



# Dublin City Council

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

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**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE NORTHSIDE CIVIC CENTRE, BUNRATTY ROAD, COOLOCK, DUBLIN 17, ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011 AT 2.00 P.M**

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***TO EACH MEMBER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE***

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the **Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Coolock, Dublin 17, on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

**CÉLINE REILLY**  
**AREA MANAGER**

**Dated this the 10th May 2011**

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## **AGENDA**

**4210. Minutes of meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**4211. Questions to Area Manager**

**4212. Area Matters**

- a.** Representative from Dublin Bus ---**Donal Keating**
- b.** Travellers Newtown Court ( Report herewith ) - **Kieran Cunningham**
- c.** Report on Traffic Management N32, Clare Hall, North Fringe (Report herewith) **Ronan O'Dea**
- d.** Report on Barnmore Construction ( Report herewith ) **John Bruckshaw**
- e.** Motion 4050 – September 2010.
  - a.** **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

This Area Committee agrees to honour the memory of the late Sean Dublin Bay Loftus former Lord Mayor of Dublin. In agreement with Mr Loftus's family and the Local Area Committee a suitable significant memorial will be decided upon.

E.g. An existing walkway / promenade in his name.

- f.** Proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 2-50 Clonturk Park, 3-47 Ormond Road, 93-99 Church Avenue adjacent to 1 Clonturk Gardens, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. (Report herewith ) **Elaine Mulvenny**
- g.** Progress Report on Social and Affordable Housing in the North Central Area ( Report herewith )
- h.** North Central Area Report ( Report herewith )—**Céline Reilly**

**4213. Items for following meetings**

**4214. Roads and Traffic Matters**

- a.** Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011. (Report herewith)—

**4215. Planning Applications**

Quarterly Planning Enforcement Report ( Report herewith )---**Fiacra Worrall**

## **MOTIONS:**

### **4216. Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the manager outlines as to whether there are any problems in Domville Court, Santry, where there are reportedly cracks in walls and ceilings in a number of places and to confirm that this complex has been taken in charge.

### **4217. Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Bourke**

That this Committee agrees to install a sign in Fairview to say that there is no left turn for 4 HGV down East Wall Road.

### **4218. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager requests the Water Works Department fix a stopcock on the pavement outside house no. 17 Main Street, Raheny, Dublin 5 as this is a trip hazard.

### **4219. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager request that Water Works Department determine if the stopcock outside no. 17 Main Street, Raheny is working properly as the resident said that when he turns of the water it does not work and the water keeps flowing.

### **4220. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager request that the Road Maintenance Department fix up the grass verge outside Kilbarrack Fire Station as this looks unsightly (Picture 532 attached). The Kilbarrack Fire Station is gaining a lot of attention with the popularity of its Environmental Green Programme.

### **4221. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager request that the Litter inside the railings of the Kilbarrack Fire Station be cleaned up as this looks unsightly.

### **4222. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager gets in touch with Eircom to request that they improve the area around the old P&T cover outside no. 17 St. Assam's Park and no. 46 St. Assam's Avenue, Raheny, Dublin 5.

### **4223. Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

Can the small roundabout beside Artane Castle be cleaned up and replanted please as it is looking in very poor shape at the moment.

### **4224. Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

Will the council arrange an emailing list of local residents associations and keep them up to date with issues arising in the North Central Area?

**The latest date for receipt of motions  
For the June meeting is  
5 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**COISDE CHEANTAR AN LARTHUAISCIRT  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT 2.00 P.M**

**4187. Minutes of meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

**Order: Noted**

**4188. Questions to Area Manager**

**Order: Noted**

**4189. Area Matters**

- a. Election of Chairperson for North Central Area Committee

**Order: Councillor Declan Flanagan---Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bourke and seconded by Councillor Larry O'Toole**

- b. Election of Vice Chairperson for North Central Area Committee

**Order: Councillor Deirdre Heney--Proposed by Councillor Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke**

- c. Proposed Art Work for Father Collins Park

**Order: Noted**

- d. Presentation on Metro North

**Order: Noted**

- e. Travellers Newtown Court

**Order: Committee requested that we write to the Minister for Justice regarding the objection by the Gardaí to assist in moving the Travellers from Newtown Court.**

- f. Report on Clontarf Baths

**Order : Noted**

- g. Motion 4050 – September 2010.

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**Order: Report back to May North Central Area Committee meeting.**

- h. Report on Ballybough House---Cadogan Road, Fairview , Dublin 3

**Order : Report back to July North Central Area Committee meeting**

- i. Community Grants Scheme 2011  
**Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**  
**Committee requested to be informed in the future with timeframe regarding application for Community Grants. Committee requested list of Community Personnel contacts by e-mail**
- j. Priory Hall update  
**Order: Noted**

**4190. Planning and Development Matters**

- a. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report  
**Order: Noted**

**4191. Items for following meetings**

**Report on Traffic Management to include N 32, Clare Hall, North Fringe**  
**Report on Barnmore Construction**  
**Invite a representative from Dublin Bus to attend the May Meeting—( Focus on Network Direct, Report on Bus routes 3, 11,16, 123, 20 B, 27B, 27 C, 27 X, )**

**4192. Roads and Traffic Matters**

- a. **Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 24th March 2011**  
**Order: Noted. Committee requested that the Traffic Department relook at Item No. 4 Foxfield Road, Dublin 5.**

**MOTIONS:**

**4193. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager request that the Traffic Department place a no right turn at the traffic lights in Raheny village coming from Dublin preventing traffic going down the Main Street thus relieving congestion in the middle of the road.  
**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4194. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager request that the Traffic Department place a right turn filter at the traffic lights in Raheny Village to facilitate traffic coming from Howth and turning toward Station Road?  
**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4195. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager request that the Traffic Department place single yellow line on one side of the road on St. Assam's Road West as emergency services cannot get through due to parking on both sides of the road.  
**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4196. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager investigate when the Parks Department will landscape the area in front of Total Fitness between the N32 and the Malahide Road.  
**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4197. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

That the Manager investigates the possibility of placing photos (taken of local area – e.g. St. Anne’s park etc) or art from children’s competitions on the walls of the Council meeting room to add some character to the room.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4198. Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager detail the funding sought and the funding received by Dublin City Council for the renovation of Fairview Park from Dublin Port Tunnel and how much of that allocation has been spent on the renovation to date? Can he also inform this Committee what is the most up to date timeframe for the development of the playground/bandstand and surround facilities?

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4199. Motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

To ask the Manager if funding is in place for the upgrading of the roundabout at the hole in the wall/Grange Road junction, the reason why the Council did not submit an application to the Government under the specific improvement grants scheme in 2011 and if funding is available when this work will commence.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4200. Motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

That the Manager will liaise with Clongriffin residents to enable them to begin the process of having Clongriffin estate taken in charge by Dublin City Council and will she also work with the residents in condemning the disgraceful attempt by the management company to impose a €12 resident parking fee and a 60 cent parking charge for visitors and to take the necessary steps to ensure that this abuse is not allowed to be introduced and if she will make a statement on the matter.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4201. Motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

That the area manager arranges for an onsite meeting between the traffic engineer and the Donaghmede Estate residents association as a matter of urgency to tackle to the serious problems with traffic levels in the area.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4202. Motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell, Councillor Paddy Bourke & Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the Manager will urgently tackle the water shortage problem in the Clonshaugh area particularly at weekends (especially for residents of Clonshaugh Heights and district) and to outline the actions that the Council intends to take to rectify the situation.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4203. Motion in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

That this committee calls on the manager to assist St Malachys Football Club by providing additional drainage to the club lands at Springdale Road, Raheny, Dublin 5.

**Order: Report to Councillor**



**4204. Motion in the name of Councillor John Redmond**

That the Manager arrange for bollards to be erected in the vicinity of the local shops on Shanard Road to prevent ongoing illegal parking as the current arrangements represent a danger to pedestrians.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4205. Motion in the name of Councillor Steve Wrenn**

That the Manager arrange for the thorough cleansing of Shanowen Park; and that he ensure that the area is cleared of leaf-fall from last Autumn, as there is concern that this may cause problems to the local drainage system.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4206. Motion in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

In the light of the ongoing problems being experienced by residents of Priory Hall, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.

