

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 16th APRIL 2012 AT 2.00 P.M

# 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 16th April 2012 at 2.00 pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

# <u>CÉLINE REILLY</u> AREA MANAGER

Dated this the 10th April 2012

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#### **AGENDA**

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# 4408. <u>Items for following meetings</u>

# 4409. Roads and Traffic Matters

a. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

#### **MOTIONS:**

#### 4410. Motion in the name of Councillor Julia Carmichael

That the North Central Area Committee would hold its meeting one hour later than normally scheduled to allow the full attendance at the meeting for councillors who are also full time employees. If this is not possible that the meeting be held one hour later at least 4 times a year.

#### 4411. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request that the Parks Department investigate if the old trees on either side of Maywood Road, Raheny, Dublin 5 are safe and will now fall down.

# 4412. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request that the Parks Department remove any posters (advertising or election) e.g. before the entrance to Grange Park Road, Raheny. Should there be fines put in place for anyone who places posters / signs on tree's?

# 4413. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request that the Cleansing Department remove Ivy from the pathways outside house number 1 St Brendans Drive, Coolock which is a cul-de-sac as there was some Ivy left on the pathway after it was cleaned off an ESB pole.

# 4414. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request that Parks Department recommend appropriate plants for the Banks of the River Santry, Raheny, Dublin 5.

#### 4415. Motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

To ask the manager to ensure that the moneys previously granted and guaranteed to St Malachys football club as part funding for a possible new club house are made available to the club if the club are in a position to meet their obligations under the agreement.

#### 4416. Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager outlines the following in the Larkhill area:

- a) How many houses have been bought by Dublin City Council recently in the Larkhill area
- b) What is the total of Council tenancies in the Larkhill area at present (including the new purchases).

# 4417. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

To ask the Area Manager to provide additional recycling and rubbish bins in Fairview Park please. There are a few bins in the Park presently but they are very often overflowing with rubbish showing positive signs that most Park users are willing to clean-up after themselves if given the facilities to do so. Litter left around the overflowing bins usually blows around the park making it look very untidy and a real eye sore.

# 4418. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

To again ask the Area Manager to organise the removal please of much of the low lying shrubbery in Fairview Park which both acts as a magnet for rubbish and a cover for anti-social activity? I believe this would be a very cost effective way of helping to clean up and improve the Park. If this one off task was completed there would be no further maintenance work

required on the selected shrubberies, cleaning, grass cutting, edging work in the Park would be easier and more efficient and most importantly there would less opportunity for rubbish to accumulate. There would also be less natural cover for anti-social activities and the visual aspect of the Park from the main road would improve considerably.

#### 4419. Motion in the name of Councillor John Redmond

That the Manager provide details with respect to the recently installed parking meters at Albert College Drive; if she will ensure that this area is being monitored and that she respond to complaints from residents and visitors to Hampstead Court who have complained about restrictions in the availability of parking since in the introduction of these meters. Further that she indicate when a liaison officer will be appointed to Hampstead Court to assist elderly residents.

#### 4420. Motion in the name of Councillor Steve Wrenn

That the Manager examine upgrading the entrance to Whitehall on the Swords Road, for example by improving the floral arrangements at this location and providing 'welcome' signage for Whitehall and Gaeltacht Park.

#### 4421. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

That the councillors be afforded a brief opportunity to discuss the Clonturk / Lane way 'Right of Way' situation in order to seek clarity on a matter please.

# 4422. Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

To ask the Area Manager to clarify DCC's policy as to the provision of public waste bins in the north central area. There seems to be a shortage of bins in many areas across the district and this is leading to difficulties for residents who wish to dispose of litter while on the move e.g. dog litter when out walking the dog etc. I notice that within Dublin North Central some areas are very well serviced with litter bins which is fantastic however other areas are not so well serviced.

#### 4423. Motion in the name of Councillor Micheál MacDonncha

This Area Committee calls for an independent examination of the legal strategies employed by Dublin City Council with regard to Priory Hall.

The latest date for receipt of motions
For the May meeting is
5 pm on Friday 11th May 2012

# COISDE CHEANTAR AN LARTHUAISCIRT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH MARCH 2012 AT 2.00 P.M

4389. Minutes of meeting held on the 20th February 2012

**Order: Noted** 

4390. Questions to Area Manager

**Order: Noted** 

#### 4391. Area Matters

 Proposed disposal of land at Collins Avenue West, Dublin 9 to Whitehall Colmcille GAA Club.

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council

 Proposed disposal of the fee simple in the site adjoining No. 8 Clonshaugh Rise, Coolock, Dublin 17

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council

c. Verbal Report on Donaghmede

Order: Noted. Committee commended the work of DERA and the level of voluntary work and success.

- d. Presentation on Clonshaugh Road Improvement Scheme/ Fairview Pedestrian Bridge Order: Markings for Cyclists should be in accordance with Cycle Manual Guidelines. Committee requested a copy of the final product re Clonshaugh
- e. Proposed 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.

Order: Committee rejected the Managers recommendation.

The majority recommended the extinguishment of the Laneway with the following 3 conditions

- 1. Gates on Laneway to remain open for 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- 2. Keys in the hands of all stakeholders
- 3. No permanent structure can be built on this section of the Laneway

# Recommendation with conditions to City Council

f. Proposed Amendment to the Record of Protected Structures, amending the description at Hampstead Avenue, (off Ballymun Road), Dublin 9 - Cuilin House: to also include "4, 5, 6 & 7 Albert Cottages (former labourer cottages) and outbuildings", in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

# e.4349. <u>Motion in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones as amended</u> by Councillors Mícheál Mac Donncha and Councillor Deirdre Heney

That the proceedings of the North Central Area Committee should be webcast in the interests of transparency and accountability, and also in the interests of having a

permanent and full record of each meeting. This committee believes that webcasting is the most effective measure to achieve these aims and to improve the accessibility of these meetings.

This Committee asks that the Area Manager investigate the possibility of webcasting equipment being installed in the Northside Civic Centre and to report back to the February meeting of the NCAC in this regard.

The committee then believes that should it prove difficult to provide webcasting locally, whether for financial or technical reasons, specific area meetings should be relocated to City Hall when items of particular importance are being discussed, subject to agreement by the area councillors. Area meeting shall otherwise continue to be held in the Northside Civic Centre

**Order: Noted** 

# 4392. Items for following meetings

- Progress report on Flood Defence / Clanmoyle (May North Central Area Committee meeting)
- Report on Blue Flag at Dollymount
- Update report on Pyrite situation at Clancarthy Court---(Update e-mailed to Committee on 27/03/2012)
- Invite a representative from Dublin Bus –ongoing problems with local Bus service
- Invite Beaumont Residents to the June North Central Area Committee meeting
- Update on Priory Hall ( April North Central Area Committee meeting )
- Update on New Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Presentation ---Identify ward by ward a list of Derelict Sites
- Follow up on Fairview Forum

Report on Grove Lane to be included on the April Joint Policing Sub Committee Agenda

# 4393. Roads and Traffic Matters

b. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 23rd February 2012.

Order: Noted. Damian O'Farrell requested an update on the following item which had been recommended at a previous North Central Area Committee meeting. Single Yellow line at the Dominican College and Drumcondra Road.

# **MOTIONS:**

# 4394. Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan

That the Manager gives an explanation as to why the heating in Albert College Senior Citizens complex is shut off between 12 midnight and 6am as this was not always the case. And can the Manager review the times with a possibility of extending the time beyond 12 midnight.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

# 4395. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request information be provided on has the City Manager taken legal advice re the Fire Certificate and Compliance with the Building regulations ertificate document handed over at sale closing of unit purchased by the DCC at Priory hall. When was this advice sought /dates? What is this advice? What actions are proposed pursuant to this advice? Are the interests of DCC in the purchased units being actively protected by the City Manager?

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

#### 4396. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request to provide information on what plans Dublin City Council have to take charge of the Clongriffin area. Residents in Clongriffin pay management fees which covers items such as street light, public insurance, road maintenance and cleaning, and open spaces. The household charge of €100 set by the Government is to cover the costs for the above services with the local authorities. Why should the people of Clongriffin pay this charge if they are already paying the Management Company for these services?

