

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 at 2.30 p.m.

### AGENDA

4777 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010  
**(Attached) pages 6-10**

4778 With reference to a presentation on the Customer Self Service Portal.

4779 With reference to an update on improvement programme for Fairview Park.

#### Planning and Development Matters

4780 With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper

#### Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

4781 With reference to Public Library Events for June 2010 in the Central Area  
**(Reports enclosed)**

#### Roads & Traffic Department Matters

4782 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010  
**(Report Attached) pages 16-22**

4783 With reference to the proposed extension of the Bus Lane on Blackhall Place.  
**(Report Attached & Map Enclosed) pages 23-25**

#### Central Area Matters

4784 Updates on the following:  
NEIC IAP **pages 26 - 27**  
North West Area (including HARP) **pages 28-31**  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City **pages 32-35**  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City **pages 36-37**  
Environmental Services Unit **pages 38-42**

#### Motions

4785 **Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**  
That this Committee agrees to consider repairing the roof at Matt Talbot Court, particularly using the same system as that used in Bernard Curtis House.

4786 **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees that Dublin City Council Waste Management Section cleans the area off Mountjoy Street, Fontenoy Street and surrounding areas as there seems to be an ongoing litter problem in these areas.

4787 **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to liaise with representatives of Waterways Ireland to agree on the provision of public lighting on the walkway adjoining that portion of the Royal Canal between Royal Canal Park and Ashtown to ensure that such lighting is provided in an expeditious manner.

- 4788 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to provide an update on progress being made in securing the boundary between Tolka Valley Park and the River Road and in measures being taken to combat anti-social behaviour in the Park. Such update to provide indicative timeframes for the completion of the works so as to ensure that funding currently available from development levies is secured and is not lost due to non-use.
- 4789 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees that the HARP Committee meet to discuss what funding is available for community gain and if the City Manager will agree to call this group to meet as soon as possible.
- 4790 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees that the new system being used for repairing roofs as a pilot in Bernard Curtis House, if successful, be used for works on the roofs in all the blocks in Matt Talbot Court, Dublin 1.
- 4791 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees that the City Manager investigate works carried out in the middle of Clonliffe Road by GMC Contractors working on behalf of ESB.
- 4792 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee asks the City Manager to agree to look into the filling in of shores on Clonliffe Road with cement, causing water to flow beside the footpath by National Telephone Line and an organisation "MOM".
- 4793 Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**  
That this Committee asks the City Manager to have Shamrock Cottages, Dublin 1, assessed for pay and display parking.
- 4794 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**  
That this Committee asks the City Manager to call on the Parks Department of the City Council to support and encourage the development of a community garden in the Shandon area on that plot of land at the Royal Canal between Shandon Mills apartments and Shandon Gardens.
- 4795 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Committee calls for adequate waste collection facilities to be made available for Parkside Centre, including recycling facilities. It also calls for the large waste collection bin to be located away from changing facilities.
- 4796 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Committee calls for the legal process to begin to extinguish the right of way at the lane between shops on Fassagh Avenue and houses on Liscannor Road (northern end).
- 4797 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Committee calls for the removal of double yellow lines from outside the drive-in of 27 Fassagh Avenue.
- 4798 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Committee calls for the pathway to be repaired outside 43 Killala Road.
- 4799 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Committee requests a report as to what role Dublin City Council has in removing trees in private housing estates. Also, what rights have residents got in same?
- 4800 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**  
That this Committee agrees that the Manager arrange for the surplus soil arising from the development of the community dirt bike track on the Alfie Byrne Road be given to the neighbouring football pitch users, East Wall Wharf United, for pitch surround improvement as

the use of the soil would remove the incline that runs along the side of the pitch and facilitate an opportunity for future tree planting and higher quality area maintenance.

**4801 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee agrees that, given the constant and ongoing problem of flooding at Bayview Avenue and the failure of continuous drain clearance to alleviate the flooding problem, the Manager arrange that the Engineering Department of Dublin City Council undertake a comprehensive engineering/flood prevention survey of Bayview Avenue and that the recommendations arising be implemented immediately.

**4802 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee requests the Manager to report on the recent Free Electrical Recycling collections in the Central Area and to agree to have similar collection days in the rest of the area, in particular East Wall, North Wall, North Strand and Ballybough.

**4803 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee asks the Manager to examine the possibility of extending the recent Pat Liddy led walking tour of Cabra to other neighbourhoods in the area, particularly those which boast a rich, interesting and cultured history.

**4804 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee requests the Manager to provide a detailed breakdown of the running cost (broken down between staff and operational costs) of the Sean McDermott Street swimming pool for each month of 2010 to date and to further detail the usage and income figures.

**4805 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Committee requests the Manager to include Manor Street, Stoneybatter as a location for a bikes stand in the next stage of the Dublin Bikes Scheme.

**4806 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Committee requests the Manager to provide us with information as to when a Weeding Contract will be signed and outline what areas will be targeted when the contract comes into operation.