That this committee calls on the Minister for the Environment to order a full public inquiry into the following:-

1. The Incorporation of any Company and any issues surrounding same.
2. The relevant experience of the Developers and staff and any issues surrounding same.
3. The application for and granting Planning Permission and any issues surrounding same.
4. The Certification of Structure and any issues surrounding same.
5. The Certification of Fire Safety and any issues surrounding same.
6. The Certification of Compliance with Building Control legislation and all regulations made thereunder and any issues surrounding same.
7. The taking into receivership of any Company and any issues surrounding same.
8. The enforcement of Directors fiduciary duties and any issues surrounding same.
9. The enforcement of Health and Safety on the site and any issues surrounding same.
10. The adequacy or sufficiency of Homebond/Premier Guarantee protection in cases such as this.

The said list is not exhaustive but the public enquiry should be empowered to make recommendations and funded to correct any errors .

**Order: Agreed**

**4207. Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

That the Manager provide me with an update regarding progress on the installation of the new Fairview Playground.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4208. Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

That the manager address the issues affecting the resident of 141 Burnell Sq, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. The resident bought this property as an affordable house from the City Council in August 2007. The owner has had continuous problems with the property since then: 3 leaks which meant that on 3 separate occasions flooring in bedroom, hall and living area all had to be replaced; major plumbing concerns; unsealed shower unit; two toilets replaced; continuous foul smell from toilet/sinks, electrical difficulties etc. This house was obviously not built to the required standard and we have a duty to help the owner rectify the problems.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**4209. Motion in the name of Councillor Julia Carmichael**

That the manager would advise the amount of money available to the area for the cleaning of graffiti across the North Central Area.

**Order: Report to Councillor**

**Attendance**

Councillor Declan Flanagan (In Chair)

Councillor Larry O'Toole, Councillor Damian O'Farrell, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Councillor Paddy Bourke, Councillor Pat Crimmins, Councillor Julia Carmichael, Councillor Naoise O'Muirí, Councillor Brian Mc Dowell, Councillor Jane Horgan – Jones, Councillor Andrew Montague, Councillor Tom Brabazon

**Apologies**

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Gerry Breen

**Dublin City Council**

Celine Reilly, Area Manager  
Mary Flynn, Area Housing Manager  
Aidan Fitzsimons, Area Housing Manager  
Eoin Ward, Acting City Parks Superintendent  
Yvonne Kirwan, Staff Officer  
Dympna McCann, Senior Staff Officer  
Ruairí Ó Cuiv, Public Art Manager  
Séan Smith, Communications Manager  
Declan Hayden, Assistant Community Development Officer  
Kieran Cunningham, Travellers Section  
Derek Mc Guinness, Travellers Section  
Tony Mc Gee, Executive Engineer  
Paul Crowe, Derelict Sites Section

**Press**

Clem Loscher  
Mary Denise Fitzgerald, RPA  
Loretto Browne, RPA  
Rob Leech, RPA

**Councillor Declan Flanagan,  
Cathaoirleach  
Dated 20th April 2011**

### **NEWTOWN TRAVELLERS**

The members were informed at the April meeting that there would be a final attempt at mediation in this matter.

The Mediator met senior members of the two Traveller groups over a number of days in the Easter period. One group indicated that they would create no difficulty with the other group returning to St. Dominicks Park subject to a number of minor conditions which could easily be resolved. However the Travellers at Newtown Court indicated that under no circumstances would they return to St. Dominicks. They also indicated that they didn't want to express any alternative housing options as the original Mediators had advised them to occupy the Newtown Court lands and they intended staying there.

The Assistant City Manager has now instructed that we proceed with High Court action to secure the removal of these families from the Newtown Court lands. An up to date list of the families currently illegally occupying the site is being compiled to facilitate the Legal Proceedings and this list should be available in the next few days. It is worth noting that four of the families recently left the Newtown Court site and illegally occupied Traveller Units in Fingal's area.

**Kieran Cunningham,  
Senior Executive Officer.**

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3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

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

**Re: Traffic Management N32, Clare Hall, North Fringe area**

Extensive development has taken place in recent years in the North Fringe area. Within the framework of the North Fringe Action Area Plan transport studies were carried out to ascertain the transportation improvements necessary to accommodate the proposed new developments. Several transport studies were carried out taking account of the proposed development in both Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council where over 15,000 residential units are proposed containing approximately 35,000 to 45,000 new residents. The key components identified were the provision of a continuous new East-West Distributor Road from the existing Malahide Road westwards to the R132 Old Swords Road at Dublin Airport and the provision of a Realigned Malahide Road to effectively pass Balgriffin village. Preliminary design details have been prepared for these road improvements which will greatly improve traffic movement in the area, funding however is currently not available to proceed with these schemes.

Clongriffin is served by a new Dart station with a large park and ride facility; in addition a new high frequency bus service has been introduced which avails of bus lanes on the upgraded Hole in the Wall Road. Additional bus priority measures have been designed which include the removal of the roundabout at the junction of the Grange Road and The Hole in the Wall Road. Roads and Traffic Department are awaiting funding approval to proceed with this scheme.

Vehicular accessibility to Belmayne has recently been changed by the opening of entrance at roundabout adjacent Clare Hall estate. This Belmayne link road is not in charge with Dublin City Council. However developers of the area are examining how pedestrian links can be improved from the estate to the bus services on the Malahide Road and Clare Hall Avenue. Traffic Management and Control division are currently preparing submissions to the National Transport Authority for funding for new or improved pedestrian facilities. Included in this submission for funding will be new pedestrian crossings at two locations on Clare Hall Avenue 1) east of Malahide Road junction at bus stops and 2) at Clare Hall roundabout.

ITS section will continue to monitor and optimise traffic flow at Malahide Road/ N32 / Clare Hall Avenue junction which is critical for traffic management in the area.

**Ronan O Dea  
Senior Engineer**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Barnmore Construction**

Barnmore Construction applied for a Multi Regional Waste Collection Permit to Dublin City Council on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010. The Waste Regulations Section requested further information from Barnmore Construction on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Notice of Decision to grant or refuse a permit will be decided in accordance with the Waste Collection Permit Regulation 2007.

**John Bruckshaw,  
Administrative Officer,  
Waste Regulations Section.  
Tel: 222 4344.**

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**RH/01249/2011**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

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

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**With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 2-50 Clonturk Park, 3-47 Ormond Road, 93-99 Church Avenue adjacent to 1 Clonturk Gardens, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.**

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### **Proposal**

A request to have the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of 2-50 Clonturk Park, 3-47 Ormond Road, 93-99 Church Avenue and adjacent to 1 Clonturk Gardens, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 extinguished, was received from the Residents. The reason for the closure is to prevent anti-social behaviour. The proposed method of closure is by means of lockable gates. The extent of the proposed extinguishment is shown on Drawing No R.M. 24664A (copy attached).

### **Service Checks**

A service check has been initiated.

