many of the difficulties arise from anti social behaviour coming from private rented accommodation which has been understandably upsetting for residents. The Gardai have been fully briefed by residents and have responded to complaints on incidents as they arise. Planning enforcement officers address all complaints but a decision to proceed to the courts will depend on the strength of evidence available as a high barrier of proof is frequently employed by the courts.

There are no plans to establish a multi agency group as all relevant agencies and sections within DCC have been fully informed of the issues over time and respond as appropriate utilizing the resources available to them.

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**Report**

A letter will be forwarded to Iarnród Éireann if members agree the terms of the motion.

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This Area Committee calls on the Traffic Department to introduce improved traffic calming measures on Dingle Road. The current ramps serve little purpose. There is a long outstanding request from local residents to improve the current situation.

**Report**

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendation of the group in due course.

Item 5260

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

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**Report**

A letter will be forwarded to Dublin Bus if the members agree the terms of the motion.

Item 5261

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

This Area Committee calls for the skate park in John Paul Park to be re-named after the late Conor Hickey who was a regular user of the park.

**Report:**

The Parks and Landscape Services Division is not in favour of giving this Skate Park a commemorative name, however we would be in favour of planting a tree within the confines of John Paul Park in remembrance of the late Conor Hickey.

Item 5262

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

This Area Committee insists that any changes to the Passport for Leisure Scheme must be approved by the full City Council and not just the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs SPC.

**Report**

The Passport for Leisure scheme was introduced in 2007 as part of the Lord Mayors initiative. The scheme is still in operation. Operational matters in relation to the scheme are currently being reviewed at the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs SPC Sports Sub-Group. Proposals in relation to the scheme will be brought from the Sub Group to the SPC in due course.

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This Area Committee calls for the overhead structure on Spencer Bridge at Sheriff Street to be preserved. It should be recognised as a significant historical feature of heritage value for the area. We call for the visual appearance of this to be addressed and improved in the style of similar structures on North Wall quay. This should be done without haste, but certainly in advance of the Tall Ship event 2012.

**Report**

The bridge at Sheriff Street Upper crossing the Royal Canal at Spencer Dock is in Dublin City Council ownership. The bridge was constructed in 1941 as a lifting bridge but hasn't functioned in that capacity for many years. Due to the low clearance under the bridge deck it is a barrier to canal traffic. It would not be viable to restore the lifting function to the bridge due to the cost of the work involved and also due to the long term cost of operation and maintenance. In order to provide enough clearance for canal traffic a new fixed bridge with a thinner deck will be required at this location.

A cost estimate to paint the bridge (and carry out repairs to the carriageway and expansion joints) was prepared in 2008. The estimated cost of this work was €348,000. Unfortunately there are no funds available to carry out this work.

Item 5264

**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee agrees that the decision to close O'Connell Bridge for the Bavaria City Racing event scheduled for June 3rd be reversed and that the City Council authorise a different route that will aid the flow of traffic, pedestrian and motor, in and out of the City Centre on June 3rd. The committee further agrees that an alternative route using the Quays in the Docklands with a crossing over the Samuel Becket Bridge should be used, as this route has the backing of Dublin City BID, City Centre Retailers and the DCBA.

**Report**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 Tru Events Event Management Company lodged a Public Event Licence Application for a proposed Event called Bavaria City Racing, Dublin to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2012, in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2011 and the associated Regulations contained in Article 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2007.

As required under the Regulations concerned the event was advertised in not one (as required) but 2 newspapers on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2011, one being the Irish Independent the other being the Evening Herald.

To date, the event has been staged in Rotterdam annually for seven years with an estimated 555,000 visitors to Rotterdam on the day of the event itself. The event has also been staged in Moscow for the last four years attracting similar spectator numbers.

The route required for the event is Northwall Quay, Custom House Quay, Butt Bridge, Burgh Quay, Dolier Street, College Street, Dame Street turning at the Central Bank, Westmoreland Street, O'Connell Bridge.

There are two key reasons why the event promoter has applied for use of the centre of Dublin City.

The first is to maximise the amount of visitors and tourists attending, secondly, to utilise City landmarks as an Event back drop.

On the day, the event is broadcast live to 80 countries around the world with a potential for 250 million viewers. The route proposed is considered ideal to help raise Dublin City's profile from a tourist destination point of view and to encourage families into the City on a Bank Holiday weekend.

The event is not being viewed in isolation by Dublin City Council but as an opportunity to:

- Encourage families from across the Dublin region, nationally and internationally to visit the city.
- Leave a legacy in terms of repeat visits to the city centre from attendees at the event.
- Deliver opportunities for the retail/hospitality industry to trade over a period which they earmark as needing further growth.
- Build the Cities reputation internationally through media coverage as a Tourist hub and that the City is “Open for Business”

It should also be noted that every effort is being made by the Event Organisers to minimise traffic and pedestrian disruption during the course of the weekend concerned. They are currently working with An Garda Siochana, Dublin Bus and Dublin City Council to finalise a vehicular and pedestrian management plan for the event. This plan will include the erection of temporary bridges over the track route and a dedicated pedestrian retail channel ensuring free movement of pedestrians around the City Centre during the course of the event. The Track route proposed by the Event promoter was also arrived at based on the length of straight sections needed, ability to negotiate bends and road surface quality to allow F1 cars to run and was deemed the optimal route to allow an event of this scale to take place.

**Item 5265**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee instructs the Manager to write to the owners (JC Decaux) of the "Suicide Plot" located at the junction of Ballybough Road and Clonliffe Road (South West Side) and request that they contact the Heritage Office (which recognises that historical and social significance of this graveyard), to agree a suitable plaque/statue for the site and further request the owners that any future planning application for the site recognises and takes account of the significance of the site.

**Report**

The contents of this motion will be communicated to JC Decaux if the members agree the terms of the motion.

**Item 5266**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

In light of the recent confirmation that the prostitution problem in the Stoneybatter /Arbour Hill/Benburb Street areas now includes child prostitution, this Committee instructs the Manager to immediately set up a meeting with the Gardai, the HSE, Social Services, Ruhama and any other relevant organisation to put together an all agency strategy to investigate and take immediate action to eliminate the prostitution problem in these areas.

**Report**

This is not a matter for Dublin City Council to initiate as proposals for inter agency strategies of the type suggested, for this type of issue are normally examined by an Garda Siochana in the first instance. Accordingly, the matter has been referred for consideration at the next meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Committee.

In the meantime, the terms of the motion will be referred to the Gardai at the Bridewell for examination and preparation of a report for the next Area Joint Policing Committee.

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The contents of this motion will be communicated to Chartered Land if the members agree the terms of the motion.

Item 5268

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In light of the progress made and commitment to the development of the Phibsborough area by Phizzfest, Phibsborough Business Association and the local residents, and the fact that Phibsborough is a defined area which has potential for real change, that this Committee agrees that Phibsborough should be used as a pilot area for the implementation and evaluation of the City Council's Vacant Spaces Project.

**Report**

Over two hundred inquiries from Cultural Operators have been received for the Register of Interest in Vacant Spaces. There has been approximately ten properties registered. Both the Arts Office and Economic Development Unit are currently looking at the right models for occupying spaces such as clustering of cultural operators in one building, acting as an honest broker for artists and owners etc. It will take a little time to find the best way of working in what is a new field of work. It is very positive that Phizzfest, Business owners and Councillors have held their own seminar to concentrate on their area but the scheme is Citywide and has made progress already right across the City. A pilot scheme to the exclusion of other areas is not necessary right now but the Arts Office and Economic Development will support the Phizzfest initiative and share the learning to date and in the future.

Item 5269

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on Dublin City Council to amend their "outdoor advertising" strategy to exclude Constitution Hill / Phibsboro Road, Navan Road and Manor Street as being suitable for additional outdoor advertising.

**Report**

The Outdoor Advertising Strategy was on public display from 01/12/2011 – 25/01/2012. The submissions are currently being analysed and will be included in a Managers Report for circulation to the Elected Members in the near future, which will include a recommendation as to whether or not a variation to the Development Plan is warranted.