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

# 4397. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request that the Cleansing Department remove Ivy from the pathways outside house number 14 Brookwood Grove, Artane as there was some Ivy left on the pathway after it was cleaned off an ESB pole.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

# 4398. Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

That the Manager request that traffic calming be put in place on St. Assam's Park as large delivery vehicles utilise this route to the local shops and do not reduce their speed.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

#### 4399. Motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

To request the Manager in consultation with the local residents to initiate a full clean-up of the area around Grove Lane and to the south-east boundary of Clare Village estate where there is illegal dumping; and to immediately restore the demolished exterior boundary wall facing the Malahide Road: and to ensure that the occupancy tenancy rules on which the estate was established (in relation to vehicles etc.) are fully adhered to.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

# 4400. Motion in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen

Can the manager please ensure that the Intranet information for councillors is up to date.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

#### 4401. Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That the City Council support Raheny Business Association's request to have the Olympic Torch travel through Raheny on its way to the Olympic Council HQ in Howth along its journey to London for the 2012 Olympic Games

Order: Agreed. Include Clontarf, Whitehall, and Fairview. North Central Area Office to write to the Olympic Council.

# 4402. Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

That the Area Manager contact Dublin Street Parking Services Limited and instruct them NOT to clamp cars on the verge on northern side of Brookwood Avenue at the western end (i.e. the Gracefield Road end) as:

- a. Dublin City Council were going to install parking bays at this location previously but these works were never done
- b. There have been 2 recent incidents of cars owned by residents and parked on the roadway being rear-ended by passing traffic If the Manager is unable to issue this direction can DCC issue definitive guidance to local residents regarding where they should park their cars."

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

#### 4403. Motion in the name of Councillor Julia Carmichael

That the manager please review the tenants allocated to Hampstead Court as there seems to be a younger age demographic that are beginning to reside in this complex which is changing the level of parking availability, use of services within the complex and also the general engagement of the older members of the community and report on the age demographic and what can be done to implement a clear parking policy for all residents and any potential visitors that they may have and or the estate that surrounds the complex.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

#### 4404. Motion in the name of Councillor Julia Carmichael

That the manager would put in a place a clear parking policy in Gaeltacht Park as serious issues are arising between residents due to cars being parked across driveways, outside of the wrong homes and or just preventing other traffic from making their way through the estate.

**Order: Report to Councillor** 

#### **Attendance**

Councillor Declan Flanagan (In Chair)

Councillor Larry O'Toole, Councillor Damian O'Farrell, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Councillor Naoise O'Muirí, Councillor Gerry Breen, Councillor Michael Mac Donncha, Councillor Paddy Bourke, Councillor Damian O'Farrell, The Lord Mayor of Dublin Andrew Montague, Councillor Brian Mc Dowell, Councillor Jane Horgan Jones, Councillor Tom Brabazon

#### **Apologies**

Councillor Julia Carmichael

# **Dublin City Council**

Derek Dixon, Senior Engineer
Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager
Dermot Johnson, Public Domain Officer
Yvonne Kirwan, Staff Officer
Dympna McCann, Senior Staff Officer
Eoin Ward,City Parks Superintendent
Jim Kelly, Assistant Area Manager
Mary Flynn, Housing Manager
Aidan Fitzsimons, Housing Manager
Declan Wallace, Development
Karen Kennedy, Road Design

Gordon Roland, Road Design Patricia Hyde,

Clem Loscher, Padraig Kelly, Whitehall Colmcille GAA Siobhan Hand, Donaghmede Estate Residents Association Angela Owens, Donaghmede Estate Residents Association Kay Ashmore, Newbrook Avenue Leanne Doyle, DERA Rose Bergin, DERA

Councillor Declan Flanagan, Cathaoirleach Dated 27th March 2012

# Report to April North Central Area Committee Fairview Village DCC/Fairview Business Forum

#### Background

At the November 2011 meeting, there was a report on the Areas' Office engagement with Fairview business and DCC's activities in the area. It was agreed to provide to provide a progress report to the April committee meeting

# **Fairview Business Forum**

There were meetings with local business in December and February and another meeting is scheduled for the 12 April 2011.

# **Summary DCC Fairview Recent Actions**

- The Area Office provided Christmas light and local traders carried the cost of electricity.
- Work is in progress on the construction of new park band stand, playground and small skateboard, with completion expected in May/June 2012.
- Traders and DCC have agreed to co-fund some "greening "initiatives which should be installed over next two/three months.
- Garda are monitoring cyclists mounting the footpath to turn left corner onto Malahide Rd
- Area office has communicated by visits and letters to property owners with graffiti with mixed results,
- The Traffic Advisory Group has recommended a reduced parking duration in Marino Mart to a maximum stay of two hours Monday to Saturday.
- Tender are being invited are being invited for refurbishment of pedestrian bridge with target commencement in June/July.
- The provision of Croke Park district signs remain under examination.
- There will be a Family Fun Day in the park on the afternoon of Saturday May 26<sup>th.</sup>
- It is hoped that some traders will submit applications for 2012 City Neighborhood competition.
- Communications between DCC, business and residents continue across a range of matters.

Jim Kelly Senior Executive

10<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Parks & Landscape Services Division, Ground Floor, Block 4, Civic Offices.

REF: EW/ML -M- 2012/0149

5<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Chairperson and Members, North Central Area Committee.** 

# Re: Blue Flag Application North Bull Island- Dollymount Beach 2012

I refer to the item **No 4392.:** Items for following meetings of the North Central Area Committee Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 : "Report on Blue Flag at Dollymount".

Applications for the Blue flag for Dollymount Beach were forwarded by Parks & Landscape Services Division in January 2012 to An Taisce the body which administers the International Blue flag award for Ireland.

All criteria in the application were filled out positively and all conditions necessary to achieve the Blue Flag on the Beach and Island have been put in place by the Parks and Landscape Services Division. Water quality results in line with the rules and regulations of the competition have been forwarded by Dublin City Council Central laboratory to An Taisce. It is understood that the recommendations of the Irish Blue Flag Jury have been forwarded to the International Jury. The International Jury will be meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 and so it is expected the Dublin City Council will have information regarding the result of the application in early May 2012.

Presently the Blue Flag Competition is in a transition year between old and new regulations, the latter be in place for the bathing season 2013. The effect of the new regulations will mean that should the Blue flag is lost arising from any of the criteria not being met during the bathing season from 2013 onwards, the applicant will have to forward 4 years bathing seasons results which meet the criteria before the location is eligible to be awarded a Blue flag.

The International Blue Flag Awards ceremony will be taking place on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2012. An Taisce have yet to advise of the location.

The guidance document for Blue Flag 2012 is available here: http://www.blueflag.org/Menu/Criteria/Beaches/Beach+Criteria+and+Expl+notes+2012

Noel McEvoy
Executive Parks Superintendent

North Central Area Office, Units 1 & 2 Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, Darndale, Dublin 17.

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2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

To the Chairman and Members of the North Central Area Committee

Re: Clancarthy Court.

In 2011, all residents were moved from Clancarthy Court to other suitable properties to allow refurbishment works to be carried out on the downstairs units to remove pyrite which had been discovered in the building.

Clancarthy Court was the first Dublin City Council Pyrite remediation job and it has now been successfully completed. The building cost was approximately €572,000 excluding VAT. The work took approximately 11 months, some two months longer than programmed due to a break in.

The tenants have now viewed and snagged their units and we are in the process of carrying out minor works to return their units to their original condition. This involves replacing some flooring, blinds, furniture, electrical appliances, etc. It is hoped that we will be in a position to allow the residents to move back to their units during the week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Mary Flynn Area Housing Manager

# **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT-** APPENDIX 1 NORTH CENTRAL AREA

# SITES WHERE FORMAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN

Location		Current Position	
D3			
DS769	Vernon Avenue, adj. 28 & at rear of 34-48, D3	Notice served of intention to enter site on DS Register.	
DS784	Richmond Avenue 21, D3	Notice served requiring removal of scaffolding/hoarding.	
D5			
DS747	Killester Avenue 169, D5	Rubbish and litter removed, as requested.	
DS767	Millwood Villas, adj. 48 D5	Litter and overgrowth removed from front garden.	
DS772	Tonlegee Road 146, D5	Remains on Register. Valuation notice served.	
D17			
DS723	Riverside Drive 1, D17	Improvement works notice served.	

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# DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT- APPENDIX 2 NORTH CENTRAL AREA

# SITES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION

Location Current position

D3

Clontarf Road 59/60, D3 Owners requested to carry out works.

Malahide Road 123/125, D3 Letter to issue re graffiti etc.

Howth Road 147, D3 Ownership details requested.

Chelsea Gardens adj. 22, D3 Ownership details requested.

Clontarf Baths, D3 Warning letter sent to solicitor.

D5

The Brambling 18, Killester, D5 Ownership details requested.

Edenmore Gardens, adj. No.1, D5 Owner advised to complete development of this site.

Tonlegee Road (Smurfit), D5 Owners advised re obligations.

Howth Road 778, D.5. Graffiti removed as requested.

Killester Avenue 74, D5 Owners asked to remove weeds, litter and graffiti.