### **Statutory Requirement**

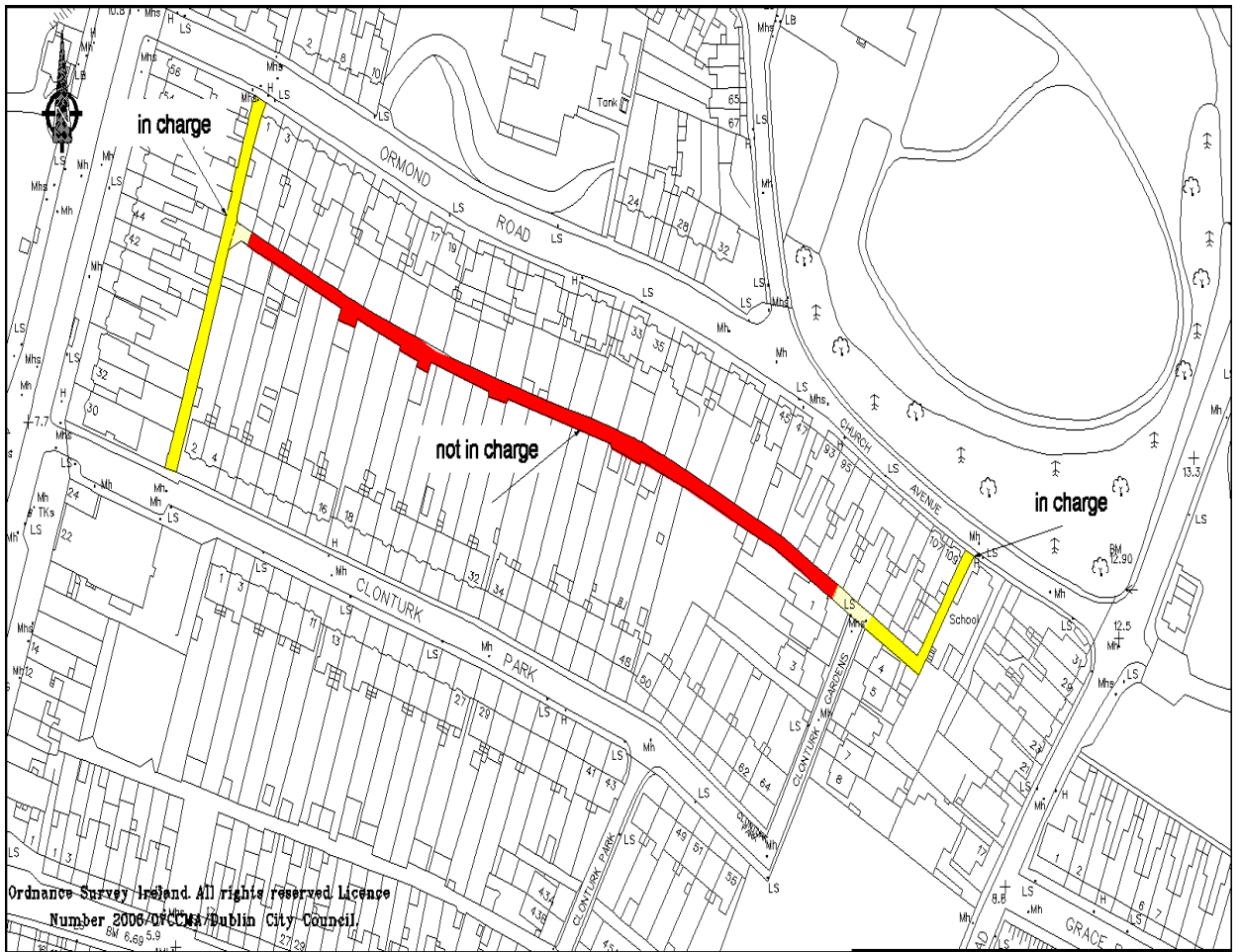
The statutory procedure involves giving public notice of the proposal in one or more newspapers circulating in the City and the affixing of that notice at each end of the right of way for a period of not less than 14 days. Any objections or representations made and not withdrawn shall be considered. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the City Council.

### **Recommendation**


I recommend that procedures be initiated under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 to extinguish the public right of way over the area indicated on Drawing No. R.M.24664A.

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**Celine Reilly  
Executive Manager**



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 <p><b>DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL</b> Comraire Chathar Bhaile / Maire Cléirí ROADS &amp; TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT CITY OFFICES WOOD QUAY, DUBLIN 8.</p>	<p>REASON</p>	<p>DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>DATE</p>	<p>REFERENCE DRAWINGS</p>	<p>Laneway at rear of 4-50 Clonturk Park, 3-47 Ormond Rd, 93-101 Church Ave, adj to 1 Clonturk Gardens. Proposed closure.</p>
	<p>A</p>	<p>change to area of closure</p>	<p>2020/11/01</p>	<p>2020/11/01</p>	
<p>J. McDAID SENIOR CITY ENGINEER, ROADS &amp; TRAFFIC</p>	<p>ROADS MAINTENANCE DIVISION</p>			<p>SCALE 1:100</p>	<p>DRAWING No. R.M. 24664A</p>
				<p>DATE 06/06/2021</p>	

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Dublin 17.

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

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**Re: North Central Matters – May 2011**

### **Donaghmede Dash 5K Race**

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the Donaghmede Dash 5K race and family fun day took place in Fr Collins Park. The event was co-ordinated by the Area Office and the North Central Area Community Development Team, with Area Staff, Community staff, Clongriffin Residents and A-Z Children's Charity all involved on the day. Many activities were provided on the day which were appreciated by the local community. Staff from the Community Development team facilitated the provision of activities for children with bouncy castles, games, stalls, and spot versus stripes.

There was a good attendance at the Donaghmede Dash 5K organised in partnership with Raheny Shamrock AC for local Donaghmede based charity A to Z Kids. Boot Camp Ireland and a boxing display added to the sporting occasion. There was a family fun walk for those who preferred a slower pace.

Also a band the Kapitals played on the stage at the water feature. It was the first time for an event of this scale in the magnificent Fr Collins Park. The band was sourced with the assistance of NEARfm – the local community radio station.

The Garda presence was appreciated and the developer, Gannon Homes, provided accommodation for the race registration and refreshments. The co-operation of the Parks and Landscaping Division and the 5/7 crew is acknowledged.

### **Friends of Father Collins Park**

The Friends of Fr Collins Park group are a group with a focus on the development and promotion of the park in a partnership with the Area Office. It comprises residents, local schools and sports clubs. The scope is confined to the boundary of the park and concerns infrastructure, safety, horticulture and events. The emphasis has been on events in the park.

The Area Office is liaising with two local schools on the potential for environmental initiatives in 2011 and has met the teachers on site to plan a programme.

Also, there are DCC plans for art and family fun days in the park in addition to programmes by local GAA and soccer teams.

### **Parks Works**



- **St Anne Park**

Works on completion of the low wall at the boundary of the park with James Larkin Road continues and will be completed by early summer. Securing works and minor improvements to the boathouse adjacent to the pond in the park, now visible from the road, will take place in the coming months. Tree planting to the memory of those who lost their lives in work related accidents was carried out at the Arboretum in the park on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

- **Playing Pitches – Clontarf Road**

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Gerry Breen officially launched the synthetic playing pitch facility at this location on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

- **Father Collins Park**

The Friends of Fr Collins Park group are a group with a focus on the development and promotion of the park in a partnership with the Area Office. It comprises residents, local schools and sports clubs. This group has met once since the March Quarterly Meeting to progress the environmental initiatives in co operation with schools and discuss events planned for the park including the Family Fun Day, Donaghmede Dash (Running Event) and Band Performance for the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

It is proposed to install a sculpture, the art element of the park development, in the pond area of Fr. Collins Park during the summer period of 2011. The NCA Committee was given a presentation on the proposed work by Mr. R.O Cuiv, Public Art Manager at the April 2011 NCAC Meeting.

- **Fairview Park**

The tender for Fairview Park proposed improvement works closed on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and analysis is taking place at the current time. It is anticipated that the recommended contractor for this project will be appointed in mid May 2011. The on site works will have a 16 week construction programme.

As previously reported the recently completed pavilion at Fairview Park is in full use at present. A review of the use and controls at this pavilion will take place at the end of the current letting season with any modifications that may be required to be introduced at the commencement of the 2011/2012 letting season in August 2011.

ESB Cable Installation at Fairview Park, replacing oil filled underground cable is in progress at present. Works are impacting the main avenue and some of the pathway system in the park, Reinstatement works will follow completion of cable installation works and are anticipated to take place before end May 2011.

- **Belcamp Park**

There has been no communication from Bord Gais regarding a specific programme/ schedule of works associated with the application for installation of an underground service through the park as previously reported. It remains our understanding that the Bord Gais Works will take place late in 2011.