Item 5270

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on DCC to apply the Choice Letting Scheme for the North Wall area.

**Report**

The Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2009 gives Local Authorities powers to include a system of Choice Based lettings in their Allocation Scheme.

Choice Based lettings is widely used in the U.K and is particularly successful in areas with units which prove difficult to let. Some of Dublin City Council's housing stock can be problematic to allocate.

When vacancies arise in certain areas strict adherence to current allocations process can be very lengthy. Long term vacant properties are easy to identify and pose a higher risk of being vandalised and in some cases can put adjacent houses and families at risk to the same vandals. There is also a loss of revenue to the Council.

A choice based lettings pilot scheme was initiated in two areas recently, one in North West Area (Finglas South) and Darndale in the North Central Area.

These areas have been identified as areas with very high refusal rates for example a house that became available in Fairlawn Park (Finglas South) was allocated six months later. Another house in Darndale that was ready for letting remained vacant for 8 months despite numerous offers being made under the current Scheme of Letting Priorities. If a choice based lettings had been used in this case and persons had been invited to express their interest this unit could have been allocated much more quickly.

There are advantages of Choice Based Lettings. Such a scheme empowers people to make decisions over where they live and exercises choice and helps create sustainable communities and encourages the effective use of Council stock. It can reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour in the area and properties can be allocated more quickly, thus minimising the loss of revenue through rent.

The pilot scheme has only been in place a relatively short period of time. However, initial indications suggest that it is proving positive. The City Council will be extending the Scheme to the Central Area in the near future and the North Wall area will be examined in this context. Such course of action will only be taken after having the benefit of assessing the pilot schemes in full.

**Item 5271**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on DCC Housing Dept to bring forward a plan for social regeneration of the North Wall area, that would include exploration of the various options possible with the CIE lands previously ear-marked for blocks M/N.

#### **Report**

Dublin Docklands Development Authority Master Plan 2008 outlines planning and land use policy for developments that are subject to Section 25 planning within the administrative area of Dublin Docklands Development Authority.

Section 4.2.2 of the master plan outlines the DDDA strategy for the provision of social housing."It is the policy of the master plan that 20% of all new residential units within the overall area be allocated for social & affordable housing". Spencer Dock block M/N are located in the DDDA area and are subject to section 25 planning approval.

Dublin City Council will continue to implement its policy in relation to agreeing part V compliance under Planning & Development Acts in relation to planning applications approved by the City Council in the North Wall Area.

**Item 5272**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on DCC to facilitate the provision of a permanent Garda sub- station in the North Wall area.

### **Report**

Dublin City Council has had no request for the provision of land to facilitate a permanent Garda sub-station in the North Wall area.

**Item** 5273

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

That this Committee call on Dublin City Council and the Gardai to ensure that the Event Management plan for the Tall Ships event ensures that residents and businesses in the area are facilitated with access to the area.

### **Report**

Every effort will be made to minimise the impact on all residents and businesses in the area. As part of the pre event arrangements, consultation will take place with all stakeholders to ensure they are kept fully briefed and provided with an opportunity to discuss any issues with the Organisers.



Development Department  
Civic  
Offices

26<sup>th</sup> March 2012

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Central Area Committee

**With further reference to a proposal to grant a lease to Blackhall Parade Children's Project Limited of a premises at North King Street, Dublin 7.**

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A proposal to grant a 35 year lease of the premises at North King Street to Blackhall Parade Children's Project Limited was resubmitted to the City Council at its meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Report 71/2012 refers), following discussion and agreement at the Central Area Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. The proposed disposal was deferred at the City Council meeting pending the Assistant City Manager, Planning & Development Department meeting with the group.

Following that meeting at which the Councillor's concerns were detailed it is now proposed that the Project be granted a lease for a term of 20 years effective from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2004 and that the abated rent payable shall be €127.00 per annum as originally approved by the City Council on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010. This effectively means that there is approximately 12 years left on the proposed lease.

The Project's representatives are agreeable to completing this lease on those terms at the earliest opportunity and to pay all arrears. It is therefore recommended that the lease be granted on this basis and on the terms outlined above.

***Declan Wallace***

**Assistant City Manager**

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

**27/03/2012**

**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.

*Declan Wallace*  
**Executive Manager**

## **APPENDIX 1 -**

# **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT CENTRAL AREA**

### **SITES WHERE FORMAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
DS670 Botanic Road 33-55, D9	Receiver asked to cut back overgrowth.
DS749 Church Road / East Wall Road - (Cahill's), D3.	Following service of Section 8(2) Notice, some works have been carried out by receiver - being kept under review.
DS693 Church Road 130, D3	Owners requested to remove litter.
DS704 Connaught Street 19, D7	On DSR - Law Agent reqd. to institute Sec. 11 proceedings Listed in District Court for 24/04/2012
DS705 Connaught Street 21, D7	On DSR - Law Agent reqd. to institute Sec. 11 proceedings Listed in District Court for 24/04/2012
DS715 Cross Guns Bridge, former Mill site, Phibsborough, D7	Proposals for site sought from liquidator.
DS759 East Wall Road 5-23 (Readymix), D3	Owners asked to cut back overgrowth.
DS595 Emerald Street 15/16, D1	Refurbishment works requested.
DS766 Fairfield Road 19A, D9	Entered on Derelict Sites Register.

**Location****Current Position**

DS738	Great Charles Street 32, D1 (Protected Structure)	Owner asked to finish works on top floor windows.
DS783	Hendrick Street 15-19, D7	Notices served under S8(2) and 11 of Derelict Sites Act
DS576	Phibsborough Road 113 & 113a, D7	Site repainted and overgrowth cut back.
DS594	Seville Place 43, D1	Refurbishment works requested.

## **APPENDIX 2**

# **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT CENTRAL AREA**

### **SITES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION**

<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Current position</i></b>
North King Street 60/67, D7	Details of ownership requested.
North King Street 78/79/80, D7	Details of ownership requested.
North King Street 82, D7	Details of ownership requested.
North King Street 86, D7	Details of ownership requested.
Bow Street 18/19, D7	Details of ownership requested.
Benburb Street 28-31, D7	Owners asked to board up entrance.
Broombridge Road 32, D7	Details of ownership requested.
East Road 3/4, D3	Some works carried out - further works requested.
Hawthorn Avenue 7, D3	Warning letter to issue.
Hendrick Street 6/8, D7	Overgrowth cut back as requested.
Nelson Street 6, D7	Details of ownership requested.
Nelson Street 8, D7	Owners asked re timescale for completion of approved development works.
Parnell Street, former 218-220 and 14 -15 Ryder's Row, D1	Owners requested to tidy up site.
Royal Canal Bank 44, D7	Details of ownership requested.
Rutland Street Lower 21, D1	Owner asked to secure door and remove litter.
Aughrim Street 55, D7	Warning letter issued.
O'Connell Avenue 10, D7	Title to be clarified.