Moatview Drive 29/29a, D5 Owner asked to board up windows, remove overgrowth

and rubbish from garden.

Mornington Grove, "Rockfield", D5 Letter sent to owner.

D9

Collins Park 73, D9 Letter sent to owner.

Grace Park Road (opp.114 -138), D9 Letter sent re boundary.

# D17

Greencastle Road / Coolock Drive Owners asked to carry out improvements.

(Chivers), D17

Greencastle Road / Malahide Road Owners asked to carry out improvement works.

(Tayto), D17

Adare Road 1, D17 Ownership details requested.

Pumphouse, Clare Hall, D17 Undertaking given by receiver.

 North Central Area Office, Kilbarrack, Unit 18/19 Greendale Shopping Centre, Greendale Road, Dublin 5.

Oifig Cheantar an Lárthuaiscirt, Cill Bharróg, Aonad 18 /19 Ionad Siopadóireachta Gleánntain Glas, Bóthar Gleanntáin Glais, Baile Átha Cliath 5. T. 01 8398311/8398344 F. 01 8391715

Ref: JF/00670/2012 Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

The Chairman and Members of North Central Area Committee.

With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 183-211 Philipsburgh Avenue and 4-34 Annadale Crescent, Dublin 9.

#### **Proposal**

A request to have the public right of way extinguished over the laneway to the rear of 183-211 Philipsburgh Avenue and 4-34 Annadale Crescent, Dublin 9 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 RM 26033 (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. RM 26033.

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Celine Reilly Executive Manager

# The Chairman and Members of North Central Area Committee.



# **Community Grants 2012**

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
382	IRISH INDIAN ASSOCIATION	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
380	LIMEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
381	ST. DAVIDS PARK	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
490	LISMEEN GROVE ENVIRONMENT GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
488	GLIN COURT ENVIRONMENT GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
487	SANTRY SENIORS SUMMER PROJECT	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
485	ST. BRIGIDS RESOURCE CENTRE	OTHER	€910.00
385	MOUNT DILLON COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
480	GLIN COURT SENIOR CITIZENS	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
482	SPRAOI	EDUCATIONAL	€300.00
483	ST. BRIGIDS SENIORS CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
550	ARTANE COOLOCK RESOURCE CENTRE	OTHER	€400.00
695	CLONTARF GARDEN SOCIETY	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
729	D2 STAGE SCHOOL	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
735	ELLENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
740	ST. BRENDANS BOWLING CLUB	EQUIPMENT/RECREATIONAL	€400.00
744	ARDMORE MONTROSE RESIDENT ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
761	ST. DONAGHS ESTATE ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
764	DONAGHMEDE ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL/EVENTS	€400.00
765	CLONTARF BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€300.00
767	HOLY TRINITY CHORAL SOCIETY	MUSIC	€400.00
769	THE DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES LADIES CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
770	KILBARRACK FOXFIELD COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIO	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
773	BURNSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€200.00
776	35TH DUBLIN GRANGE SCOUT GROUP	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
777	LARKHILL ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	OLDER PERSONS	€700.00
746	CLONGRIFFIN/BALDOYLE PATHWAY TO THE SEA	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
527	WOODLAWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
530	AULDEN GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL RECREATIONAL/SOCIAL	€400.00
538	THE A CLUB	INCLUSION	€400.00
540	CLARE HALL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€400.00
542	MARANATHA VARIEY GROUP YOUTH CLUB	YOUNG PERSONS	€400.00
545	KILMORE WEST ART GROUP	ART	€400.00
548	SAFETY ASSOCIATION FOR EDENMORE	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€1,050.00
549	SIULINN WALKING CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€300.00
551	MAGENTA LADIES CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
411	DONNYCARNEY YOUTH PROJECT	YOUNG PERSONS	€400.00
552	RIVERSIDE DRAMA GROUP	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
563	CLONTARF RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	OTHER	€400.00
571	BLUEDRUM	FESTIVAL-EVENT/EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
580	MARYFIELD VARIETY GROUP	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
544	GRACEPARK LADIES CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
149	BEAUMONT PARISH COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP LTD	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00

3	GRANGEMORE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
4	RAHENY AND ARTANE PAR3 GOLF SOCIETY	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
5	18TH DUBLIN SCOUT GROUP	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
6	ST. BRENDANS ART GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
7	EDENMORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
8	ROSEVALE SENIOR CITIZENS	OLDER PERSONS	€300.00
10	KILMORE WEST YOUTH PROJECT	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
177	ARTANE COOLOCK RESOURCE CENTRE		€400.00
413	NEWTOWN CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€250.00
172	CELTIC AND COLLINS PK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
198	MOATVIEW FAIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
214	CLONSHAUGH,NEWBURY,SWIFGROVE RESIDENTS	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
215	RATHVALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
216	ST. BRENDANS ACTIVE RETIRE,ENT	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
217	ABFRC ACTIVE AGE CLUB	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
219	BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
220	KILBARRACK COAST COMMUNITY PROGRAMME	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
231	GAELTACHT PARK RES ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
178	BEECHPARK COURT ENVIRONMENT GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
54	D5 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
55	ARTANE COOLOCK RESOURCE CENTRE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
56	RIVERSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
58	CLONTARF PARK HOUSEOWNERS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
61	KINCORA ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
63	MAGENTA CRESCENT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
75	AYRWAVES NEWSLETTER	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€400.00
77	DONNYCARNEY - TREES FUN WEEK	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
78	SANTRY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
109	ST. ANTHONYS HOUSE	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
173	MARINO FAIRVIEW FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
111	KILMORE WEST SELF DEVELOPMENT GROUP	SOCIAL INCLUSION	€400.00
119	1ST DUBLIN FAIRVIEW SCOUT GROUP-SCOUTING IRELAND	REPAIRS TO CLUB	€300.00
121	CLONTARF LADIES CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
128	FRIENDLY CALL SERVICE	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
130	BALLYSHANNON LADIES CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
133	LORCAN ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
170	CLONGRIFFIN KIDS	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
171	DARNDALE/BELCAMP VILLAGE CENTRE	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
419	ROSEGLEN MANOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
384	SANTRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	€400.00
412	THE DALES CENTRE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
414	MARINO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
615	KILBRIDE ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
415	GREENFIELD PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
416	LORCAN AND DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
409	WHITEHALL YOUTH GROUP	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
418	RAHENY TIDY VILLAGE GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
408	OMNI DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
420	ST. MONICAS YOUTH CENTRE	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00

439	COURTLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
204	CT CARRIEUS RESIDENTS & COCIAL ACCOCIATION	OLDER	6200.00
294	ST. GABRIEL'S RESIDENTS & SOCIAL ASSOCIATION	PERSONS/RECREATIONAL	€300.00
349	BULL ISLAND ACTION GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
350	POBAL CHLUAIN TARBH	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
361	ARD-NA-GREINE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
366	GAELTACHT PARK YOUTH CLUB	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
417	ST. LUKES ACTIVE AGE & BOWLING CLUB	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
281	DANCE X	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
238	KILBARRACK COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SERVICES	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00
240	ST. BENEDICTS MENS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP	EQUIPMENT	€400.00
151	NEWBURY RESIDENTS COMMUNITY	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
152	LARKHILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
261	ACTIVE AGE GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
277	RAHENY COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
278	ST. ANNES COURT RESIDENTS	OLDER PERSONS	€400.00
410	MEASC RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
280	NEW LIFE CENTRE CRECHE	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00
235	KILBARRACK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
282	DONNYCARNEY WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
283	ST. JOHNS COURT SENIOR CITZ	ENVIRONMENTAL	€300.00
285	GRACEPARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
286	ST. BRIGIDS COURT SOCIAL CTTEE	RECREATIONAL	€400.00
288	GREENDALE COURT RESIDENTS GROUP	OLDER PERSONS	€300.00
399	ST. DAVIDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
400	BUNRATTY COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE LTD	PLAYGROUP-CRECHE	€400.00
406	CATHERINE MCAULEY	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
407	CAMERON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	FESTIVAL-EVENT	€400.00
279	HIGH PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
796	ST. GABRIELS SENIORS GROUP	EDUCATIONAL	€400.00
781	44TH WHITEHALL SCOUT GROUP	YOUNG PERSONS	€400.00
784	DOMVILLE COURT GARDEN GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
785	GRANGE ABBEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
383	COOLOCK LIBRARY ART GROUP	ART	€400.00
786	CARA PARK RESIDENTS COMMITTEE	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
790	MOATVIEW ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
792	BELCAMP ROSE LADIES ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ENVIRONMENTAL	€400.00
		TOTAL	€51,210.00

North Central Area Office, Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Coolock, Dublin 17.