- **Stardust Memorial Park**

Following vandalism and fire damage resulting in the destruction of the main item of play equipment in the park, Parks & Landscape Services Division has sought quotations for the replacement of the item. This should be in place by autumn 2011, subject to confirmation of the availability of the necessary resources.

Parks & Landscape Services Division in association with Groundworks NI and Cadbury Ltd are currently installing a total of 15 items of outdoor exercise equipment at this park.

## **Community Development - Events February to May 2011**

### **Dublin Chinese New Year Festival 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Chinese New Year Games were organised in conjunction with the Cadbury's Spots & Stripes Initiative and Northside Partnership as part of the Chinese New Year Celebrations for the North Central Area. Both events were very successful with large numbers attending. Events took place at the Marino Active Age Group, Carleton Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> March with over 30 people in attendance and at Our Lady of Immaculate School, Darndale on the 8<sup>th</sup> March where over 130 children participated. In addition, a Chinese cookery demonstration took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the Artane/Coolock Resource Centre.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight (28<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011)**

Fairtrade Fortnight took place from the 28<sup>th</sup> February until the 13<sup>th</sup> March. The following is a flavour of the events that were organised and undertaken by the North Central Area Community Development Team to highlight the importance of fair-trade and purchasing fair-trade in the North Central Area.

Fairtrade Mark Ireland donated bunting to schools that could be designed and decorated and entered into a nationwide competition. Bunting was delivered to North Bay Educate Together School, Gaelscoil Cholmcille and Belmayne Educate Together. Events were organised in these three schools as follows:

- North Bay Educate Together received their Fairtrade Certification as a fair-trade school on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, in light of all the hard work the school has done toward achieving this goal since 2007. A celebration was organised in the school which involved an inspiring outreach talk from Isaac Baidoo (from Kuapa Kokoo Cocoa Co-operative in Ghana) and the presentation of the Fairtrade Certificate and Fairtrade Hamper to the teachers and students of the school by North Central Area Community team members.
- A photo shoot was organized in Gaelscoil Cholmcille on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> February by the North Central Area Community Development Team and Fairtrade Mark Ireland. This was a fun event and some of the photos got into the National Papers. A Fairtrade outreach talk was organized and took place on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> March whereby Miguel Matteo (from Manos Campesinos Guatemala) spoke to students about the importance of fair-trade.
- A talk organized by North Central Area Community Development Team took place in Belmayne Educate Together on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> March. The whole school attended and it was a very worthwhile and inspiring event. The school also displayed and explained the bunting that they had designed for the Fairtrade fortnight.

Fairtrade coffee mornings took place in the following venues: Thorndale Court, Clongriffin, Artane Coolock Resource Centre (promoting fair-trade during the fairtrade fortnight), and St Brigid's Resource Centre.

### **International Women's Day (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011)**

Various events were organised to mark this day as follows:-

- Women's Relaxation Day which included a Women's Health Information Session. A breast and cervical cancer nurse was in attendance to provide information and answer questions.
- A Tai Chi Session took place with tuition provided by Pat O'Connell.
- Beauty Tips & Treatments in the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. Lunch was provided in the form of 'savory and sweet pancakes'.
- An afternoon of activities celebrating inspirational women (including various speakers, holistic therapies and many more activities) took place in the Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre.
- The Beaumont Ladies Active Age Walking Group was launched with Pat Liddy at the Beaumont Pastoral Centre. It is the aim of this group to build from this and continue with the walks weekly.
- Women's Health Information Session (incorporating Fairtrade coffee morning) was held at Unit 60, Clongriffin Main Street on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Your Health is Your Wealth: Cancer Detection and Information Workshop, Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> March, Ballymun Civic Centre, 7pm. Joint initiative between North Central and North West Community Development Teams with attendance from community groups from both areas.

### **Comhairle Na n'Og**

The Community Development Team met with the North Central Area Comhairle na nOg representatives in January to discuss developing a work plan around the citywide chosen issue of 'youth facilities'. It is intended to convene further local meetings alongside the regular Comhairle na nOg meetings which take place in City Hall.

### **Distribution of Community Grant Forms**

The team made contact with and delivered grant forms to all known community groups in the area during December. In February, all grants received were reviewed by the team and recommendations for funding were made. A great deal of follow up took place with regard to checking up around bank accounts and assisting groups with setting up bank accounts for easier access of funds. Once grants are sent out to groups, groups will be divided between members and activities applied for under the scheme will be monitored, reviewed and supported.

### **Thorndale Court Residents**

As part of the new duties involving linking in more with the Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers, meetings were held in the Community Room of Thorndale Court with residents to look at the issues affecting residents. It is hoped to help residents set up a committee that would look after the running of the community room and to consider expanding the use of the community room for residents and local community. A Fairtrade coffee and information morning was organized and took place on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Carleton Hall Marino Active Age**

The team has assisted this group to develop their programme of events. Classes sourced include Keep Fit and Chair Aerobics. Other events that the team recently assisted with are Chinese New Year Games and a Tea Dance. The Tea Dance took place in the Mansion House on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and was very successful and enjoyable for all concerned. Approximately 100 senior citizens attended and dancing, singing and chat took place with the Lord Mayor in the Oak Room. Tommy Condrón, Chairperson of the group sent a letter to the City Manager commending the work of the North Central Area Community Development Team for their work on this event.

### **Bunratty Residents Group**

The team met new residents from Bunratty Road in order to help and advise them on the setting up of a residents group. A large number of residents, approximately 35, attended the first meeting and the group members are in the process of setting up a Bank Account and have applied for a small community grant.

### **Ellenfield Residents Group**

The team links in regularly with this group, as there are some ongoing issues around a piece of waste land adjacent to this estate. Plans have been drawn up to landscape the land and the team is endeavouring to get agreement with all the local residents.

### **Open Day, Bonnybrook Ladies Club, St Josephs Parish Centre**

The Team met with Bonnybrook Ladies Group who have been running a craft work class twice weekly in the area, to have a look at their crafts and help them set up more formally as a group. The group has since set up a Bank Account with the support of the Team and has applied for a small community grant.

### **Setting up of CLIC Programme**

This computer learning programme has been promoted to various community groups/centres in the area. There has been a great amount of interest in this programme. Groups including Le Cheile Community Centre, Lorcan Active Age Group, St Luke's Bowling Club Kilmore have signed up for these classes for 2011 and a waiting list of interested groups has been formed.

### **Let's Walk and Talk Programme**

Members of the Community Development Team met with the Raheny Walk and Talk Group on a number of occasions in January in order to support this well established group. The group remains organized and committed to sustaining their weekly activity.

Meetings also took place with Beaumont Active Age Group and a walk and talk group was organized with Pat Liddy to launch the group on International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### **Cois Ceim Dance Programme**

The team has linked in with Phillippa Donnellan with regard to sourcing community venues for the new dance workshops to take place February/March/April 2011.

### **Friendly Call Service**

The Friendly Call Service provides a free professional, friendly and confidential telephone service to all adults who may feel vulnerable or alone. One of our Community team members represents Dublin City Council as a member of this committee.

### **Newtown Housing Co-operative**

A meeting was held with residents of Newtown Housing Co-operative Housing Association with regard to supporting them with an environmental project later in the summer.

### **Irish Indian Organisation**

Community staff have met with this Group on a number of occasions in relation to their New Year Celebrations and their grant application.

There are ongoing plans to assist with Experience Japan in April and Africa Day in May 2011.

### **Summer Projects**

The first of the summer project review meetings for 2011 took place in the Kilmore Recreation Centre on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This meeting was attended by a good number of the summer project representatives, a CYC representative, the North Central Area Community Development Team and the DCC Sports and Recreation Officer. Valuable information was exchanged on issues such as programme ideas, training needs, fundraising, and contact information for ongoing support. A member of the team also attended a citywide summer project meeting in early March in the CYC.

### **Older Persons**

Older Person's Unit has 19 key units with 6 liaison Officers in the area supporting and assisting the older person's community on a daily basis.