**13 March 2012**

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## APPENDIX 3

### Sites on Derelict Sites Register in Central Area

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Entered:</b>	<b>Outstanding Levies:</b>
Ballybough Road 22b, D3	25/06/2009	€1,230.00
Clonliffe Road 202, D3	18/02/2010	€9,562.50
Connaught Street 19, D7	19/03/2009	€36,225.00
Connaught Street 21, D7	19/03/2009	€36,225.00
Fairfield Road 19A, D9	02/12/2011	€5,550.00
Frederick Street North 30, D1	24/03/2011	€4,556.25
Hawthorn Avenue, 1, East Wall, D3	12/11/2003	€52,121.25
Oxmantown Lane, (rear 6-11 Hendrick Street), D7	21/12/2010	€2,565.00
Terrace Place (6), rear 23 Rutland St., D1 (Owner unknown)	20/10/2008	€2,160.00 p.a.
Terrace Place (7), rear 24 Rutland St., D1 (Owner unknown)	18/04/2008	€2,400.00 p.a.
Terrace Place (8), rear 25 Rutland St., D1	18/04/2008	€11,670.00

# Central Area Committee April Agenda 02/04/12 (TAG Date: 15/03/12)

	Request Category	Ref	Road	Topic	Request Description	Councillor Name	TAG Result	TAG Comments	Sec
1	Parking Prohibitions	1854	ABERCORN ROAD (C-EA)	Double Yellow Lines	at the junction with Irvine Terrace	Councillor	Not Recommended	Illegal parking, at a junction, is an enforcement matter.	2
2	Parking Prohibitions	1009	EAST ROAD (C-EA)	Double Yellow Lines	on East Road at junction of Teeling Way at Alexander Court Apartments	DCC	Recommended		1
3	Parking Prohibitions	190	FAIRFIELD ROAD (C-EA)	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	Ext of hours	Resident	Not Recommended	Rejected at survey. 61 on reg, 54 votes returned, 14 for (+ 2 n.o.r), 33 against (+ 3 n.o.r), 2 spoiled.	0
4	Parking Prohibitions	1119	MOUNTJOY STREET (C-EA)	Disabled Parking Bay (General)	Outside No. 1A, Hair & Beauty Salon.	Resident	Not Recommended	The Pay and Display at this location is high demand and no documentation has been submitted in support of the request.	0
5	Parking Prohibitions	1243	NIALL STREET (C-EA)	Double Yellow Lines	outside No. 35.	Resident	Recommended	rescind 6m of pay and display and permit parking, and install double yellow lines.	0
6	Parking Prohibitions	463	STRANDVILLE AVENUE (C-EA)	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Strandville Avenue, North Strand.	Resident	Not Recommended	Rejected at survey. 38 on reg, 27 votes returned, 5 for, 18 against (+ 4 n.o.r).	0

7	Parking Prohibitions	464	STRANDVILLE PLACE (C-EA)	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Strandville Avenue, North Strand.	Resident	Not Recommended	Rejected at survey. 38 on reg, 27 returned, 5 for, 18 against (+ 4 n.o.r).	0
8	Parking Prohibitions	1129	TOLKA ROAD (C-EA)	Double Yellow Lines	Outside No. 74	Resident	Not Recommended	Illegal parking, blocking an entrance, is an enforcement matter.	0
9	Parking Prohibitions	1602	WALSH ROAD (C-EA)	Continuous White Line	From Nos 99/101 Walsh Road to junction with Ferguson Road	Resident	Not Recommended	Traffic volumes and speeds are low. It would be illegal for residents to park on the road.	0
10	Parking Prohibitions	1081	XAVIER AVENUE (C-EA)	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)		Resident	Not Recommended	Rejected at survey. 12 on reg, 8 votes returned, 3 for, 5 against.	0
11	Pedestrian Facilities	1226	BOLTON STREET (C-EA)	Pedestrian Crossing	at main entrance to DIT	Councillor	Not Recommended	pending receipt of clarification of request	0
12	Traffic Conditions	1858	GUILD STREET (C-EA)	Yellow Box	on the Liffey side of the Luas line.	Resident	Recommended	to cover an area to the south of the junction, between the Luas tracks and the pedestrian crossing on the southern arm.	0
13	Traffic Conditions	1686	KING STREET NORTH (C-EA)	Traffic Calming	On North King Street at Capel Street junction.	Resident	Not Recommended	This is a regional/emergency services traffic route not suitable to traffic calming. Speed enforcement by An Garda Síochána is the appropriate control. Recent changes to signal timings at this junction have resulted in improved conditions for pedestrians.	0



14	Traffic Conditions	1796	ORIEL STREET LOWER (C-EA)	Speed Ramps	At junction of Oriel Street Lower and Canon Lillis Avenue	Councillor	Not Recommended	criteria for ramps not met as regards road length and traffic volumes and speeds	0
15	Traffic Conditions	2024	SAINT MOBHI ROAD (C-EA)	Cycle Track	outbound, between the Home Farm Road and Griifh Avenue junction.	Resident	Not Recommended	This request has been forwarded to the NTA.	0
16	Traffic Conditions	1787	SEVILLE PLACE (C-EA)	Speed Ramps	at the junction of Seville Place and Oriel Street Upper	Councillor	Not Recommended	However, existing ramps on Oriel Street Upper and Oriel Street Lower are requested to be re-surfaced.	0
17	Traffic Signals	1795	ORIEL STREET LOWER (C-EA)	Traffic Lights	At junction of Oriel Street Lower and Canon Lillis Avenue.	Councillor	Not Recommended	the volumes of traffic and pedestrians are not sufficient to meet the warrant .	0
18	Traffic Signals	1786	SEVILLE PLACE (C-EA)	Traffic Lights	at the junction of Seville Place and Oriel Street Upper	Councillor	Not Recommended	Traffic volumes and speeds are low on Oriel Street Upper and Oriel Street Lower.	0
19	Traffic Signs	1026	BALLYBOUGH ROAD (C-EA)	No Right Turn	onto Clonmore Road.	Councillor	Not Recommended	This would lead to increased traffic volumes on adjacent roads.	1

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

**Introduction of a Pilot Scheme for Choice Based  
Lettings in the North East Inner City**

## INTRODUCTION

The Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2009 give Local Authorities powers to include a system of Choice Based lettings in their Allocation Scheme.

Choice Based lettings is widely used in the U.K and is particularly successful in areas with units which prove difficult to let. It is widely accepted that some of Dublin City Council's housing stock is located in less desirable areas. Over the years the Area Housing Managers have regularly raised the issue of the difficulty in allocating units in these less desirable estates. When vacancies arise in these areas strict adherence to current allocations process can be very lengthy. Long term vacant properties are easy to identify and pose a higher risk of being vandalised and in some cases can put adjacent houses and families at risk to the same vandals. There is also a loss of revenue to the Council.

A pilot Scheme for Choice Based Lettings was recently introduced in two areas, one in North West Area (Finglas South) and Darndale in the North Central Area. Since its introduction a number of properties have been identified and allocated using this pilot scheme. It has proved very successful in allocating properties in areas with very high refusal rates. The Area Housing Managers have expressed the view that the turnaround and allocation process for such properties has proved to be very successful. No time is lost due to multiple refusals and so the need to continue making offers to the next person on the waiting list has been removed.

### Advantages of Choice Based Lettings.

- It empowers people to make decisions over where they live and exercises choice.
- Helps create sustainable communities and encourages the effective use of Council stock
- Reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour in the area.
- Allows a certain amount of choice to applicants who may be on lower points and would not be reached under the present Allocations Scheme but would be happy to reside in these areas.
- Reduces the lengthy allocations process.
- Properties can be allocated quickly, thus minimising the loss of revenue through rent.

It is now proposed to extend the pilot scheme of Choice Based Lettings to the Central Area in the following areas, Ballybough House, Saint Mary's Mansions and North Wall. These areas have been identified as areas having a very high refusal rate.

## **CHIOCE BASED ALLOCATIONS**

### Procedure

- Properties that become available for re-let in Ballybough House, Saint Marys Mansions and North Wall will be advertised in the Local Area Office and also on the Dublin City Council website.
- Expressions of interest will be invited and applicants will be asked to register their interest with the Area Housing Manager in the North East Inner City Area Office.
- There will be a timeframe for applicants to register their interest.
- If an number of applicants expression an interest in a property the final offer will be to the applicant with deemed to have the highest need (longest on list, highest points and most suitable family size).
- All offers of accommodation will be subject to the usual estate management checks.
- In the case of transfer applicants only tenants with a clear rent account will be considered.

I would now ask for the approval of this committee for the above pilot scheme.

**Teresa Conlon**  
**Allocations Officer.**

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

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## **Community Grants Scheme 2012**

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Applications for financial assistance have been received from a number of bodies under the City Council's Community Grants Scheme 2012

These applications have been assessed in the context of available finance, value to the community and compliance with the relevant policies and objectives of the Council and in particular with relevance to the Social Inclusion Strategy.