The Chairman and Members of	
North Central Area Committee.	

Re: North Central Matters - April 2012

# **PARKS WORKS**

#### St. Anne's Park

The improvements to the boathouse adjacent to the pond in the park, now visible from the road, are nearing completion. Parks and Landscape Services Division has constructed an additional link pathway from the car park close by and joining the existing pathway system on the southern boundary of the park and is carrying out associated basic landscaping and this will be completed in spring 2012.

The installation of the Ire-Su Chinese Garden originally displayed at Bloom Garden Festival 2011 and donated by the Suzhou Municipal Administrative Bureau of Gardens through the Chinese Embassy is now completed. This Garden was launched by the Lord Mayor and the Chinese Ambassador at an event marking the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012. As with some other features of the park, access to the finished garden will be controlled and will be made available up until 4.00pm daily and by application for specific events.

#### **Father Collins Park**

In December 2011 a discussion took place on the circulated paper "Review and Consultation – Friends of the Park". There was general approval with the report which included the following:

- Time of the meetings potential that evening meetings would encourage the attendance of more local residents and the quality and contribution.
- The Friends are encouraged to make suggestions and comments on possible infrastructure in the long term when capital funds might be available. It is appreciated that this is very unlikely in the medium term but it would be useful to have some practical suggestions.
- Scope for children and older people led initiatives and links into the Donaghmede estates.
- UNESCO may be interested in further environmental initiatives.
- Art exhibitions on the promenade could be sourced through DCC's Community and Art Sections.
- With inputs from the Friends, a web information leaflet will be distributed to local residents electronically and uploaded to DCC site and local sites.
- Further events planned for 2012 include a Family Fun Day and race and a Northside musical festival performance.
- It is anticipated that the schools and clubs will have programmes and special days in

2012 in the park.

The Area Office and Parks and Landscape Services would welcome expressions of interests from art and cultural individuals and groups who would wish to perform or exhibit in the park in 2012. The Area Office will be mindful of opportunities during 2012 and endeavour to facilitate local groups.

#### **Fairview Park**

McAvoy Ltd, commenced on site works at Fairview Park Improvements Project on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The programme for on-site works is 21 weeks. These works are progressing and with approximately 50% of the scheduled time complete, the project is on target. The project is also including a specific social inclusion garden feature based on resources provided through the Social Inclusion Office. The garden highlights sensory features to stimulate touch, smell, colour, movement and will include an area to provide a specific horticultural experience for interested groups.

ESB Cable Installation at Fairview Park, replacing oil filled underground cable has been completed and the necessary hard and soft landscape reinstatement works has taken place, and outstanding line marking will take place subject to the schedule of the ESB Networks.

The North City Arterial Watermain Project has indicated that some site investigation works are proposed in Fairview Park early in 2012 with the pipe installation works to follow.

Bord Gáis are also carrying out investigation works associated with the placement of a gas main through Fairview Park and also through the open space at Alfie Byrne Road during 2012.

#### **Belcamp Park**

ESBI working on behalf ESB Networks are currently investigating a requirement for the installation of an underground service through Belcamp Park. However, a specific programme and final route for works associated with the application for installation of this underground service has not been submitted or fully agreed.

#### Stardust Memorial Park

Parks & Landscape Services Division in association with Groundworks NI and Northside Partnership and Cadbury Ltd installed a total of 15 items of outdoor exercise equipment at this park. Vandalism and fire damage resulted in the destruction of the main item of play equipment in the park, however, Parks & Landscape Services Division has since carried out repairs and replaced the damaged unit at the playground. Groundworks NI, Northside Partnership and Cadburys propose to use the trail in 2012 to work with some of the local community and/or youth groups to promote healthier living.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

#### **Older Persons**

#### **Mount Dillon Court Residents**

Successful meetings were held in Mount Dillon Court in December relating to the setting up of a residents association within the complex. Paul Sweeney, Liaison Officer, Ciaran Mahony and Antoinette Hayden met with the residents and committee members were nominated. The group will set up a Bank Account early in the New Year and further steps to establish the group will be facilitated by the Community Development Team.

# Clongriffin Mother & Babies Group

An intercultural Mother and Babies group has now been firmly established within the Clongriffin Area with the assistance of the Community Development Team. At least 10 mothers from different cultures are now regular attendees of this weekly group. They have access to unit 60 in Clongriffin and they

have organised group insurance. Apart from their weekly meetings they have had a Halloween party and a Christmas party.

# **Community Grants Scheme 2012**

All known residents groups, community groups, environmental groups etc in the North Central Area were sent a community grant form in mid-December 2011. The closing date for receipt of applications was the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The Community Development Team assisted groups with their enquiries in relation to criteria and other information relating to the Grants Scheme.

#### **Dublin Chinese New Year Festival**

The Community Development team organised and supported a number of events for Chinese New Year. These events were very successful and took place as follows:

- On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January a Chinese lunch was organised by the community team in liaison with the Village Centre, Cadbury's Spots versus Stripes and the Discovery Centre. The event was well attended by local residents, projects and school children. Chinese games were played and thoroughly enjoyed.
- The Community Development team and Cadbury's Spots versus Stripes Project organised Chinese Games for the Larks Active Age Group in Larkhill Scouts Hall. The event was enjoyed by all.
- Artane Coolock Resource and Development Centre held a very successful Tai Chi session with a local instructor on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Chinese cultural information and decorations were also on display in the centre, with light refreshments served during a very enjoyable event.

# **Summer Project Network Meeting**

The first summer project network meeting took place on February 21<sup>st</sup> in Kilmore Recreation Centre. Along with the DCC Community Development Team and the DCC Sports and Recreation Officer, eight projects attended this meeting. This meeting provided a valuable space for the exchange of ideas which will assist with the organising and running of upcoming projects during the summer of 2012.

# **Community Pride Meetings**

There have been ongoing meetings with the Community Pride Group in Darndale. The team assisted with the group to organize a clean up along the spine site, which took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Sandra Smith, DCC environmental liaison officer with the group. Sandra gave the group advice on recycling, in particular advising the local primary school on how to become a 'Green School'. Further plans for the group include a project to reclaim the Darndale Park for the local residents and a push to involve local areas to become involved in the City Neighbourhoods Competition.

# Fairtrade Fortnight

A number of events were organised for Fairtrade Fortnight (27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> March).

A Fairtrade coffee morning and a meeting to raise awareness of the principles of fairtrade was
organised and run by the Community Development team, in association with the Darndale Belcamp
Resource Centre on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Bell Building, Darndale. This event was a great
success.

Gaelscoil Cholmcille national school was awarded the Fairtrade Schools Certificate on Tuesday the
7<sup>th</sup> March. The Community Development team liaised with the school principal in the run up to this
event and gave a talk to the school children at the event.

#### **International Women's Day**

The Community Development team supported the following events:-

- The Darndale Belcamp Resource Centre ran a holistic health and self care day for international women's day, on 7<sup>th</sup> March in Sphere 17. This was a very well attended and enjoyable event.
- The Artane Coolock Resource and Development Centre organised an event on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March (International Women's Day). This event celebrated local inspirational women and also influential women through the ages. Fairtrade products were also promoted at the event.

Work is developing at the moment for Experience Japan, St Patrick's Day, Africa Day and the Summer Projects for 2012.

# **SPORT AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Badminton Programme**

Following on from the success of the pilot scheme in the last quarter, a decision was made to organise an introductory coaching course for the leaders and volunteers in the North Central Area. Fifteen people took part in the 1 day coaching course in St Monica's Youth Centre in early February under the tutelage of Tony Robinson, Badminton Ireland Head Tutor. Leaders from Youth Matters, Kilbarrack Youth Project, St Michael's House and other local coaches and volunteers attended on the day.

A 5 week programme for young people is currently running in St Monica's Youth Centre on Monday nights with young people from Donnycarney, Edenmore and Kilbarrack attending with the new coaches helping Sandra Lynch deliver the coaching session.

# **Bike Maintenance Programme**

Four youth leaders, a Community Garda and the Sports Development Officer attended a 2-day bike maintenance course in February with Community Programme Rothar. The aim of the course is to provide the skills to the Leaders to run bike maintenance workshops in their local projects with young people. Representatives from Kilbarrack, St Monica's and Sphere 17 Youth Projects attended.

# **Hip Hop Programme**

A Hip hop programme is currently running in St. Benedict's Resource Centre in Kilbarrack on Friday evenings for young people from the area.

# February Mid-Term 2012

The February mid term offered opportunities to take part in activities including hill walking, BMX taster sessions and a trip to Funtasia Water Park in Drogheda. Programmes included partnerships with local projects, Kilbarrack Youth Project and Donnycarney Youth Project.