A full report on each Older Persons Unit complex is being undertaken and prepared. New links with Housing Maintenance in the area are also being developed.

SHLO staff are linking more with the North Central Area Community Development Team to develop community projects assisting older people in the Area.

### **Social Inclusion in Clongriffin**

A Family Fun Day took place on Sunday the 8th May in Father Collins Park, Clongriffin from 12pm-4pm (see above) This event took place during Social Inclusion Week and as such was open to all groups in the local area. Events included a 5km Donaghmede Dash, Bouncy Castles, Market Stalls, Children's Play Games, Cadbury's Spots and Stripes, a Boxing Event, live Rock music and African Drumming Band.

### **Neighbours Day – Variety Show**

The third annual Variety Show for the North Central Area will take place this year on Wednesday the 26th May in Craobh Chiaran GAA, Donnycarney from 7:30pm til late. The following acts will

perform on the night: Artane Band, Clasach Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Band, D2, Centre Stage, Maranatha Youth Group, Ayrfield Gospel Choir, Loose Connection. This event is being organised by the North Central Area Community Development Team.

### **Sport and Leisure Events**

#### **Badminton & Table Tennis Programme**

This programme involved the 7 Youth Projects involved in the CDYSB North Central Youth Work Network, (Kilmore West, Sphere 17, St Monica's, KYP, Trinity, Youth Matters and Donnycarney).

The programme involved numerous coaching sessions in Badminton and Table Tennis in each of the 7 projects for 4 weeks and culminated in a 1-day team event. The programme targeted young people aged 9-16yrs who had never played the sports before. Approximately 70 young people received coaching in both the sports with 50 young people competing in the 1-day event. Donnycarney Youth Project won the inaugural title in a very closely contested team event. The success of the programme ensures that this programme will be a yearly event and with plans in place to develop it into a proper league later in the year.

#### **Swimming Programme**

This 6-week programme concludes in Coolock pool and is a joint programme between both the SDO's in the North Central Area allowing young people from 9-15yrs access to swimming lessons. The programme catered from the total beginner right through to the improvers and advanced. A total of 32 young people availed of the programme from Donnycarney Youth Project, Kilbarrack Youth Project and Youth Matters Kilbarrack, as well as young people from Kilmore and Darndale. It is planned to recommence Swimming lessons in September.

#### **Irish Sports Council Code of Ethics Awareness Workshops**

Along with SDO Sharon Kelly two workshops have been delivered to a total of 21 coaches and volunteers. One course was for 15 local coaches in the area and the other for the DIT Women in Sport

#### **Junior Snorkel Instructors Course**

Three teenage boys who completed the basic introduction to snorkelling last year in Coolock pool are now moving forward to becoming junior instructors. Under the guidance of SDO Sharon Kelly the three lads along with two other groups of young people are developing their skills as teachers. The outcome of the programme is to enhance each individual's skill level and introduce them to the basics of coaching to others. The entire group will continue to build their skill level through practical pool sessions and open water swims. The group will then be given the task of teaching some core skills to a group of younger children.

#### **Multi Sports Programme (Partnership with KYP & IT Blanchardstown)**

This is a programme run in partnership with some of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students from the Sports Management and Coaching course from IT Blanchardstown. The course is allowing 10 young people aged 14 the opportunity to avail of high quality facilities in a 3<sup>rd</sup> level environment while offering the students the opportunity of practical experience in developing and delivering coaching sessions in a multi sports environment. The participants have had coaching in table tennis, badminton, football, basketball, volleyball and ultimate Frisbee, while week one was spent on teambuilding games and communication. Both the students and the young people have gained a lot from the experience. The programme will be developed and expanded further next September.

#### **High Board Diving Programme**

The young people from Donnycarney Youth Project have completed their second 6-week programme and a new 6-week programme with 12 young people from St Monica's Youth Centre is due to start on the 9<sup>th</sup> May. The programme is run in the NAC under the tutelage of the diving instructors from the Dublin Diving Club based in the National Aquatic Centre. The group has

completed 3 introductory sessions and is beginning to learn more advanced techniques. The activity provides a challenging weekly progression from spring boards to 5m, 7.5m and 10m platforms which all participants are enjoying.

### **Sports Hall Athletics Programme**

The sports hall athletics programme in which 22 young people from the Kilbarrack CDP participated, concluded before the Easter break. The programme introduced more advanced skills development for all athletics events through individual and group games. The group also took part in orienteering at the Hell Fire Club during the Easter Break.

### **Senior Citizens**

A new water based activity programme has been implemented in Northside swimming pool. This programme is for over 55's men and women and takes place every Tuesday afternoon from 3 – 4 pm. The programme consists of Aqua Aerobics, Swimming and Snorkeling in the pool. The pool is divided into two sections. One side is where the Aqua Aerobics takes place where a Qualified Teacher instructs the class in an exercise programme to music. The other side is where a Qualified Snorkeling Instructor takes both men and women through the proper techniques for safe swimming and snorkeling. All equipment is provided by Dublin City Council and the number of participants is steadily growing and in week 4 there are 21 men and women taking part.

### **Tai-Chi**

Donnycarney Senior Citizens Tai-Chi classes are currently taking place in Beaumont/Artane Active retirement Centre every Tuesday morning from 10.30-11.30am and all are welcome. There are currently 16 participants taking part in the classes which are led by a qualified Tai-Chi teacher.

### **Under 10s**

Two after schools athletics programmes are now up in running in NCA. These programmes are a result of consultation with the St Malachys BNS in Edenmore and St Benedicts/St Mary's in Kilbarrack. These programs were run in conjunction with Raheny Shamrocks Athletics Club and the local Sport & Recreation Officer. St Malachys also have just received a Buntus course for their Special Needs assistants run in conjunction with the Irish Sports Council by the Local Sports & Recreation Officer.

### **Special Needs**

A disability basketball programme is now underway in Santry. This programme is designed to improve hand/eye coordination while working on general fitness levels. This programme now has 22 men and women from St Michael's House participating. This programme takes place every Wednesday morning from 11.30 to 12.45.

### **Ethnic Minorities**

The Kids Fit club is now in full swing in Cara Park Travellers site on the N32. This programme is designed for boys and girls of the travelling community. The program is broken into two age groups. The first is for boys and girls from the ages of 5 – 9 years. There are currently 26 children from this age group taking part.

The second age group is from 10 – 15 years and there are currently 14 children taking part. Both classes take place in Cara Park on the N32 every Wednesday from 4.30 – 5.15 and 5.30 – 6.30pm.

A third programme commenced in late March. This programme is aimed at Traveller women from the age of 16 upwards to promote physical exercise through a series of exercise to music classes and an awareness of healthy lifestyle. These classes take place every Wednesday evening from

6.00 to 7.00 pm in Cara Park and include women from all sites along the N32 and surrounding areas.

### **Adult Men & Women**

A Snorkeling programme for adult men and women is now taking place in Kevin Street Pool on Friday evenings from 7.30 – 8.30pm. Participants from various parts of the NCA train in the pool with the goal of completing their first open water sea snorkel. All levels are catered for and all equipment is supplied.

### **Introduction Diving Programme**

Young People from the Sphere 17 and Kilmore Youth Projects have completed a six week High Board Diving programme at the National Aquatic Centre under the coaching of Dublin Diving Club.

This group has now commenced a four week snorkeling programme on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Activities with young women from Darndale Community Training Centre**

Trainees from the Centre are currently participating in two health programmes; one activity is a Fitness programme which involves circuit training and step aerobics. The other activity is Boxercise which incorporates boxing, and self defense skills. Eight young women are participating in the above activities.

#### Boxing Programmes

- i. The Start Box bronze (6 weeks), silver (6 weeks) and gold (2 weeks) award programme has taken place in Harmonstown Youth Reach & Bonnybrook Youth Reach. There were 16 participants from Harmonstown and 12 participants from Bonnybrook aged 16-21 years. Certificates have been presented to participants on completion of the course and a showcase final took place in the National Boxing Stadium on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 for all Dublin Youth Reach groups who completed the three programmes.
- ii. The Start Box bronze award programme – 50 participants are taking part in the programme in Colaiste Dhulaigh VEC, Coolock. A further 20 participants are participating in the programme in Mario College VEC. All participants are aged between 13-18 years. The programmes are for 6 weeks and certificates will be presented on completion.