Set out below are details of the applications together with recommendations in relation to the amount of grant assistance for each applicant body.

It is recommended that Dublin City Council make the grants to the groups as set out in the report below.

There is provision in the 2012 budget to meet this expenditure.

**Peter Ayton  
Executive Manager  
Community and Enterprise Department**

REF NO	GROUP	ACTIVITY / CATEGORY	AMOUNT
57	BLEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL -EVENT	€400.00
673	KILLARNEY COURT SHELTERED GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
83	ST. PETER'S COURT SOCIAL CLUB	FESTIVAL-EVENT/OLDER PERSONS	€300.00
674	SEOMRA SPRAOI BIKE WORKSHOP	YOUNG PERSONS/TRAINING	€400.00
81	WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SENIOR LADIES CLUB	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€250.00
675	MANOR STREET/STONEYPATTER TIDY DISTRICTS ASSOC.	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
684	ALTONA TERRACE GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€350.00
174	KIRWAN STREET COTTAGES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
175	CABRA ACTIVE RETIREMENT BOWLS CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€300.00
85	MACRO MENS GROUP	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€400.00
120	SANCTA MARIA LADIES CLUB	EVENTS	€300.00
678	SHANDON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
90	ST. FINBARR WEDNESDAY ART GROUP	ART	€250.00
99	BALLYBOUGH YOUTH PROJECT	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
100	ST. FINBARR ART GROUP	ART	€250.00
32	DOMINICK STREET REGENERATION GROUP	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€200.00
31	CABRA RESOURCE CENTRE	RECREATIONAL	€300.00
33	SILVER SURFERS	OLDER PERSONS	€250.00
116	DUBLIN DOCKLANDS BOXING CLUB	REPAIRS TO CLUB	€1,750.00
131	DUNARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LTD	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€300.00
91	SCOIL PLAS MUIRE BNS & SCOIL MUIRE'S IOSAF	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
53	SUMMER STREET NORTH RESIDENTS GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
89	CLAREVILLE COURT ACTIVITY GROUP	OLDER PERSONS/ENV.	€200.00
169	DUNARD COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE	OLDER PERSONS	€500.00
88	SUMMERHILL SENIOR CITIZENS	ENVIRONMENTAL/SENIOR CITIZENS	€400.00
87	GLASNEVIN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL/SENIOR CITIZENS	€400.00
51	SANCTA MARIA DAY CARE CENTRE	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€350.00
86	TIR NA NOG	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
671	CLUB 49 SUMMERHILL	ENVIRONMENTAL/YOUNG PEOPLE	€250.00
577	ST. PETER'S AVENUE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00

519	ROYAL CANAL PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
567	TOWER VIEW RESIDENTS	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
566	THE FIVE LAMPS ARTS FESTIVAL	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
630	EAST WALL NORTH PORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP	CONSTRUCTION OF WHEELCHAIR RAMP	€1,750.00
575	THOMAS CLARKE HOUSE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
512	SUMMER ROW COMMUNITY GARDEN	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€250.00
594	CABRA ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
597	TAE KWONDO	RECREATIONAL/YOUNG PERSONS	€400.00
600	PHIZZFEST-PHUBSBOROUGH COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
370	BRENDAN BEHAN OLDER PEOPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE	OLDER PERSONS	€500.00
528	ST. AGATHA'S ACTIVE AGE GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€350.00
477	CABRA URBAN SPORTS GROUP	RECREATIONAL/SPORTS	€200.00
436	HENRIETTA ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION	EDUCATIONAL	€200.00
869	ST. LAURENCE DAY CARE CENTRE	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
471	MOUNT BERNARD PLAY PROJECT	PLAY FACILITIES PROJECT	€250.00
472	THE CABRA MENS GROUP	EDUCATIONAL	€200.00
473	THE CABRA HISTORY & FOLKLORE PROJECT	COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER	€300.00
474	FRANCESCA ARKINS DANCE & STAGE	DRAMA/DANCE	€400.00
515	RIVERSTON ABBEY RES ASSOC. & SUMMER PROJECT	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
476	HOPE (HANDS ON PEER EDUCATION)	EDUCATIONAL	€250.00
516	CANTEEN IRELAND	EDUCATIONAL/RECREATIONAL	€250.00
853	CHARLEVILLE AVENUE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
495	SEAN O'CASEY DAYCARE	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
498	SEAN O'CASEY ARTS & DRAMA	DRAMA/ARTS	€250.00
501	NORTH WALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
504	NORTH WALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
635	CABRA ADVENTURE GROUP	YOUNG PERSONS	€200.00
475	VENTRY PARK VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION	DRAMA/DANCE	€200.00
795	AFTERCARE (ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP)	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
727	IONA & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
732	CABRA COMMUNITY CRECHE	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€250.00
743	HILLSTREET FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
745	DE COURCEY SQUARE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL/GARDEN PROJECT	€300.00
623	CABRA C.D.P.	OLDER PERSONS	€300.00

755	NEC COMMUNITY GARDENS	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
723	THE BROADSTONE COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€350.00
760	MOUNTJOY SQUARE SOCIETY	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€300.00
793	ST. FINBARR'S ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
778	THE GOLDEN GIRLS	OLDER PERSONS	€250.00
771	NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL	ENVIRONMENTAL/EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
775	A.R.M.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
797	AUGHRIM STREET-STREET FEAST	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€300.00
698	DRUMCONDRA TIDY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
636	CABRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	OLDER PERSONS	€250.00
641	KINGS OF CABRA SKATE GROUP	RECREATIONAL	€200.00
649	HALSTON STREET PARISH ART GROUP	ART	€250.00
651	CABRA COMMUNITY GROWTH	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
654	IACI	EDUCATIONAL	€300.00
655	THE OASIS CENTRE	SUPPORT GROUP	€400.00
657	SHANDON PITCH & PUTT CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
726	DRUMALEE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€500.00
659	BALLYBOUGH TENANTS ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
725	ST. JOSEPH'S CO-ED PRIMARY SCHOOL	EDUCATIONAL/RECREATIONAL	€350.00
699	HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTRE	ART	€250.00
702	DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE VALUES	ART	€300.00
703	SALVATION ARMY	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
706	OZANAM HOUSE RESOURCE CENTRE	SUMMER PROJECT	€400.00
710	SLI AN CHROI -PATHWAY OF THE HEART	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€250.00
721	CABRA PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
305	PARENTS EDUCATION GROUP	EDUCATIONAL	€250.00
658	CROKE VILLAS YOUTH ACTIVITY GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€350.00
269	ST. FINBARRS COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
153	CLAREVILLE CENTRE LTD	ENVIRONMENTAL	€500.00
154	ST. PETER'S COURT GARDENING COMMITTEE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
260	BELVEDERE YOUTH CLUB	YOUNG PERSONS	€400.00
263	THE ROWAN HAMILTON GARDEN COMMITTEE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
265	SEVEN DWARFS PLAYGROUP	RECREATIONAL	€350.00
243	CABRA COMMUNITY BINGO	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
268	ST. FINBARRS PLAYSCHOOL	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
234	ANGELS LADIES CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00