#### **BMX Programme**

A joint 4 week programme with Kilbarrack Youth Project sees 10 young people from the project learning the sport of BMX cross in Cherry Orchard BMX centre. It is hoped they will participate in a citywide event later in the quarter.

# Sports Programme with the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown

An 8 week programme is under way with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year sports students from the college with St Monica's Youth Project and Kilbarrack Youth Project. Each week the students organise and deliver a diverse, dynamic sports session covering a range of sporting activities and games.

#### **Community Games**

Working in partnership with the Community Games Development Officer, a committee has been formed in the Kilbarrack area, where participation in the games has lapsed in recent years. The committee has put plan in place to run the area competitions.

#### Cricket Workshop

Eight leaders from the North Central Area attended a 4-hour workshop with Cricket Ireland in Poppintree Leisure Centre. The aim of the workshop was to introduce leaders and coaches to the concept of kwik cricket and to give them ideas for introducing the sport to the groups they are working with. It is hoped to have the groups involved in a citywide event later in the year. Leaders from Kilbarrack Youth Project, St Michael's House and other coaches attended on the day.

#### **Outdoor activities**

Working in partnership with Kilbarrack CDP a couple of outdoor activity days have been planned for March, with activities such as orienteering and hill walking to take place.

# ISC Basic Awareness workshop - Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sports

The Sports Development Officer delivered a 3 hour course to the staff of Swan Leisure in Rathmines and to 15 local coaches from Donnycarney on the 4<sup>th</sup> March in Le Cheile. It is also intended to deliver a course to a group of young volunteers from Kilbarrack before the end of March.

#### **Northside Swimming Pool**

Swimming lessons for local primary and secondary schools, for adults, children and special needs have been ongoing since last September. Life saving instruction is also continuing, with the Irish Water Safety Association providing a variety of classes to suit all ages and levels. Free swimming sessions for the unemployed are available every Saturday morning from 10am – 1.45pm and also for those who hold a passport for leisure card

A sub-aqua training/aqua fit/snorkelling session for the over 55s, which is organised by the NCA Sports Development Officer, is continuing at the pool on Tuesday afternoons.

Northside Pool has recently been upgraded for the purpose of energy and water conservation. Improvements include new pool heat retention blankets to enhance energy conservation, a new chemical auto correction unit and new push taps and sinks.

In addition, further improvement works are planned to include the rewiring of the building, new fire detection, new wet areas for customers and the redecoration of a substantial part of the building. It is anticipated that these improvements, which will cost approx. €314,000, will commence June 2012.

# **Boxing Programme**

The Start Box Bronze Programme continues to be delivered in the North Central Area by the Boxing in the Community Officer, Michael Carruth. The following is a list of schools and Youth Reach Centres which have participated in the programme in the last quarter. Certificates are awarded on completion of the course.

Area	Age Group	No. of Participants
Educate Together,	10-11 year old boys &	16
Belmayne	girls	
The Donaghies,	1 <sup>st</sup> year students	40
Donaghmede	4 <sup>th</sup> year transition	14
	students	
Youth Matters Kilbarrack	10-16 year old boys &	14
	girls	
Kilbarrack CDP	10-14 year old boys &	12
	girls	
Harmonstown Youth	16-21 year old boys &	16
Reach	girls	
Scoil Cholmcille	11-12 year olds boys &	47
Donaghmede	girls	
St. Benedicts/Marys	11-12 year old boys &	40
School Kilbarrack	girls	

The Start Box Silver programme has been delivered to 11-12 year old boys in Scoil Assam, Raheny, to all Youth Reach Centres and to 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> years in The Donaghies School, Donaghmede, Under the Start Box Gold programme, over 40 students from CDVEC schools aged between 13 and 16 years are currently being prepared to participate in the VEC boxing championships. Gold programmes have also been completed in the Youth Reach Centres and in the Donaghies School, Donaghmede.

# **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 7.30pm-9.00pm
Irish Dancing for children	Tuesday and Thursday 4pm-5.30pm
Football for children	Monday – Friday 4pm – 6pm
Basketball for children and teenagers	Saturday 10am-1pm
Hip hop children and teenagers	Thursday 5.30-7.30pm
Self defence from 16years onwards	Wednesday 9pm-10pm
Kickboxing classes children	Wednesday 4.30pm-5.50pm
Kickboxing classes adults	Thursday 8pm-9pm
Boxing from 11 years onwards	Tuesday and Thursday 8pm-9pm
Kung Fu classes	Tuesday 8pm-10pm
Bootcamp classes	Monday Wednesday Friday 9.30am-
	10.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday 8pm-9pm
Aerobics classes	Tuesday & Thursday 7pm – 8pm
Karate for children and teenagers	Monday7.30pm and Thursday 8-9pm
St Michaels house for teenagers	Monday and Friday 11am-1pm

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#### **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. The forms for the 2012 competition should be available at the end of April/beginning of May and will be sent to residents & will also be available on the North Central Area website.

#### **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.

#### **Probation Service**

The North Central Area Office continues to work with the Probation Office on a number of painting projects in the area. They are currently working in the CRC in Clontarf and the Public Domain Officer is examining other potential indoor painting projects for the service. It is also proposed that they will commence work on painting the railings at Maypark in May, the perimeter of which is approximately 700m. A container has been sourced from Drainage Division, which includes a canteen, storage area and toilet facilities to facilitate outdoor working.

#### Weeding

The weeding contract is currently held by Spray Chem Ltd. Two sprayings per annum are carried out by the contractor, with the first spraying of the season expected to commence shortly, weather permitting, It will take two weeks to complete the North Central Area. The second spraying of weeds is due to take place in early September.

#### Graffiti removal

The North Central Area continues to remove political, offensive and racist graffiti from public property on a regular basis as we work with our contractor (P. Mac) to ensure that our main thoroughfares and housing estates are free of such graffiti. In January & February, they have removed approx. 800 sq.m. 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.

#### **Public Domain Crew**

In conjunction with the residents and business community of Clontarf, we have started a new initiative. A number of roads in Clontarf are heavily parked with vehicles, making it very difficult for the roads to be swept and the gullies cleaned. An agreement has been reached, that the business and residents will leaflet houses on a selected street requesting that vehicles are not parked during specific hours at the weekend. The public domain crew can then go in and sweep the roads & paths. So far we have cleaned three roads over two weekends, Hollybrook Road, St. Lawrence's Road and Castle Avenue.

#### **Business Groups**

#### **Clontarf Business Forum**

Clontarf business has continued to involve a number of representatives from businesses and residents on a Flood Group. The group is meeting with DCC on the flood issue, which has now moved on towards a risk awareness and risk assessment exercise, to culminate in a workshop session intended for mid April 2012.

The last meeting took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at which time residents and business representatives were given a clear picture on the prospect of funding, the time scale gap involved (i.e. 6 year minimum window), the range of additional groups impacted who are in contact with DCC (19) and the water main project. The route, along which we go, if developing a road map for the future in terms of flood defences for Clontarf, was highlighted.

Meetings with Clontarf Business Forum are at bi-monthly intervals. A meeting took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April with the City Manager, Clontarf Business Association, North Central Area Office and Failte Ireland regarding possible developments which could be explored with a view to developing the Tourism agenda for Clontarf. Local meetings of the forum have focussed on cleansing and environmental/public Domain issues with a roll out of a pilot litter/cleansing initiatives on selected roads in Clontarf generally. These initiatives involve working with residents through the Public Domain Officer on a set day/days, advertising a DCC clean up/ road clean with prior notice given to residents by residents to enable all cars to be removed, for a full cleansing of the area. The initiative (run on a set of Saturday dates) has so far been very well advertised and received and could serve as a template for other areas.

Regarding 2014 Commemorations, it is intended to schedule a workshop for all interested stakeholders in the near future, possibly in May. Separately the Clontarf Mid Summer Festival will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June next.

#### Raheny Village

Raheny have planned a Festival day Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. Work on the above preparations have commenced in conjunction with the NCA.

Raheny Tidy meet with the NCA at bimonthly intervals and include a representative from Raheny businesses. The Raheny Tidy group have an extremely committed set of Volunteers who have been promoting Raheny and increasing standards with regards to all aspect of the environment with increasing success annually.

Separately, work on comparing the biodiversity of both St. Anne's and Fr. Collins Park has seen the school linkages develop further with an allotment in St. Anne's being part of the picture of progress and widening the ownership concept of the Raheny' areas of beauty and assets aside from but including the Village.