#### FAI Programme

The following is a flavour of the activities which have been provided during the months of February/March/April under the FAI programme.

A drop in football session for 10-13 year olds and 14-17 year olds takes place in the Darndale Hall. Late night leagues also provided for 12-15 year olds and 16-21 year olds at the same venue.

The KCDP after schools programme for 10-12 year olds takes place in Redmond's Court / Greendale Hall.

In March there was a DCC/UEFA community blitz for 10 -12 year olds for children in the Kilbarrack/Priorswood/Darndale/Moatview/Bonnybrook areas.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April a charity match between Darndale FC and a Manchester Utd/Liverpool XI took place in Morton Stadium in Santry. Proceeds from the match went to Autism Ireland and Darndale FC.

Also in April the DCC/UEFA community blitz North Dublin finals took place in Corduff Sport Centre and a DCC/UEFA club blitz took place in the Oscar Traynor Centre.

Other activities in April included a blitz for “Celebrate Life” week which took place in the Stardust Memorial Park.

### Northside Swimming Pool

Swimming lessons are provided for local primary and secondary schools, for adults, children and special needs. Lifesaving lessons and free swimming for the unemployed is also available whilst lane swimming is scheduled every Tuesday. Sub aqua training and aqua fit and snorkelling also takes place here.

## Glin Road Sports Hall

The activities currently available in the complex are:

Dancing for children	Monday Wednesday Friday 5pm-7pm
Irish Dancing for children	Wednesday 730pm-900pm
Irish Dancing for children	Tuesday and Thursday 4pm-530pm
Basketball for children and teenagers	Saturday 10am-1pm
Hip hop children and teenagers	Thursday 530-730pm
Self defense from 16years onwards	Wednesday 9pm-10pm
Boxing from 11years onwards	Tuesday and Thursday 8pm-9pm
Karate for children and teenagers	Monday730pm and Thursday 8-9pm
St Michaels house for teenagers	Monday and Friday 11am-1pm

The upstairs studio is now operational. A new floor was installed with wall mirrors and assorted punch bags. A retractable boxing ring has also been installed which will benefit the young boxers gaining their ring strategy during training. The floor will provide proper under foot support for the likes of boxing, martial arts and dance classes.

### Waste Management and the Public Domain

- ***City Neighbourhoods Competition***

The North Central Area Office continues to promote the City Neighbourhoods Competition as a practical implementation of our environmental awareness programme for the area and a means to encourage community spirit and participation. We will endeavour to build on the success of North Central in previous competitions. The forms for 2011 have now been sent out from North Central Area Office however, they are still available to download from the city council website.

<http://www.dublincity.ie/WaterWasteEnvironment/Waste/Pages/DublinCityNeighbourhoodAwards.aspx>. The closing date for receipt of applications was the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

- ***Pride of Place Competition***



This is an all Ireland competition involving communities from the 32 counties. It is a platform for communities to tell their stories to experienced judges regarding the pride they have in their place and how they have advanced their neighbourhoods. It is an opportunity for the residents to highlight their endeavours to a national audience. The North Central Area Office is delighted to announce that the Donaghmede Estate Residents' Association has been nominated as our Pride of Place entry for 2011.

- ***Green Schools Programme***

Area staff continue to promote the Green Schools Programme throughout North Central in conjunction with Clare Egan, Green Schools Officer. Five schools in the North Central Area received their first green flag at an An Taisce presentation in Croke Park in March. Area staff also visit both primary and secondary schools throughout the North Central area on a regular basis in a bid to tackle school littering head on and also to instil a sense of pride in their city for school goers.

- ***Probation Service***

The North Central Area Office continues to work with the Probation Office on a number of painting projects in the area. They have completed painting the railings at Kilbarrack Dart Station. They are currently working on painting the railings in the Stardust Park, Coolock and will continue with this work until the entire perimeter is completed, which is in excess of 1,450m in total. The Public Domain Officer is also in discussions with the Probation Service regarding the painting of the railings at the former social services site at Yellow Road/Collins Avenue. However, this is dependent on the availability of resources from the probation service.

- ***Weeding***

The weeding contract is awarded on an annual basis. Tenders for the 2011 contract were assessed by a panel of DCC officials between 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, which included the Public Domain Officer for the North Central Area. It is hoped that spraying of weeds will commence by mid May.

- ***Graffiti removal***

The North Central Area continues to remove graffiti on a regular basis as we work with our contractor to ensure that our main thoroughfares and housing estates are free of graffiti.

The North Central Area office also works closely with Local Residents Groups to target areas that have graffiti and to supply the resident's with paint and brushes so that graffiti can be removed quickly from the area with the aim being that it will not be added to and will not become an eyesore for residents who live in the estate.

Due to current financial constraints in the City Council, the budget allocated for graffiti removal in the North Central Area has been reduced to €30,000 for 2011. Consequently, our capacity to remove graffiti in the area will be curtailed.

### **Business Groups**

#### **Clontarf Business Forum – Clontarf Tourism Workshop**

Following on from a Workshop with Clontarf Businesses and Failte Ireland the prospect of one website being in use for the full area is being pursued with the aim of availing of technical advice through Failte Ireland.

These are as outlined below:

#### UNESCO designation

- Dining opportunities – range /variety
- Beach and Sport activity to include DCC golf opportunity
- Pitch provision and the huge multi-sports club activity available in Clontarf, not forgetting the passive recreational opportunities of walking, mature woodlands etc
- Unique history & Heritage of Clontarf

We have taken the next step on marketing the Dining opportunities in Clontarf with a Workshop organised again through Failte Ireland and the Food Industry expertise made available to us through same. This Workshop took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March last. Scope for future development was highlighted also with options for:

- Cultural /Arts events similar to Ranelagh
- The opening up of water sports activity for the general public
- Transport links to be improved e.g. bus route
- Bike stations linked in to the city and onwards
- Tourism hub and one web site integrating info from all current ones

Otherwise there are immediate requests to sign Clontarf using the newest city centre model considered attractive and appropriate. There is also a request to house the huge historical material on Clontarf in a permanent venue. The latter will become part of a forward move on Tourism.

#### **Raheny Village**

The GAA are working to enhance the Village environs and in tandem with Raheny Tidy and with support also from Raheny Business Association. This involved teams with mentors engaged in both clean ups and container care.

Separately, the RBA (Raheny Business Association) are due to run a Fun Day on 25<sup>th</sup> June next, with a variety of Park based and Village events involving Sports Clubs and using the opportunity to showcase businesses in the area.

Remedial works in relation to flooding have been undertaken in the Village which will now serve to enhance and protect the area.

#### **Fairview Business Forum**

The Forum has continued with meetings in January and April 2011. Although, these meetings were not well attended by the local traders, the Area Office will continue in our efforts to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with the businesses in Fairview.

Issues discussed include:

- Fairview Park – tender monitoring for band stand and playground

- Meeting Gallery Manager on potential for affordable art and community art exhibitions
- Feasibility of a farmers market in vicinity – for review within DCC initially
- Removal of obsolete Smart Telecom kiosk
- Satisfaction expressed with DCC painting of public lighting standards
- Litter and waste management – visits by Area Staff to local schools
- Litter Warden vigilance on fast food outlets
- Meeting North and North West Area management to explore joint initiatives
- Fairview Park events and early planning Family Fun day in mid June 2011
- Local Comhaltas Ceoltoiri willing to perform in the park in June 2011

Traffic and parking are recurring themes. Following local lobbying, recently the on-street parking duration was shortened to one hour and it will be interesting to see the response of the business community to this initiative given that it was only recently introduced in late April.

### **Santry Business Forum**

The Santry Business forum met in January but unfortunately there was a small attendance. However the Area Office has called to local businesses recently and there may have been problems with postal notification of the meetings.