270	ST. FINBARRS PLAYSCHOOL	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00
271	MCKEE COURT GROUP	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
272	BUTTONS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€300.00
274	HARDWICKE STREET WOMENS RESOURCE GROUP	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
398	CONNECT -DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
606	A+ PERFORMANCES	EVENT	€400.00
266	THE FILLIES LADYS CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
146	DOMINICK COURT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION	OLDER PERSONS	€200.00
2	NAVAN ROAD MENS RETIREMENT CLUB	OLDER PERSONS	€300.00
176	CHRIST THE KING YOUTH CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€300.00
179	DOMINICK COURT SENIOR CITIZENS	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
180	WORK OPTIONS	EDUCATIONAL	€250.00
181	BALLYBOUGH YOUTH PROJECT	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
190	EAST WALL YOUTH	RECREATIONAL	€300.00
138	RAINBOW COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€350.00
244	PHIBSBORO AMATEUR BOXING CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
144	CHRIST THE KING OLD FOLKS	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
608	DORSET STREET PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP	SOCIAL INCLUSION/RECREATIONAL	€300.00
147	MACRO BUILDING MANAGEMENT	EDUCATIONAL	€200.00
148	CLAREVILLE COURT COMMUNITY	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
197	CUILIN TRADITIONAL CLUB	OLDER PERSONS	€250.00
201	BLACKHORSE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
142	ST. PETER LUNCHEON CLUB	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
301	SUMMER ROW COMMUNITY GARDEN	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
914	EAST WALL WATER SPORTS GROUP	RECREATIONAL/SPORTS	€500.00
290	FRANKFURT COMMUNITY GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
295	AOSOG	RECREATIONAL	€200.00
296	AOSOG	EDUCATIONAL	€200.00
437	THE NEW CROKE PARK RESIDENTS	ENVIRONMENTAL	€250.00
299	NIFTY FIFTIES NAVAN ROAD	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€350.00
435	THE NORTH WALL GARDENING GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€350.00
303	MACRO SENIOR CITIZENS LTD.	OLDER PERSONS	€250.00
460	MUD ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
461	SEAN O'CASEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
463	NASCADH CDP	RECREATIONAL	€250.00
465	NASCADH CDP	EDUCATIONAL	€250.00

466	NASCADH CDP	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€250.00
468	NASCADH CDP	SUMMER PROJECT	€250.00
469	NASCADH CDP	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
298	EAST WALL PEG DRAMA VARIETY GROUP	MUSIC	€300.00
426	NAIONRA BHARRA	YOUNG PERSONS	€250.00
617	GREAT WESTERN SQUARE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOC.	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
620	GREATER DUBLIN INDEPENDENT LIVING	PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER	€200.00
422	CLONLIFFE & CROKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE	EDUCATIONAL/RECREATIONAL	€250.00
423	NORTH INNER CITY OLDER PERSONS GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
440	BI AG CIANT	RECREATIONAL/EDUCATIONAL	€200.00
425	LOURDES DAY CARE CENTRE	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
614	RATHBORNE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (RCA)	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€400.00
427	FLOWER POT LADIES	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
428	STEP ONE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LTD.	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00
429	BI AG CIANT	EDUCATIONAL	€200.00
430	DALCASSIAN DOWNS	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
431	ST. MARY'S PLAYSCHOOL DORSET ST. LTD.	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00
434	RATHDOWN ROAD & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€300.00
424	SERENITY COMMUNITY GARDEN	ENVIRONMENTAL	€350.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€52,250.00</b>

Central Area Office,  
51/53 Sean McDermott Street,  
Dublin 1.

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**Naming and Numbering Proposal for Development at Liberty House/Railway Street,  
Dublin 1.**

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This is a Residential development by Dublin City Council on the site of the former D block and “Rose Garden” at Liberty House/Railway Street, Dublin 1. For the purposes of installation of utility services this development now needs to be named and numbered. This new development will consist of 56 residential units, numbered 1 to 56, and a Community facility numbered 57.

The developer has requested the Development be named, “**Peadar Kearney House**” .

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name “**Peadar Kearney House**” is considered suitable and is recommended for adoption.

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

26<sup>th</sup> March 2012

The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee

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**With further reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the  
laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7**

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**Proposal**

A request was received to have the public right of way extinguished over the laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7. The reason given for this proposal was to eliminate anti-social behaviour in the area. The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown on the attached Drawing RM 23303C.

The Central Area Committee, at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011, agreed to initiate the statutory procedure to extinguish the public right of way over this laneway under the provisions of Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

**Statutory**

By public advertisement on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011, representations or objections were invited by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The site notice at this location was erected on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

A letter of objection was received during the public consultation period from L.K.Shields, the solicitors representing the owner of the premises which houses the P. Spains and Sons factory, located on the laneway. This letter states that the owners of the factory premises object to any proposal to extinguish the public right of way, on the grounds that to do so would severely interfere with the right of access from their premises, to and from and along the laneway, and have an adverse impact on the operation of the current, and any future business carried on from the premises. The letter went on to state that the owners requested that the petition signed and submitted which led to the issue of the Section 73(1) notice be unconditionally rejected.

**Service Check**

A service check has been carried out and no service access is required.

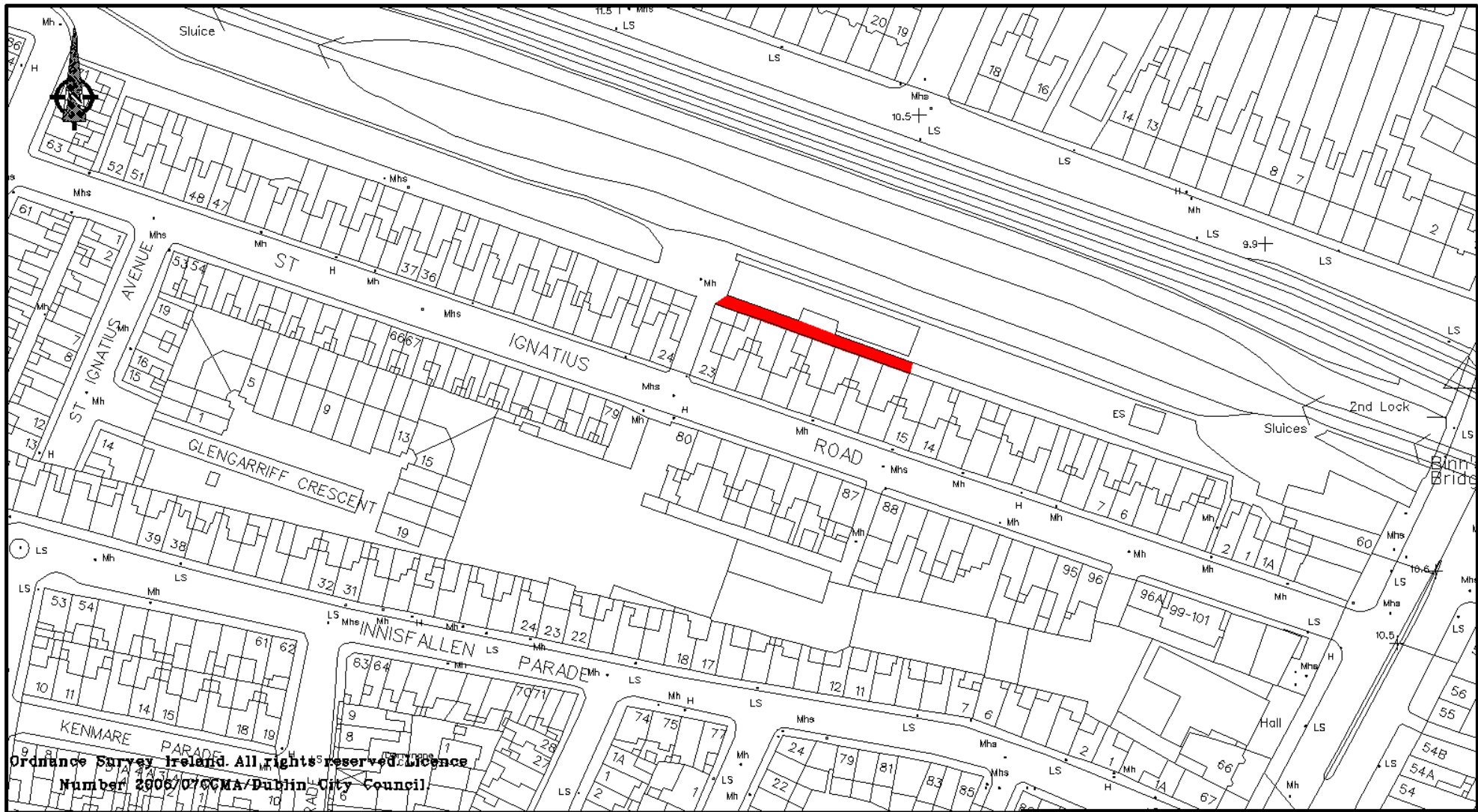
During the public consultation/service check period correspondence was received from the area's Garda Superintendent which raised no objection to the proposed extinguishment.