#### Donaghmede

Donaghmede, while on the upward spiral in a general sense and through huge engagement by residents, now needs the impetus of new initiatives and projects in the community. We hope to embark on one such initiative in conjunction with the schools. It is hoped this initiative will decrease traffic movement in the area a long held and shared aspiration. A second residents group, St. Donaghs, was established approximately 3-4 years ago and has added impetus to the upgrade of the physical environment and has also run new child/youth focused amenity events throughout the year. We continue to consider possibilities for addressing the green spine's potential to supply an interesting and innovative amenity area. The first and second projects mentioned here will focus on social cohesion. Separately The Lord Mayor Councillor Andrew Montague will officiate at a tree planting ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> April to commemorate residents of Donaghmede past and present, in a sustainable way.

Edenmore is experiencing a levelling off in trouble spots. The physical environment is poor, in particular around the shopping centre but as a new venture, it is hoped to adopt a green space with environmental enhancement in mind and to pursue the City Neighbourhoods competition entry route to raise the standards. The aim is to replicate this initiative, if successful. An initial meeting took place with a group of volunteers with a chosen site and it is intended to advance the above in conjunction with Parks Dept where there a good rapport with the Local Parks Depot and residents in and around Edenmore Green. Edenmore is 50 years in existence this year and there is an embryonic interest in capturing the history on this. We will partner an initiative of community benefit in every way possible.

#### **Fairview Business Forum**

The Forum has continued with meetings in December and February. There was a beneficial link up with Fairview Business at Christmas in relation to the provision of Christmas tree lighting, with the lights provided by DCC but the electricity costs borne by local traders.

Traffic and parking are recurring themes. Communications continues about the duration of parking times at bays. Also like similar forums, a good mechanism is provided for the Public Domain Officer to engage with business regarding the resolution of local issues with respect to roads, drainage and litter. Another good feature is the presence of a local community Garda.

The main issues are:

- Fairview park band stand and playground construction
- Traffic enforcement
- Cyclists on footpath
- Litter and waste management
- Fairview park Family Fun Day May 2012
- Croke Park Way signs on designated lamp posts
- Provision of DCC/JC Decaux bikes to link onto Clontarf Rd cycleway
- Refurbishment Fairview footbridge
- Graffiti on vacant buildings

The Area Office wrote to several local property owners of vacant buildings in relation to the presence of graffiti and/or their general condition. The response was poor and the Area Office is in contact with the Derelict Sites Office in relation to a small number of properties.

With local business involvement, it is now planned to hold a Family Fun Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May with local traditional musicians, children's activities and hopefully an appearance by Sam Maguire. It is planned to have a Gaelic football clinic with perhaps some senior Dublin footballers present.

The Area Office circulated to business a detailed proposal on "The Greening of Fairview" in relation to the streetscape along Fairview Strand and Marino Mart being enhanced by the addition of flowers,

planters and shrubs. Local businesses have now indicated that they will financially contribute to a "green" initiative this year.

#### **Santry Business Forum**

This DCC led Business forum met in September and January. The attendance level and participation of committed 5/6 key business stakeholders is encouraging in terms of the sustainability of the forum. The goodwill of business is considered due to the good communications and work by Area Public Domain Officer and the Public Domain staff on local issues particularly waste management and litter matters.

#### Key issues are:

- A requirement to soften the grey environment by green initiatives,
- Flying tipping and general waste management,
- Traffic congestions and management,
- Drainage and flooding
- The promotion of the Village Area as a destination for retail and services.

The Area Office prepared a detailed "greening" proposal to business for the main Swords Rd from the Santry Lane junction to Shanowen Rd, which will be considered by them. Its initiation would be dependent on a financial contribution by the businesses.

The Area Office worked closely with the businesses in a successful and well attended musical performance to commemorate Luke Kelly who lived in nearby Larkhill. While DCC's role was modest, the castles logo was prominent on event publicity and advice was provided on the event management and marketing opportunities.

#### Action areas

The current action list includes:

- Roads and traffic matters,
- Waste management
- Examining the potential for green enhancements
- Contact businesses on events and markets
- Liaising on channels and information promote the Village area

Another feature that deserves wider publicity and acknowledgment is an annual under 13 international soccer tournament held by St Kevin's Boys Club at Easter in Larkhill. This year's participants include Arsenal, Braga, Brondy, Celtic, St Kevin's and West Bromwich. The Area Office will advise in terms of spreading information and is communicating with the Sports Section and FAI Officer also. It should be seen as an opportunity to draw business into Santry and for the visitors to sample some of the city's attractions.

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

There were further meetings of the North Central JPC Sub Committee in October 2011 and January 2012. In addition to standing items such as anti-social behaviour and control and regulation of alcohol, the agenda included the following relevant items:

Update on Control of Horses by DCC.

- Summary Report on Safer Forums i.e. Belcamp/Darndale/Moatview, Belmayne/ Clongriffin, Donaghmede and Edenmore
- Safety Forum Sub Group update
  - o Renewal of open space Belcamp Avenue
  - o DCC and HSE services in relation to anti-social behaviour
- Sale of Solvents concern raised by community representative
- Internet Shops Gardaí informed the Committee if they get a complaint regarding Internet shops they investigate it
- Impact of night-time closures of Howth and Malahide Garda Stations on Raheny, Clontarf and Coolock Stations. Gardaí informed the Committee that Malahide Garda Station and Howth Garda Station will have restricted closing times. Services will not be diminished.
- Draft of North Central JPC Bulletin January 2012 was circulated.
- White Paper on Crime Community and the Criminal Justice System overview of submissions December 2011

# **Crime Consultation process**

In December 2011 the Department of Justice published "Overview of Submissions". The main themes that emerged on JPCs were:

- Some favoured a more inclusive membership for example voluntary and youth organisations
- Small number proposed changes to the operation of JPCs
- A view was expressed that JPCs have the potential to minimise low-level crime and anti-social behaviour through engagement with a wider range of statutory bodies
- > Opportunity for industry, retail and business to work on crime related issues
- JPCs were viewed positively as a means of generating dialogue between members of the public, voluntary and statutory agencies, local businesses and criminal justice system on all issues affecting local community safety

In January, the Area Office published on line its latest edition of "NCA JPC Bulletin" with notification to councillors and community organisations. It is a useful mechanism to raise the profile of the JPC and provide practical information on DCC forums and crime prevention information and advice on reporting crime.

#### Attendance at Lord Mayor's Conference on Anti-Social Behaviour

The Area Office attended the Lord Mayor's Conference's "Preventing and Responding to Anti-Social Behaviour" in Croke Park in January. The presentations were excellent and there were many relevant contributions from the good attendance there. Based on this office's experience, it is planned to make a submission to the commission.

#### **Older Persons**

The latest initiative for older people centres around space planning for ease of living and ease of movement in a small space, using the Greendale flat unit as a prototype. The first meeting and viewing involving Design students from DIT took place on 21/02/12. If recommendations are approved and valuable, this leaves it open for a roll out. However, consultation with the residents and their review/assessment of the benefits will be the measure. For now it offers the prospect of pilot scheme, which if successful, offers considerable scope for improvement to the quality of life of the user. An intergenerational Nutrition Project took place in collaboration with staff in the North Central Area and DIT Community Links Programme in 2011 with 22 Older persons and 11 DIT students. It was decided to run it for a second time in March this year due to its success.

It has been featured as part of an International Conference as an example of best practice of student

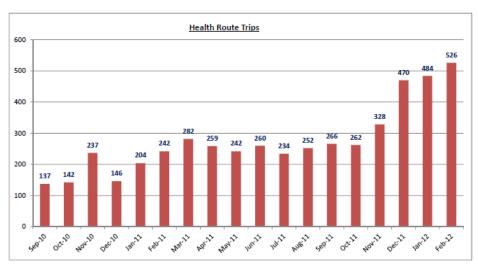
working with communities. The programme has targeted individuals rather than groups and increases the network of contacts in this way to include people not part of existing groups or networks.

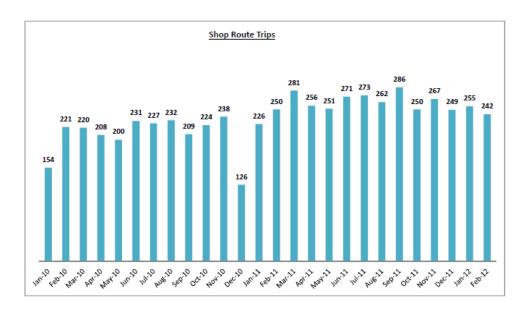
# Transport initiatives for older people

Shop Route, Health Route and Art continue with success. The template for Health Route has now successfully been rolled out in Fingal, with whom we met to explain our implementation of the route and the marketing of same. The Minister for Health has now agreed to fund this service in Fingal.