**4807 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Committee requests the Manager to call upon the Derelict Sites Section of Dublin City Council to investigate numbers 23 & 32 on Olaf Road under the Derelict Sites Act 1993.

**4808 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee requests the Manager to report in relation to the following development on East Road, East Wall, - Island Quay, Planning Reference 2919/04:-

- a) The front sections of Island Quay are unfinished, unattractive and prone to litter and graffiti. It is also accessible to determined trespassers.
- b) What is the legal timescale for the developer to have completed this project?
- c) What is the legal status of the developer responsible for this project i.e. have they gone into liquidation/receivership. If this is the case, who is now responsible for this development?
- d) What steps can be taken to ensure the owners act immediately to complete works to a standard that is not to the detriment of East Road, and are not visually unattractive to other residents?

**4809 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee requests the Manager to report on what plans Dublin City Council have initiated with the GAA and Croke Park with regard to upcoming gigs in summer to alleviate the concerns of local residents.

**4810 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee requests the Manager to report on the timescale for works to be carried out on the Ashington Park road in light of the agreement of Dublin City Council to allocate a budget of €174,400 to asphalt it as part of the Roads Maintenance Services Works Program this year.

- 4811 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**  
That this Committee requests that the Manager reports on whether there is a separate budget for re-housing those residents being de-tenanted from complexes such as O'Devaney Gardens, Dominick Street etc. or is this financed out of the general 2010 Acquisition Programme which has been allocated €30 for buy backs. If there is no separate budget can the Manager report what finance has been allocated for the continuance of the de-tenanting programme and where will this be spent?
- 4812 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to report on any legal impediment to Castleforbes Road being tarmacadamed under the current Dublin City Development Plan.
- 4813 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to report on the extent of illegal dumping and littering, amount of fines, summonses issued; to identify particular black spots, the measures taken and further plans to deal with this, also acknowledging the work of Dublin City Council staff in this regard.
- 4814 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to do all in his power to ensure the pool at Sean McDermott Street remains open, in view of the fact that the main costs involved are for staff who will continue to be employed.
- 4815 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to investigate the parking congestion in the enclave of houses at Irvine Terrace, Irvine Court, Abercorn Road and Church Place, due to the pay and display not being used on Sheriff Street and Castleforbes Road.
- 4816 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to give a commitment, in view of the exposed nature of the complex at St. Bricin's Senior Citizen Complex, Dublin 7, to use CCTV security cameras and will he consider using the voids to create 1 bedroom accommodation as the elderly people are feeling very vulnerable surrounded by too many voids.
- 4817 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**  
That this Committee requests the Manager to call on the Manager not to leave the properties at 22, 23, 24 & 25 Ballybough Road in their present appalling condition and to ensure the owners of 22, 23, 24 & 25 Ballybough Road commit to the upkeep of their properties. The thoroughfare is an eyesore at these spots.
- 4818 Motion in the name of Councillor Aine Clancy**  
That the City Manager liaise with Dublin Bus and the developers at the Village in Pelletstown, Dublin 15 with a view to having the hoarding opposite the 120 bus terminus at the Village repositioned to allow a cutting to be put in place to facilitate an inbound bus stop.
- 4819 Motion in the name of Councillor Aine Clancy**  
That the City Manager have the footpath repaired between the main gates to Glasnevin Cemetery and Hartes Corner and have the cutting opposite the main gates to the Cemetery reinstated.
- 4820 Motion in the name of Councillor Aine Clancy**  
That the City Manager would have the residents of Prospect Avenue, Dublin 9 surveyed for residential permit parking.
- 4821 Motion in the name of Councillor Aine Clancy**  
That the City Manager provide an update on the survey carried out earlier this year by Dublin City Council on the repairs necessary to the road and footpath on Mannix Road, Dublin 9 and to state when the repairs will commence.

- 4822 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**  
The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on the Manager to advise how much has been spent on the disabled persons grants and housing aid for older persons grants since 2004 and how much of that spend has been paid out to homeowners and to indicate what the remainder of the funds was spent on. Will the manager advise when new applications will be accepted for such grants?
- 4823 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**  
The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on the Manager to erect signs on St. Finbar's Court to discourage illegal dumping and to provide an update on when the vacant units in St. Finbar's will be occupied and if laundry facilities have been provided to the residents.
- 4824 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**  
The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on the Dublin Docklands Development Authority to attend the next meeting of the Central Area Committee to update the members on the status of the DDDA Masterplan and the social community gain commitments made in the Masterplan.
- 4825 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**  
The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on the Manager to include in the 2010 Capital estimates, provision for Sean McDermott Street swimming pool and DePaul pool, Navan Road.
- 4826 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**  
That this Committee calls on the Manager to have a street sign erected at the entrance to the Boro from Phibsborough Road indicating "Phibsborough" and have the area placed on a regular cleaning schedule.
- 4827 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**  
That this Committee calls on the Manager to have the shores at Shelmalier House, Dublin 3 cleaned, especially the one in the back yard near Apartment 4, and maintained on a regular basis as the back is flooding.
- 4828 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**  
That this Committee calls on the Manager to have the laneway at the rear of 67 Hardiman Road, Dublin 3, cleaned out as it is full of rubbish and residents cannot gain rear access.
- 4829 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**  
That this Committee calls on the Manager to arrange to have the Arbour Hill area cleaned and placed on a regular cleaning schedule.
- 4830 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**  
That this Committee calls on the Manager to agree to commission the traffic lights at the junction of Royal Canal Park and Ratoath Road and to consider placing a yellow box junction at the same location.
- 4831 Motion in the name of Councillor Dessie Ellis**  
That this Committee calls for the weed spraying programme to begin in the Cabra area.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2010**