**Recommendation**


Due to the significant objection received I would not recommend proceeding with the extinguishment of the public right of way over the area shown on the attached drawing RM. 23303c.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the City Council.

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



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**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
 Comhairle Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath  
**ROADS & TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.**  
 CIVIC OFFICES  
 WOOD QUAY, DUBLIN 8.

J. McDermott  
 Deputy City Engineer - Roads & Traffic

DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY
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**ROADS MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

Roads Act 1993 Section 73(1)  
 Proposed extinguishment of public r.o.w.  
 over laneway (part of) at rear of  
 nos 16-23 St Ignatius Road, Dublin 7.

SCALE 1:1250  
 DATE 14/09/2011

DRAWING No.  
**R.M. 23303C**

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**Environmental Services Unit Report March 2012**

**Tall Ships 2012**

The Central Area is preparing for the Tall Ships 2012 event. Area representatives from Senior Management, Environmental Services and Community Development are taking part in working groups and subgroups involved in preparing for the event.

We are currently undertaking a survey of the footprint of the event area within the North Quays/North Inner City in order to ensure that all issues are reported and resolved where possible prior to the event. This will include roads and traffic issues, public lighting issues, utilities issues, drainage issues and graffiti and environmental issues

An open day is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> April to allow local communities to familiarise themselves with the event and to obtain as much information as possible in advance of the event.

A communications pack being compiled to be distributed to interested parties and communities in the area of the event. The event is also listed as a standing agenda item for community forums in the area.

All Councillors will be informed of details of arrangements as soon as possible.

**City Neighbourhoods Competition**

City Neighbourhoods Application forms have been delivered to all previous entrants and also distributed to community staff and area offices. The closing date for receipt of forms is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Any enquiries for information or assistance should be directed to Simon Brock Tel: 2225315 or [simon.brock@dublincity.ie](mailto:simon.brock@dublincity.ie)

**National Spring Clean**

The National Spring Clean Campaign organised by An Taisce is underway. The campaign is running throughout April. DCC is happy to assist any groups involved and information is available from area offices. Any enquiries for information or assistance should be directed to Simon Brock Tel: 2225315 or [simon.brock@dublincity.ie](mailto:simon.brock@dublincity.ie)

**Graffiti Removal**

**Probation Services**  
Sheriff Street Lower, Dublin 1

Centra Shutters, Portland Row, Dublin 1  
Sheriff Street Upper, Dublin 1  
Ossory Industrial Estate, Dublin 3  
Ballybough Railway Bridge, Dublin 3  
Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9  
Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9

Total area of graffiti removed by probation services in the period was 183sqm.

***Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using the Corporate Contractor:***

Railway Street/Beaver Street, Dublin 1  
Great Strand Street, Dublin 1  
Old Cabra Road, Dublin 7  
Sitric Road, Dublin 7  
Ashington Avenue, Dublin 7  
Canon Burke Senior Citizens Complex, Cabra, Dublin 7  
Viking Place, Dublin 7  
7 North King Street, Dublin 7  
Pumping Station Smithfield, Dublin 7  
Griffith Park, Dublin 9  
Tolka River Bank Wall, Dublin 9  
TD Quilting, Dublin Industrial Estate, Dublin 11  
Ballyboggan Rd/Broombridge Rd, Dublin 11

Total area of graffiti removed by corporate contractor in the period was 160sqm.

**Litter Hotline**

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012 109 incidents were reported to the Litter Hotline:

Dumping - 93
Litter – 1
Cleansing – 10
Non tagged bags – 0
Other – 1
Graffiti - 4

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

E-mail – 5
Phone – 43
DCC staff – 10
CRM – 51
Counter - 0

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

Drumcondra – 6	Phibsborough – 26
Cabra – 11	Ballybough – 7
East Wall – 7	North Wall – 2
NEIC – 22	Stoneybatter – 13
NCR - 4	Other – 11

### **Litter Warden Statistics**

There were a total of 44 Fines issued by the area based Litter Wardens in the Central Area for littering offences in the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

327 Streets were inspected by the Area based Litter Wardens

471 Dumped Bags were removed

474 Dumped Bags were investigated

1374 Dumped or wrongly presented bags were labelled with warning stickers

1202 Gardens inspected

25 Warning Letters issued to householders

### **Environmental Response Unit**

A total of 73 incidents were responded to by the environmental response unit in the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> March with 35 tonnes of dumped material removed.

### **Community Forum Update**

#### **Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum**

The last meeting of the Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Closure of Whitehall Garda Station
- Illegal parking and double yellow lines
- Unoccupied buildings
- New bin service

The next meeting Forum will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

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

The last meeting of the East Wall Community Forum took place on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Illegal dumping and graffiti
- Dog fouling
- Traffic issues



The next meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

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

The last meeting of the Mountjoy and District Community Forum was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Reclaim Blessington Basin
- Illegal dumping
- Dog fouling
- Hostels in area

The next meeting will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

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

The last meeting of the North East Inner City Community Forum took place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. The main issues raised were:

- Drug dealing, loitering and anti-social behaviour
- Traffic and illegal parking issues
- Illegal dumping and dog fouling
- Cumberland Street market.

The next meeting will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

#### **North Strand/Ballybough Community Forum**

The last meeting of the North Strand/Ballybough Community Forum took place on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Bin collection
- Traffic
- Anti-social behaviour
- Flood gates/pedestrian foot bridge

The next meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

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

The last meeting of the North Wall Community Forum took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Crime, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour
- Luas and o2 related anti-social behaviour
- Traffic related issues

The next meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

#### **North West Inner City Community Forum**

The last meeting of the North West Inner City Community Forum took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Smithfield Horse Fair
- Anti-social behaviour
- Public lighting

The next meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

#### **Phibsborough/Mountjoy Local Area Plan – Monitoring Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Hostels in the area
- Planning issues
- Bin collection (release of personal information)
- Low cost/no cost improvements in the area

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

#### **Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee**

The last meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The main issues raised and discussed were:

- Anti-social behaviour in the North Wall area
- Garda initiatives in relation to case management
- Operation Kerbside in the Stoneybatter area
- Increase in burglaries in the Cabra, Navan Road and East Wall areas
- Closure of Whitehall and Fitzgibbon Street Garda stations

The next meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

#### **Extinguishment of Public Right of Ways**

##### ***Pre Initiation Stage – awaiting further information***

- Laneway to the rear of 25-43 St. Anne's Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

##### ***Procedure initiated by Area Committee***

- Laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7 - *public consultation period ended 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012, recommendation report included in this agenda*
- Harbour Court, Dublin 1 – *public consultation period ended February 27<sup>th</sup>, further information requested*

#### **Hugh McKenna**

**Senior Executive Officer**

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**PROJECTS UNIT, NORTH EAST INNER CITY**

**Liberty Park Crèche**

There are currently 28 children attending the crèche on a full time basis. The 2-year extension agreement with Davencrest Ltd. T/A Kids Inc will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

Tenders were invited by open procedure from suitably qualified contractors for the operation of a full services Crèche on behalf of Dublin City Council at Liberty Park Crèche, Foley Street for a period of three years effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 with an option to extend the contract for a further one or two years should finances permit.

A contract notice was placed in the Official Journal of the European Union on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 inviting Invitations to Tender. The closing date for receipt of Invitations to Tender was 12:00 noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Three submissions were received. On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 an Assessment Board assessed the Invitations to Tender under the Selection Criteria and recommended that the 3 tenderers proceed to the Award Criteria phase of the process. The 3 tenderers meeting qualifying selection criteria were considered for inclusion in the award process. Following the assessment of the tenders under the Award Criteria the Assessment Board recommended that one Tenderer did not achieve the overall minimum score of 60% required, therefore failed the Award Criteria Assessment. The remaining two Tenderers achieved higher than the overall minimum score of 60% required therefore fulfilled the Award Criteria Assessment. Having regard to the afore-mentioned recommendations the tender that was ranked first by the Assessment Board was recommended as the preferred bidder in accordance with the published Award Criteria. It is anticipated that a contract will be concluded in due course, subject to contractual terms being agreed.