This template is now also officially rolled out in the South East with AVIVA funding. We have linked with personnel in the South East area also in terms of our implementation of the routes and how we initially launched the service.

<u>Dublin City Council North Central: Shop, Health & Art Route Review - February 2012</u>





Céline Reilly

Area Manager



Development Department Civic Offices

4<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

To the Chairman and Members of

#### **The North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Item No:

With reference to the proposed grant of a 3-year licence to operate a Café in the Red Stables, St. Anne's Park, Mount Prospect Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3 to M. People Recruitment Limited, 9 Rogerstown Park, South Shore, Rush, Co. Dublin.

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Tenders were invited from interested parties to submit applications for a licence to operate a Café in the Red Stables, St. Anne's Park. M. People Recruitment Limited, Directors: Mr. Tony Hegarty and Ms. Monika Hegarty, 9 Rogerstown Park, South Shore, Rush, Co. Dublin, submitted the most favourable tender and it is now proposed to grant a licence to the company.

The licence shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Licence shall be for a 3-year period and shall commence 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
- 2. The Licence Fee shall be €12,000 per annum (plus VAT), to be paid quarterly in advance. The fee payable shall include rates charges only. Full electricity and water charges shall be borne by the Licensee.
- 3. The Licensee shall at all times be responsible for the proper storage and removal of waste from the Cafe and pay for all associated charges and to determine the number of waste collections required on the basis of the amount of waste generated. They are required to submit their proposal in relation to the disposal of waste cooking oils.
- 4. The Licensee shall also be entitled to use the specified space in the courtyard (as indicated on location map) to extend the operation of the café and shall keep the space clean and tidy and ensure proper maintenance and storage of the outdoor furniture. Manufacturers maintenance requirements should be adhered to and the parasols and furniture should be appropriately stored indoors when not in use and when the weather is not suitable.
- 5. The Licensee shall keep the Café in good condition and repair, including all fixtures and fittings, including furniture supplied by Dublin City Council during the term of the licence and shall not remove or permit the removal of any of the above.
- 6. The Licensee shall use and maintain all kitchen equipment / appliances supplied in the café as it was designed and intended to be used and in full accordance with the Manufacturer's Operations and Maintenance Manuals supplied. All equipment / appliances shall be maintained and monitored by the Licensee at all times in case of flood, fire or breakdown and subsequent consequences. Equipment should not be left to operate unattended. No water using appliances to be left in use and should not

be operated outside the agreed kitchen opening hours.

- 7. The Licensee shall not at any time:
  - make any structural change or material alteration or addition of any kind to the cafe space save with the prior written agreement of the City Council, and upon such terms as the City Council shall specify
  - b) hang or affix any material on walls save with the consent of Dublin City Council
  - c) paint walls or floor
  - d) do or allow anything to be done which would cause nuisance, damage or annoyance to the occupiers of adjoining premises or to the City Council and without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, shall refrain from causing noise to be heard from outside the café
  - e) assign or sublet the premises or any part thereof including fittings and fixtures. It shall not allow any other person to occupy or share occupancy of the cafe save with the prior written consent of the City Council and upon such terms as the City Council shall specify. Dublin City Council shall have absolute discretion in granting or refusing such permission.
- 8. On termination of the licence, the Licensee shall at his own expense remove all items not belonging to the City Council and shall leave the property in a clean condition to the satisfaction of the City Council.
- The Licensee shall operate the premises for the purpose of providing a café for use by members of the public and those who visit the Gallery. The premises are not to be used for any other purpose whatsoever.
- 10. The Licensee will operate the Cafe during agreed opening hours and ensure there is sufficient trained staff on duty to provide a quality service at all times.
- 11. The Licensee undertakes to comply with all appropriate Food, Safety and Hygiene Regulations and other Legislation Codes as appropriate.
- 12. The Licensee shall be responsible for appropriate insurances as determined by Dublin City Council, including public liability and employers liability and shall indemnify Dublin City Council against all actions, proceedings, costs, claims demands and liabilities whatsoever arising from all and every activity carried out or promoted by the Licensee and its agents in connection with the facilities on the premises of the premises. It shall not do or suffer to be done any activity in any part of the premises, which would render void or voidable the insurances of the premises. Copies of Insurances to be presented to City Council before commencement of the operation of Café.
- 13. Dublin City Council retains the right to use the Cafe space outside of normal opening hours.
- 14. The Licensee will ensure that the highest standards of customer service are provided to the clientele of the Café.
- 15. The Licensee shall permit Dublin City Council, its servants and agents, accompanied by all necessary equipment, to enter the premises giving at least two weeks notice in writing of its intention, (except in emergency situations) such works, without liability to compensate the Licensee for any loss, damage or inconvenience, and do all acts necessary for the purpose of carrying out such works to the premises which the City Council may think fit and on demand forthwith to remove all such articles out of the premises as may be indicated by the City Council as requiring removal (vacating the space completely if necessary) in order to enable such works to be more conveniently carried out.
- 16. The City Council shall not be liable to compensate the Licensee for any loss, damage or inconvenience as a consequence of the performance of any works by it's servants or agents within any part of the premises.
- 17. The Licensee shall not Infringe or permit the infringement of the terms of any Act of the Oireachtas, any regulation made pursuant to the same or any bye-law or regulation of a local or public authority,

in or about the use of the Cafe.

- 18. The Licensee shall ensure compliance with all Health & Safety Legislation prior to the signing of the licence agreement. The Licencee must submit a copy of an up to date Safety Statement (SS) and Risk Assessment (RA) and must be Site Specific to the Café.
- 19. The Licensee agreement may be terminated by either party on giving the other one months notice in writing of its intention.
- 20. The City Council shall have no responsibility whatever for the goods and works of the licensee on the premises. The fixture and fittings in the Café will be insured by the City Council. Contents belonging to the Licensee will not be insured by the City Council.
- 21. If alcohol is to be sold by the Licensee, a copy of the licence granted by Customs & Excise must be supplied to Dublin City Council.
- 22. Dublin City Council may require the Café or part thereof to be closed as may be necessary. The Licensee will be informed of these days, if any, as soon as possible.
- 23. Nothing herein contained is intended to create or shall be taken as creating a relationship of Landlord and Tenant between the licensor and the licensee.
- 24. Each party shall be responsible for their own legal fees.
- 25. The Licensee undertakes to use the premises only for the purpose stipulated by this Agreement and to hand same over in good repair and condition at the end thereof.
- 26. The Parties hereto accept that this Agreement is a Licence Agreement for the use of the premises only and that it does not constitute nor is it intended to constitute a tenancy of any sort in the premises.
- 27. These terms and any other terms as deemed necessary by the Law Agent, will be incorporated into a legal Agreement which will be prepared by the City Council's Law Agent and completed by both parties prior to the Licensee entering onto the property.

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Assistant City Manager	_		

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2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

To the Chairman and Members of the North Central Area Committee

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# Re: Priory Hall - Update Report.

The following is an update in respect of legal matters:

The Supreme Court Appeals by the Fire Authority against the orders in respect of accommodation, storage and supplemental rent are listed for mention on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and for hearing on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. As Mr McFeely made no attempts to process his appeal in a timely fashion, as required by the Supreme Court practice direction, despite many requests to do so, a motion was brought to lift the stay in respect of the penalties imposed on Mr McFeely and to dismiss for want of prosecution his appeal against the contempt finding of the High Court, with a view to discharging the stay or in the alternative obtaining a priority date for the appeal. The books of appeal having been filed by Mr McFeely's solicitors the evening before the hearing, the court declined to lift the stay and directed that an application for priority for the hearing of this appeal be made to the Chief Justice. This was done by Mr. McFeely and priority was granted. Written submissions have been filed by both parties. No date has been received for this appeal from the Supreme Court.

Information in relation Mr O'Mahony's appeal is included below and his appeal to the Supreme Court has now been formally withdrawn. Letters of claim have been served in respect of civil proceedings and investigations are continuing into possible offences.

Laurence O'Mahony was convicted in March 2011 in respect of an offence of breaching a fire safety notice. This related to matters which arose before the fire officer's inspection of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 which gave rise to the High Court proceedings and was based on visual inspection only. The District Court Judge took the view that Mr. O'Mahony's culpability was of a lower order than Mr. McFeely' and imposed a fine of €1000 and a <u>suspended</u> prison sentence of one month - suspended on condition he enter a bond to be of good behaviour.