As stated in the previous report, for some time, there have been communications with local businesses outside the scope of the structure of a formal forum. The Area Office will contact business with a view to increased participation.

### **North Central Area JPC Sub-committee**

1. A presentation was given by the Gardai on Business Watch and Campus Watch at the April 2011 meeting.
2. The next issue of the quarterly JPC bulletin will be available on the North Central Area section of the DCC web site shortly. It will also be emailed to JPC members. Articles from Gardai, North East Drugs Task Force and the Area Office.
3. Reports were presented and adopted by the JPC in relation to three short term sub groups which were set up to examine topical and relevant local issues as follows:-
  - (i) Substance abuse in Belcamp/Darndale/Moatview- Trends, local services and criminal implications,
  - (ii) Underground car-parks access and safety of people and property in Belmayne/Clongriffin,
  - (iii) Graffiti – occurrence and control in Belmayne/Clongriffin.

These short-term sub groups of community, local agencies, Garda and DCC are considered very effective mechanisms to focus on relevant topics and make findings and recommendations that have local pragmatic uses and also policy insights for public bodies.

4. Work Shop - Community Oriented Problem Solving

In February, there was a 2-day workshop held in Sphere 17 with an excellent presentation by Sgt Eamonn Landy. It involved a presentation and practical work on "problem oriented policing and problem solving" using local concerns to the community. The method can be

applied to small or large problems. There are formal yet flexible steps that can be applied in analysing and seeking solutions.

The workshop was well attended by:

- Councillors Andrew Montague and Larry O'Toole,
- 4 representatives from Darndale,
- There were 2 representatives from each of the 3 other forums. ( Clongriffin, Edenmore and Donaghmede)
- Assistant Commissioner Mick Feehan, Spt Mark Curran, Inspectors Donal Waters and Colm Healy, Sgt Dan Creedan and two community Gardai.
- Jim Kelly, DCC.

As outlined above in the sub-group reports, the DCC Area office had pioneered in late 2010 the use of Forum Sub Groups to examine local issues: Safety of Underground Carparks and Graffiti in Belmayne/Clongriffin, and Substance abuse in Belcamp/Darndale/Moatview.

It is now open to the Forums to use the method and the DCC Area Office with the local Garda would facilitate another examination of local problems, if that is requested.

### **Work with Travellers**

Work with the travelling community on the N32 continues. Two rounds of funding were secured by area office staff from both An Taisce and the St. Stephen's Green Trust to enhance an area at the back of the hall. All grants have been dispensed and building work is now substantially complete. Two members of the Glin CE scheme working for free have done a fantastic job on building four raised beds. Dublin City Council has financed two pre-cast concrete walls to mask two areas of compound fencing on either side of this site which has made a considerable improvement. A local artist, Francis Verschoyle, has also volunteered her services for free and has enhanced the gable end of the hall with a sunset mural. Previously it was painted flat black and was rather ugly. Subject to the success of a further funding application, it is hoped that Francis will do some art with the children, exploring the environmental concept of "reduce, reuse and recycle". A statue of the Sacred Heart has been very kindly donated by the Sisters of Charity, Seville Place.

It is envisaged that there will be a community planting day after Easter and the area will then be complete.

St. Francis Junior School also had the benefit of environmental drama similar to the project that prompted the "Wage War on Waste" DVD in the Senior School. It is hoped that the Junior School will follow in the footsteps of the Senior School and be in a position to apply for their first green flag from An Taisce by the end of 2011.

### **The Backers – Green Spine, Donaghmede**

A feasibility study is now underway for this area.

### **Older Persons**

Links were established with DIT in rolling out a Nutrition programme for older persons who worked with two Lecturers and 21 students participating in a Programme who received tailor made advice on Nutrition to each participant. The feedback from these sessions has been extremely positive for all concerned.

It comprised of two morning sessions with 11 older people overseen by the Course Director of Nutrition in DIT. It had been organised through DCC with Feedback coming back to DCC. It may be possible if this is successful in the future to extend it to other age-groups and groupings.

Transport initiatives now known as Shop, Art and Health route respectively continue with success with a curtailment of Art Route. We have rolled out Art Route for the Bealtaine season. We showcased Health Route during the launch of Social Inclusion week earlier this week on 03/05/11.

**Céline Reilly**

**Area Manager**

**OFFICE OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC**

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**The following items for the North Central Area were considered by the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

***c Parking Prohibitions***

**1 Collins Avenue East, Dublin 5.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Collins Avenue East southeast of Killester Avenue.

33333**Docl**

Public Rep Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones

Recommended

Northeast side, from a point 2.5m southeastwards of LS No. 3, for 9m southeastwards.

**2 Greenwood Walk, Dublin 13.**

Reps to Extend Double Yellow Lines on Greenwood Walk north of junction with Greenwood Drive.

1028689**Docl**

Dublin City Council North Central Area Office

Recommended

West side, from a point 8m northeast of LS No. 1 Greenwood Drive, for 20m northeastwards as far as the indented parking area.

**3 Grattan Lodge, Dublin 13.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines around the green area in Grattan Lodge.

1021282**Docl**

Public Rep Cllr Tom Brabazon

Not Recommended

During an on-site visit no parking causing a hazard/obstruction to traffic flow was observed. Illegal parking is an enforcement matter.

**4 Swan's Nest Road, Dublin 5**

Reps for Disabled Parking Bay on Swan's Nest Road, at the Clannad Medical Centre.

1036328**Docl**

Public Rep Deputy Flanagan

Recommended

South side, from a point 5m west of LS No. 5, extending for 6m westwards to a point immediately east of the entrance into Clannad Medical Centre (6m x 2.4m bay).

**5 Ellenfield Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Disabled Parking Bay outside No. 44, Ellenfield Road, Whitehall.

1035565**Docl**

Resident

Recommended

From the common boundary of property Nos. 44/45 extending southeastwards for 6m along the frontage of property No. 44.

***b Traffic Conditions***

**6 Glin Grove, Dublin 17**

Reps for Traffic Calming Measures on Glin Grove.

1040700**Docl**

Public Rep Cllr Larry O' Toole

Not Recommended

Traffic volumes were observed to be low on-site and there are no long stretches on the road where traffic can build up high speeds.



***a Traffic Signs***

**7 Ferrycarrig Park, Dublin 17.**

Reps for Children at Play signs on Ferrycarrig Park.

1039470**Docl**

Public Rep Deputy Flanagan

Recommended

On Ferrycarrig Park at junctions with Ferrycarrig Drive and Ferrycarrig Green.

**8 Blunden Drive, Dublin 13.**

Reps for Yield Sign on Blunden Drive, on the roundabout at the entrance to Foxhill Drive, (on the Millbrook Road side of the roundabout).

1021464**Docl**

Public Rep Cllr Tom Brabazon

Not Recommended

During an on-site visit all the appropriate signage was observed to be in place.

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

5 May 2011

**RE: Enforcement Report for Q1 of 2011 for the North-Central Area**

The following is a summary of enforcement activity in the North-Central Area for the period January 1st 2010 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010: -

- Number of new complaints opened – 31
- Number of S152 Warning Letters issued – 26
- Number of S154 Enforcement Notices issued – 6
- Number of S157 referrals to the District Court for prosecution – 1
- Number of files closed/resolved – 29

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**NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**QUESTIONS TO AREA MANAGER**  
**16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

**Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to have problems with the water pressure at **(details supplied)** resolved."

**Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to deal with the following issue **(details supplied)**."

**Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to have the trees pruned at this location **(details supplied)**."

**Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to indicate when the front and back door at **(details supplied)** will be replaced."

**Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to have the kitchen ceiling at **(details supplied)** repaired."

**Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to have the 'Japanese Knotweed' an invasive plant species growing at **(details supplied)** removed or treated."

**Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the area manager to make provision for the repair of the wall at **(details supplied)**."

**Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

"To ask the Manager that the Cleansing Department clean up the Entrance beside the structure to Bettyglen Village, Raheny."

**Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

"To ask the Manager to request that the Roads Maintenance Department repaint the yellow road markings at the Millennium Clock in Raheny Village and also the busy intersection for the traffic entering Supervalue Shopping Centre in Raheny."

**Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

"To ask the Manager that the Public Lighting Department inspect the light pole at the laneway entering Lough Derg from the Station Road in Raheny as this is being covered by Ivy which is blocking the light."

**Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

“To ask the Manager to request that the Parks Department remove briars that are protruding from the hedge on the Howth Road opposite the Texaco Station and also on the James Larkin Road facing the seafront.”

**Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

“To ask the Manger to request that the Road Maintenance department fix numerous potholes on both sides of the roads between the Donaghmede Roundabout and Donaghmede Shopping Centre.”

**Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins**

“To ask the Manager to request that the Road Maintenance department fix numerous potholes on both sides of the roads on Watermill road between Manor House School and back to the traffic lights in the village.”

**Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Bourke**

“To ask the Manager to have the laneway at **(details supplied)** swept”.

**Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Bourke**

“Would the Manager ensure **(details supplied)** is cleared of all rubbish, builders rubble, etc as soon as possible.”

**Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen**

“Can the manager please reply to the following question **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“Can the Manager advise on **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“Can I get an update on the following **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“Can the manager advise on the following **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“Can the manager advise **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“Can the holes in the road at **(details supplied)** be fixed please.”

**Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“Has the tree trunk from **(details supplied)** been removed”.

**Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the travellers encampment in Father Collins Park, the legal position to date and a timescale for removing the travellers from the area.”

**Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the manager to refer to ornate lamp-posts at **(details supplied)** and say if she will

- (1) outline what the practice is maintenance wise, citywide, with similar such ornate lamp-posts – and say if they are given priority/special attention because of their historic value
- (2) arrange to have same painted (as requested by residents) in order that the lamp-posts may be preserved and saved from any further deterioration”.

**Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the Manager please give an up-date on progress made to date by the ‘Battle of Clontarf’ committee and its plans for the commemoration of same and say

- (1) if any agreement has been made on how the occasion is to be commemorated
- (2) if it has been decided how wide-ranging the event is going to span
- (3) how often the committee meets/has met to date and when same is due to meet again
- (4) if she will make a general statement on the matter.”

**Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the Manager refer to the area known as ‘Clontarf Baths’ and say

- (1) at what stage did ownership of same change hands
- (2) who is the current owner and who was the previous owner
- (3) how many planning applications have been submitted to Dublin City Council by the current owner and what was the outcome of same
- (4) what measures have Dublin City Council taken to date to have the area cleaned up either by (i) taking enforcement measures against owner  
(ii) clearing up the area ourselves
- (5) what part/section of the area fronting the baths does Dublin City maintain i.e. car-parking area etc.

and if she will make a general statement about the condition and future possibilities for the baths area as residents complain about its current poor condition and unkempt condition.”

**Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager please refer to the on-going dispute between KADCA AND Kilbarrack/Foxfield Community Residents Association and say

- (2) if the disputed building is the property of Dublin City Council
- (3) who has use of the building - is it on long/short-term lease
- (4) when does the lease expire and when was it issued and what are the terms of same
- (5) what steps Dublin City Council is/can take to resolve this issue.”

**Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the Manager please refer to grant application from a person as per **(details supplied)** and say when it is likely same will be approved.”

**Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O’Toole**

“To ask the manager to make provision for the removal of graffiti at **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O’Toole**

“To ask the manager to have the following housing maintenance issues carried out **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Area Manager to give an update on the current position in Priory Hall in respect of the survey Dublin City Council are undertaking, and to outline the outstanding remedial works in respect of the fire safety issues.”

**Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Area Manager if she can arrange that the sequence on traffic signals at **(details supplied)** be changed to “Full Green” first and “Turn Arrow” last”.

**Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the manager to undertake the following works in the Kilbarrack area

- Street Sign indicating direction to Kilbarrack from coast road & Kilbarrack road.
- Placement of additional litter bins in the Briarfield/Roseglen area
- Green areas in Briarfield Grove edged & cleaned of glass/ bottles & cans
- Weed killer put along pavement/paths/ tarmac areas along Briarfield Grove, Briarfield Road and Roseglen.”

**Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Manager to have the trees outside **(details supplied)** pruned and cut back.”

**Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Manager to have the pathways in Edenmore weeded as a matter of urgency and to pay particular attention to the tarmacadam area at the corner of Edenmore Crescent and Edenmore Park”.

**Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm that funding is available as part of an agreement between Dublin City Council and **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the Manager if the passport for leisure scheme allows recipients to avail of the scheme at weekends, in particular using the pitch and Putt course in Edenmore and if it is not available the reasons why and to state if the passport for leisure scheme operates differently on the Southside of Dublin compared to the Northside of Dublin.

**Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the area manager to arrange for the replanting and removal of old debris , leaves etc as this shrubbery is unsightly and is supported by old gun-barrell fencing at **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Housing Section to urgently assist this person **(details supplied)**”

**Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to support this matter **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Manager for the following information **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Housing Manager to report on **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask city manager to support this matter **(details supplied)**”..

**Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask city manager **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the city manager **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to support this matter **(details supplied)**.”

**Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

"To ask the area manager (details supplied)."

**Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the basketball hoops to be restored at [details supplied]."

**Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to give me a response to the representation with reference number **975/2011** – this is an issue relating to a hazard being posed by the traffic island situated at [details supplied] and was brought to the attention of the Roads Maintenance Division over six weeks ago but no response of any kind has been received to date."

**Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to give a detailed report as to why the railings on the Clanree Road side of Maypark has not been restored to its original condition (incorporating a small pedestrian gate rather than an open side of the park) since the funeral of the late Charles Haughey when the park was used for cars parking and to give an undertaking that this work will be done. Its current state is dangerous and allowing children to run straight out onto the road from the park."

**Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to investigate and respond appropriately to an infestation of rats in the bushes along the seafront in Clontarf, particularly between the Yacht pub and St. Lawrence's Road, as a matter of urgency as they are causing a health hazard in the area and disrupting nearby houses."

**Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to give me a report on whether housing can be provided for the following resident [details supplied]."

**Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a dustbin to be placed at some point along the length of [details supplied] as there is currently not a single dustbin between the top of the road and the seafront and this is causing a litter problem which can be easily rectified if this measure is taken."

**Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

"To ask the Area Manager to give an explanation why the work at [details supplied] has not yet been carried out and to provide a date for completion of the work which should be as soon as possible. The matter was first referred to the Traffic Inspector in June 2010 and an assurance received on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 that the work would be completed within two months and such assurance has been forwarded again to the Area Manager. This is a matter of safety around a school and should be addressed as a matter of urgency."



**Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the road markings in the following area **[details supplied]** to be repainted as a car has already hit a wall due to missing the junction signs there.”

**Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager to make a report on proposed measures to address the dumping problem that exists on the laneway between **[details supplied]** and to arrange for a regular inspection of the laneway to ensure that the material that is dumped there is removed on a regular basis as it is causing a health hazard and attracting mice to the area.”

**Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O’Toole**

“To ask the manager to deal with the following issue. **(details supplied)**”.

**Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the area manager the cost of contracting out the grass cutting services in the north central area and who is responsible for ensuring that the service provided is to a decent standard as I have numerous complaints from residents about the mess left behind after the grass has been cut.”

**Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell**

“To ask the area manager if the council has any plans to install CCTV cameras in Gorsefield Court and if the Council are compliant with law in not providing separate bedroom and kitchen space in senior citizen accommodation”.

**Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager please organize for dishing to be put on the footpath on the southern side of Brookwood Avenue where it meets the entrance to Brookwood Meadows as wheelchair users in the area have great difficulty in navigating the footpaths at this point.”

**Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager give me an update on the request from residents in Clontarf Park to organise a water supply in to their allotments.”

**Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

“Will the manager arrange delivery of some of our green compost to the community garden at Larkhill Scout Hall?”

**Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague**

“Will the manager confirm if Newbury Wood has been taken in charge (planning application 2133/08)? Can the manager install a name plate for this street?”