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

Five of the units have been disposed of, and there are four remaining units. Lisneys have been marketing the remaining units for lease however there has been very little interest in the letting of the units.

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Dublin City Council's Development Department have agreed to allow the Arts Office to use the 2 larger units located on James Joyce Street for cultural type use. It was decided to commence an Expressions of Interest exercise to offer the two smaller units which face Liberty House for community type use to local groups / projects who have previously sought office type space within the Central Area environs. This exercise is in conjunction with an Expressions of Interest exercise to offer a vacant commercial unit at Sean Treacy House for community type use to local groups /

projects who have previously sought office type space within the Central Area environs.

### **Units 6 and 7 Liberty Corner Complex, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 and a Unit in Sean Treacy House, Empress Place, Dublin 1**

An Expressions of Interest exercise commenced to offer units 6 and 7, Liberty Corner Complex and a unit in Sean Treacy House for community type use to local groups / projects who have previously sought office type space within the Central Area environs.

Each unit will require total fit-out and this will be the responsibility of each successful applicant along with utility, rates and maintenance costs. It was agreed that a review of all applications would be carried out and an offer to use the unit(s), by way of licence agreement would then be made to the most suitable group(s).

#### **Process**

##### **The process took place as follows:**

- Three groups were interested in the units available and were invited to view the units.
- Submissions were invited from the interested parties. Two submissions were received.
- Both applicants expressed a preferred interest in the unit located in Sean Treacy House therefore it was decided that the applicant who scored highest in the weighting criteria would be offered this unit and the second highest scoring applicant would be offered unit 6 in the Liberty Corner Complex.
- Both applications were weighted on specific criteria; however it was considered that both applicants did not fully demonstrate their organisations financial capacity to provide funding for the fit-out and operational costs.
- It was recommended to provisionally offer the unit in Sean Treacy House to the highest scoring applicant (Traiga Burhanya - Essam Muhamed) on the condition that they demonstrate their organisations capacity to provide funding for fit-out and operational costs. The applicant has been given a two month time period to submit this information. The applicant must provide financial evidence in terms of how they can sustain future operational costs. The applicant must also provide details of the proposed works for the unit and related costs for same. The proposed works must be agreed with Dublin City Council. Funding for any proposed works must be secured and in place and evidence of same must be submitted to Dublin City Council prior to the Council entering into negotiations for a licence/lease agreement for the use of this unit.
- It was recommended to provisionally offer unit 6 in the Liberty Corner Complex to the second highest scoring applicant (Acts of Compassion Project) on the condition that they demonstrate their organisations capacity to provide funding for fit-out and operational costs. The applicant has been given a two month time period to submit this information. The applicant must provide financial evidence in terms of how they can sustain future operational costs. The applicant must also provide details of the proposed works for the unit and related costs for same. The proposed works must be agreed with Dublin City Council. Funding for any proposed works must be secured and in place and evidence of same must be submitted to Dublin City Council prior to the Council entering into negotiations for a licence/lease agreement for the use of this unit.

### **Foley Street Improvement Works**

Phases 1 and 2 are complete.

Phase 3 of the improvement works includes the upgrading of 120m of carriageway between Beaver Street and Buckingham Street. Roads Design will organise a topographical survey of the relevant section of Foley Street for the final phase. Roads Design will issue commencement notices to the various Utilities concerned with regard to their existing services infrastructure and will then prepare the detailed design. It is anticipated having the tender documents and drawings complete and going to tender by the end of April 2012.

This work is being funded by residual money from the original Community Gain Grant and money set aside by Roads Maintenance following payment by developers for sewers and waste connections which involved excavation on street.

**Edel Whelan**  
**A/Staff Officer**

**April 2012**

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**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

#### **Navan Rd/Pelletstown Area**

1. Tolka Valley Linear Park
2. Horses/ motor bikes in Pelletstown
3. Vandalism at Ashington Playground
4. Swales at Park Rd/Glendhu
5. Navan Rd QBC
6. Blackhorse Ave road works

**McKee Court:** The majority of the units have now been allocated and offers made on the few remaining ones.

#### **Community Policing Fora**

There are 3 key issues arising across all Forum meetings that have citywide relevance.

1. The transfer of the bin service to Greyhound.
2. The volume of dog fouling on city and neighbourhood streets.
3. The impact of poorly managed private residential accommodation. This is a particular issue on North Circular Road and Cabra Park and the subject of repeated complaints because of the deterioration of the fabric of houses and because of the behaviour of some tenants that is upsetting neighbours.

#### **Smithfield Horse Fair – March & April Fairs**

The Fair passed peacefully with Gardai and other agencies conducting checks to ensure that all animals being sold were properly licensed.

#### **Mt Bernard Park - Antisocial Behaviour/Stone Throwing**

Irish Rail recently met with one of the residents being attacked by youths from the raised area on Mount Bernard Park. There is a breach in the railing located on the laneway which facilitates youths to gain access to the park. This will be repaired.

It was acknowledged that the antisocial behaviour is a huge problem and Irish Rail have tried numerous ways to resolve the problems.

It was suggested that the mound could be lowered by 10 feet. However, Irish Rail don't know if there is creosote in that mound and if it can be removed. The Environment Officer will bring the issue to the RPA's attention to see if anything could be done with the mound while they are on site.

#### **Development Works**

##### **Tolka Valley Linear Park – River Rd**

The engineering works for the Park are continuing as planned:

- The new bridges have been installed.
- The new park entrances are completed.
- The main cycle route path is being completed by March 2012.
- The Manager has approved an Order for the repair of the boundary wall of Cardiffsbridge Park at the western end of River Road (facing Rathborne) in the interests of the security of the Park. These works will be carried out in March and April 2012.

The landscape works will follow on when these works are completed and will continue through the 2012-2013 planting season. This will be co-ordinated by the Parks and

Landscape Services Division. The park will then be opened to the public, probably in spring 2013.

The residents in Pelletstown, Tolka Trout Anglers, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Fingal County Council Parks and other local landowners have been contacted.

### **Killala and Drumcliffe Swales**

The project was approved at a meeting of the full City Council on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The following are the proposed timelines.

January/February 2012 – Overflow pipe from the junction of Faussagh Avenue and Killala Road to the park area (100m long approximately).

March/April – Construction of the two swales, weather permitting.

May – Landscaping of the two swales.

Summer – Main grass growth period.

### **Proposed Royal Canal Cycleway**

A feasibility study has now been completed following consultations with residents groups and other interested parties by the office of the QBN. The project will now seek funding and planning permission.

### **Development Works - Other Agencies**

#### **New Pelletstown Train Station**

Charlie Lowe and DCC planners have met with Ballymore Homes and Iarnród Éireann regarding the design of the station. Considerable work has been done and the overall design is near agreement. When agreement has been reached, the Planning Department will review. It is intended that this stop will be similar to a Luas stop and will function as a fully automated station.

#### **Reilly's Bridge Flyover**

Irish Rail have obtained planning permission from An Bord Pleanála and have put this project out to tender with a view to starting work in early 2013 subject to funding.

#### **Royal Canal Works**

##### **Waterways Ireland Project**

The majority of the work following the relining of the canal at the 6th lock is now complete. The next few months will concentrate on maintenance and grass cutting and facilitating local festivities.

The contractor is now back on site at Shandon Gardens and forming a path from the 6th lock from Shandon to Phibsborough.

The restoration of the bank will be complete before transferring the land back to Dublin City Council for ongoing maintenance. This should be complete by the end of the month.