Mr. O'Mahony appealed this finding to the Circuit Court and his representatives initially indicated he was appealing severity of the sentence only. This changed when he found a senior counsel who advised that he appeal the conviction. This meant that the entire case would have to be heard afresh. They indicated that they intended to raise an issue of the ownership of the premises which was by this time the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court. As this had not been raised as a defence in the District Court at the earlier hearing, we were faced with two possible outcomes: the prosecution would be dismissed with a possible order for costs against us or the Circuit Court Judge could refer the matter to the Supreme Court on a consultative case stated.

This case was specially fixed for hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and while the Judge was waiting to hear the case, discussions took place between counsel which resulted in an agreement in which, on the instructions of the prosecuting officer, the withdrawal of the opposition to his appeal against the conviction was conditional on him withdrawing his Supreme Court appeal. This

avoided the City Council potentially losing a case with costs.

- avoided the costs of a consultative case stated to the Supreme Court, which the City Council
  was not guaranteed to win, and
- avoided the costs of Mr. O'Mahony's existing appeal to the Supreme Court which the City Council may have won.

The order of the President of the High Court will now stand unchallenged that Mr. O'Mahony is the part owner of Priory Hall which makes it easier to maintain (both for the City Council and the residents) claims regarding his liability for the problems at PH.

#### **Dangerous Buildings:**

An inspection of the above structure/place took place on the 30th March 2012 and the Dangerous Buildings Inspector advised that, in his opinion, it is a Dangerous Structure within the meaning of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 (as amended). This is on the basis of unsecured windows and cill and incomplete structure. A contractor carried out remedial works to secure these windows and cill on the South elevation of Blocks 8and 9 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. All other windows on this elevation were checked.

A security fence and health and safety signage has been erected to the perimeter of blocks 8 and 9 and the area has been secured against entry.

#### Accommodation:

There is still four families left in hotel accommodation, one in the Regency (single man) and three in Bewleys Hotel (two single men and a couple with one child). Despite being offered assistance by Dublin City Council and by the Community Welfare Officer, these families claim that they cannot find alternative accommodation and continue to occupy 'emergency accommodation'.

To date, Dublin City Council has spent a total of €1,275,635. This covers the cost of temporary lettings for all owner/occupiers, storage costs and security costs. It also covers assistance given to cover the cost difference between rents in Priory Hall and higher rents being paid by residents, in receipt of Rent Supplement, vacated from Priory Hall.

**Celine Reilly** 

Area Manager

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The following items for the North Central Area were considered by the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting held on  $15^{th}$  March 2012

# QUESTIONS TO AREA MANAGER NORTH CENTRAL AREA 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012

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

"To ask the manager to have the following repairs carried out (details supplied)."

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

"To ask the manager to respond to the following issue (details supplied)."

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

"To ask the manager to indicate when this applicant will be considered for suitable housing (details supplied)."

# Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

"To ask the Area Manager to explain, in detail, the reasons for the long delay in the handing over by the developer of 19 two bed units voluntary housing units in Belmayne."

# Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"Can the Manager please respond to the following (details supplied)."

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# Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Andrew Montague

"Can the Manager please respond to the following (details supplied)."

# Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

"To ask the Area Manager to have the tree on footpath at **(details supplied)** severely pruned back as it is overhanging the residents property; can the fact that the roots of this tree appear to be affecting the stability of residents wall pillar be investigated as a matter of urgency."

# Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

"To asks the manager to give a response to the attached email **(details supplied)** and to see if there is anything that can be done to bring down the price."

# Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to request that the Cleansing Department remove Graffiti off the wall facing (details supplied)."

# Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to provide information on when the Raheny road will be resurfaced from the Black Banks, Howth Road through to the Killester area as parts of this are in very bad condition."

# Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to request **(details supplied).** This was requested by the Tidy Towns adjudicators."

#### Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to request that the Public Lighting Department reinstall the lights at (details supplied)."

# Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to request the Paving Department dish (details supplied)."

#### Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to request that the Traffic Department investigate the traffic build up at the (details supplied)."

# Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Pat Crimmins

"To ask the Manager to request that the Traffic Department investigate placing a small yellow box at **(details supplied)**."

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

"To ask the manager to give an updated report on the community hall in Kilbarrack and to state which clubs are currently using the hall, the opening times of the hall and whether the Council feel that KADCA as leaseholders are fulfilling all aspects of the lease granted to them."

#### Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

"To ask the Manager to review the regional waste collection permit given to Barnmore construction prior to Christmas with a view to removing the Baldoyle site as one of the sites that rubbish can be delivered to as the site in Baldoyle has no current waste facility permit."

# Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen

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

"To ask the Manager to state when the remedial work promised on **(details supplied)** will be carried out."

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

"To ask the Area Manager if she will request the following works to be carried out in **(details supplied).**"

# Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)."

# Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

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# Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the Area Manager to provide the following information please (details supplied)?"

#### Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen

"To request the Manager (details supplied)."

# Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen

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# Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Gerry Breen

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# Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following work to be done [details supplied]."

# Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager the following question [details supplied]."

# Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager to make a statement on the following matter and say what measures can be utilised to prevent flooding in this area [details supplied]."

# Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"Can the Area Manager please respond to the following query [details supplied]."

# Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager to investigate the following matter [details supplied]."

# Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager to give me the following information [details supplied]"

# Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following query [details supplied]."

# Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager to provide the following information [details supplied]."

#### Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager for an update on the works being carried out to renovate the playground in Fairview Park. Is it still anticipated that these works will be completed by the summertime?"

# Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to refer to site as per (details supplied) and say what is the current position in relation to it as regards dumping etc and if she can comment on the fact that locals say the area is being used as a dump with some dumped rubbish being covered up with clay in order to bury it and say

- (a) what efforts have been made to date by Dublin City Council to bring this practice to an end and
- (b) what measures, legal or other are open to the City Council to deal with the issue of illegal dumping on the site
- (c) what successful enforcement has been carried out against the illegal practice to date
- (d) and if she can make a detailed statement on the matter as the area

# Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"Can the manager please refer to dwelling as per (details supplied) and say

- 1. what are the responsibilities of the City Council as regards maintenance of same
- 2. if it is open to tenant to carry out some work on the house, i.e. new gutters, painting, windows etc
- 3. will the City Council carry all necessary work and if so, when can same be done.
- 4. If City Council cannot carry all required works, what assistance can the City Council give to the tenant to have this work carried out himself."

# Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"Can the manager please refer to large loose manhole cover at location as per (details supplied) which is in need of securing and say if she can arrange to have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible as the problem (which is very noisy every time a vehicle drives over it) is having a negative impact on the quality of life of local residents due to the high noise levels emanating from same."

# Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the manager to refer to grant application from a person as per (details supplied) and say

- (1) If grant has been paid to my constituent and
- (2) If not, give details of why not."

# Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the manager to refer to my question number 74 at the March Area Committee which refers to cleansing at location as per **(details supplied)** and say when the council side of details attached will be cleaned as same has not been done to date despite what the reply of March says."

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"To ask the manager to refer to grant application from a person as per (details supplied) and say if and when grant will be awarded to my constituent."

# Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"Can the manager please refer to road as per (details supplied) and give details of what road works are on-going currently."

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"To ask the Manager to refer to road and bus lane at location as per (details supplied) and say if she can arrange to have bus lane cut back a few yards as motorists trying to turn left are unable to do so during morning peak as there is insufficient road space to take the left turn legally i.e. without going into the bus lane."

# Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager please organise for the 2 developing potholes near 29 Fairview Strand to be repaired?"

# Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager please give an update on the North Arterial Watermain project?"

#### Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager please provide me with an update on any progress RE providing a water supply in to the green area at Clontarf Park?"

# Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Parks Dept please organise for an onsite meeting with me on Griffith Avenue to discuss ways in which the grass verges there can be protected from damage by parked cars."

# Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager outline what projects/steps local citizens should take in the event of:

- a. Their barcode being removed i.e. stolen from their Greyhound bin
- b. Their Greyhound bin being stolen and the associated credit being used by the thief."

# Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager confirm if the opening of major bring centres (e.g. Oscar Traynor Road, Collins Avenue opposite DCU) has been considered for e.g. ½ day on weekends to facilitate recycling by working citizens?"

#### Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

Can the Manager confirm if the City Council is currently providing any 'rent-to-buy' accomodation options or other affordable options?

# Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager examine the options available to minimise traffic congestion during school dropoff times on Furry Park Road near the northern junction with the Howth Road?"

# Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager confirm if there are any grants schemes available for senior citizens to get the windows of private dwellings upgraded?"

# Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"Can the Manager please give me an update on my request of January 2011 for permit parking on Dunseverick Road?"

# Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Brian McDowell

"To ask the manager if there is or has been an investigation into building problems at **(details supplied)** and will she make a full report on the matter."

# Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Micheál MacDonncha

"To ask the Area Manager if it is intended to 'dezone' any lands zoned for housing in the North Central Area."