#### **Irish Rail Fencing at 5th and 6th Lock:**

Irish Rail state that following a risk assessment of the site behind Des Kelly's, it was deemed to be a high risk area and it was imperative to put up a boundary to stop dumping and to stop missiles being thrown at the trains. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints this fencing was favoured over a green palisade fence which was the original plan. It was also confirmed that the Property Section will not release the land beside Des Kelly's as it may be the location of an electrical substation for the Maynooth Electrification line. However, this may change in the future.



Fencing Opposite Coke Oven Cottages: A request was made to have the fencing opposite the cottages be repaired as it is facilitating youth to gather in that area. Irish Rail will investigate this.

### **HARP Community Gain**

At the end March 2012, over €200,000 has been paid in Minor and Major grants to the 2011 applicants. All applicants must supply regular reports to the HARP office setting out the progress of the project and information on expenditure.

### **Development works**

#### **Smithfield Enhancement Scheme**

Phases 1 and 2 are completed with the exception of the putting the planters in place. The resurfacing of New Church Street, Bow Street and May Lane is completed and is in progress in Haymarket. The public lighting on these streets is being upgraded. Some minor repair works to the surface will be carried out on the main space. Phase 4 which involves the construction and fit out of the welfare building was delayed and is now due to be completed in April. The tenders for the supply and installation of the play equipment have been assessed and it is expected that the installation of the equipment will commence in May.

St Michans church has reopened the Bow St entrance to the church grounds, tidied the graveyard and upgraded the path with the aid of the HARP Community Gain grant it received.

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

April 2012

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**North Inner City Housing Update**

**Area Housing Manager – Chris Butler**

**Matt Talbot Court**

Maintenance issues in relation to roof and dampness have been flagged with Housing Maintenance Section. Still awaiting report from Housing Maintenance Engineer. Vacancies are now to be done by direct labour.

Repairs to damaged play equipment have been delayed due to difficulty in sourcing materials. Repairs are now expected to be completed shortly.

**Liberty House**

Tenders submitted for January 13<sup>th</sup> and have been assessed by Quantity Surveyors. Contractor has been selected and submission seeking approval to appointment the contractor sent to Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Six families have now moved out of section of E block that needs to be detenanted. One other family due to move to the Forge but this has been delayed due to the gas flue issue. One family still to agree to move.

**St. Mary's Mansions**

One vacant unit has been allocated to case with lower points than normal in accordance with agreement to re-let outside Scheme. A three bed has also been let under this scheme. Two one bed units ready for allocating shortly. It is proposed that this complex will come under the Choice Based Lettings Scheme. Complex currently being painted.

**Patrick Heeney House and Crescent**

Snagging issues in relation to heating persist. Tests on heating system being undertaken by independent contractor.

**Avondale House**

Contractor has been selected to undertake Precinct Improvement Project. Minor alterations to original plan required for technical reasons. Work now expected to commence on site April/May.

**Alfie Byrne/Hill Street**

Contractor has been selected for Precinct Improvement Project. Work commenced on site on March 12<sup>th</sup> and will take approximately 52 weeks. Ongoing meeting with residents who have expressed happiness with progress.

### **Father Scully House**

Catholic Housing Aid Association (CHAS) have received approval and funding from the DOE to commence redevelopment of the site. The redevelopment will provide 100 social housing units for older persons. This will be comprised of 88 one bed units and 12 two bed units. CHAS have in the region of 35 tenants temporary living in other complexes who are due to move back to the redeveloped complex. Construction is due to commence shortly.

### **The Kiln/Forge**

A problem has been identified with the gas flues in these apartments. As a result 8 units had their gas supply disconnected in mid November. The issue is now being addressed by the original Mechanical Engineers. Works were due to be completed late January but due to problems with sourcing materials it is likely to be late March before these works are now completed.

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

#### **Poplar Row, Taaffe Place, Annesley Avenue & Place**

Housing Maintenance Division has carried out testing in the duplexes. These tests showed traces of pyrite in the dwellings. Further investigations were being carried out during February/ March to determine the severity of this issue.

See report below;

#### **Testing of Stone Samples**

A representative amount of samples (i.e. not every house) were taken and test results of the five recent samples have all indicated traces of Pyrite.

Three samples taken from footpaths at the same time have been tested, and the results indicate the presence of Pyrite. Further sampling will take place on Annesley Avenue/Close and Poplar Row, as the condition survey is nearing completion.

#### **Condition Surveys**

The surveying of the dwellings has been ongoing and nearing completion, the Structural Engineer has indicated that he expects these surveys be completed by the end of February. Following inspections carried out by the Structural Engineer, Housing Maintenance have carried out repairs on effected ceilings, doors and floors in some units.

#### **Levelling (i.e. measurement of lifting of the floors)**

Surveyor has visited the site, and reference points (benchmarks) have been installed. One on the vacant site, one on the vacant land on at Newcomen Court and one on a building on East Wall. Levelling Studs are currently been installed in the ground floors of a representative number of dwellings. Regular measurement will commence shortly thereafter.

#### **Charleville Mall**

A contractor is currently on site carrying out essential drainage works in the courtyard of the complex. All residents were canvassed and notified about these works in advance.

#### **Croke Villas**

There are now 16 dwellings out of a total of 79 occupied in the complex. The Estate Manager is liaising with the remaining individuals/families in trying to identify suitable accommodation in the areas they have requested. However, this process is becoming more difficult with the

remaining families in Croke Villas being very specific in where they want to be accommodated. To date this year 3 families/individuals have refused an offer of accommodation.

### **Ballybough House**

There are still ongoing estate management issues in the complex. A notice to quit and demand for possession has been served on one tenant in the complex. This case is currently before the courts. The Estate Manager has been liaising with An Garda Siochana to identify the teenagers who have been congregating in the complex over the past number of months. To date, 20 tenants have attended for interview with Dublin City Council and we are continuing to monitor the number of complaints being received from residents.

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

The Five Lamps Arts Festival has received their licensing agreement from Dublin City Council and are currently onsite developing their "Flowers for the alter" project.

### **Brendan Behan Court**

A Residents Association meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The Community Liaison Officer for Croke Park was in attendance to inform all present about the concert and match fixtures for the summer period at Croke Park. He also stated that he is currently liaising with both the Gardai and Dublin City Council about policing and the cleanup operation.

It was decided among all present that the current lock on the gate would remain in situ as the proposed combination lock and keypad system would be too complex for some residents. The Residents Association decided that they would engage with Croke Park to enquire if the funding could be used for something else within the complex and if not, they will return the funds to the GAA.

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

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

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### **Blessington Street**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.  
Meetings are ongoing between residents and Estate Management.

### **Chancery House**

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

### **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**

No estate management 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.  
Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management and the residents.  
Detenancing in Dominick Street Lower is ongoing in preparation for the Redevelopment of the site.

The Housing Projects Task Force continues to work on the finer details of the plans, whilst awaiting a response to the planning application that was made to An Bord Pleanala in December 2010. This decision is deferred until 29th March 2012.

### **Dominick Street Upper**

There are no Estate Management issues with this Complex. Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management and the Residents.

### **Dorset Street Flats**

The CCTV contract has been put out to tender on E.tender, at present. DCC is in constant contact with An Garda Siochana in relation to anti social behaviour in the complex which involve youths drinking on the stairwells.

### **Eccles Court**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

### **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.

Ongoing consultation with residents to discuss the gardening project which is due to commence in Spring.

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

There are no Estate Management issues within this complex. Regular meetings are held with the elected residents committee.

### **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. The CCTV contract is out to tender on etender, at present.

### **North King Street**

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

### **Ormond Square**

Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and the Parks Department. No outstanding issues.

### **Saint Michans House**

Meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. Any issues that may arise are dealt with expediently.

### **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. There are no outstanding issues in this complex. Painting programme is scheduled to commence before the summer.

### **Wolfe Tone Close**

There are no outstanding Estate Management or maintenance issues within this complex. Contact is maintained on an ongoing basis between Estate Management and the Residents Association.

### **Charlie Lowe**

**Executive Manager**

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