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

**12 noon on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010**



# Dublin City Council

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at 2.30 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2

### MINUTES

4745 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
**ORDER: Agreed. It was agreed at last months meeting that maps and plans in respect of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - Structures STR 05 Tolka River Bridge be put on display for residents in the Sean O'Casey Centre and a representative from Dublin City Council would be available to answer questions. Cllr Ray McAdam reported that there are no maps on display and no representative from Dublin City Council. The Area Manager has contacted the Roads and Traffic Department and will do so again.**

4746 With reference to a presentation by Waterways Ireland in respect of the Royal Canal.  
**ORDER: Presentation noted.**

4747 With reference to a presentation on the Mater Hospital redevelopment.  
**ORDER: Presentation noted.**

#### Planning and Development Matters

4748 With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

4749 With reference to the proposed grant of licence of part of a premises at Mountjoy Square Park, Dublin 1 to the North Centre City Community Action Project Limited.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

4750 With reference to the proposed grant of licence of part of a premises at Mountjoy Square Park, Dublin 1 to the Community After Schools Project Limited.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

#### Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

4751 With reference to Public Library Events for May 2010 in the Central Area  
**ORDER: Report noted. The Councillors requested that a letter be sent on their behalf to Deirdre Ellis-King, City Librarian who will be retiring, to thank her for all her support and work over the years.**

4752 With further reference to a Community Grants Reports – Central Area  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

#### Roads & Traffic Department Matters

4753 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

- 4754** With reference to the provision of additional and expanded cycle parking stands in Phase 1A of the Dublinbike Scheme.  
**ORDER: Report noted. Councillors requested exact locations for additional parking stands to be made available to them.**

#### Central Area Matters

- 4755** Updates on the following:  
NEIC IAP  
North West Area (including HARP)  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City  
Environmental Services Unit  
Sports & Leisure Services Area Report  
**ORDER: Reports noted. The members requested that Darach O'Connor, Rents Section be invited to the next meeting to make a presentation.**

- 4755(a)** The Members requested that their best wishes to be expressed to Tony Fagan, Environmental Liaison Officer who will be retiring in May.

#### Motions

- 4755(b)** The following Emergency Motion was tabled

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

The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on Professor Niamh Brennan, Chairperson, DDDA to meet with the members of the Central Area Committee and the North Port Dwellers Association to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

**ORDER: Manager to write to the Chairperson of the DDDA and ask her to meet with the North Port Dwellers Association and to invite the members to the meeting.**

- 4756** **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee agrees for the public lighting to be upgraded outside the shops on Fassaugh Avenue and around the compound on Killala Road.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

- 4757** **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee agrees for Montpellier Park to be included in the new graffiti cleaning provided by the Probation Service.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

- 4758** **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee agrees for parking to be introduced for people using Broombridge Train Station so residents on surrounding roads won't be affected by commuters parking outside their home.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

- 4759** **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee agrees for signage to be erected on surrounding roads showing where Christ the King Church and Schools are located.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4760 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee agrees for an inspector to call to investigate reports of dampness in 121 Bannow Road.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4761 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that Nottingham Street, Dublin 3, be cleaned and that Dublin City Council arrange to have this street swept as there seems to be a litter problem on this street for some time.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4762 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees for the water pressure to be upgraded and an investigation take place as to why the water pressure has been so low for some time in Nottingham Street, Dublin 3.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4763 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that a report be made to this Councillor re. 11 Waterloo Avenue, North Strand, Dublin 3.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4764 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee receives a report from Dublin City Council as to how much funding has been collected by Dublin City Council Traffic Department, for permits paid by the residents of Nottingham Street, Dublin 3 from 2007 to 2010.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4765 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to call for the Garda Bike Unit to patrol Nottingham Street on a regular basis as there is a need for Gardai to patrol due to anti-social behaviour in the area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4766 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee agrees to a report on the following developments on East Road, East Wall, former "Transit House" and "Lighthouse" apartments. The Transit House site is unfinished, unoccupied and very unattractive. The front sections of Lighthouse are unfinished and also unattractive. Both are prone to litter and graffiti and more serious vandalism has begun. Both are accessible to determined trespassers.

- a) Within the legal timescale for the developers to have completed these projects, when are both required to be finished?
- b) What is the legal timescale for the developers to have completed these projects, when are both required to be finished?



- c) What is the legal status of the developers responsible for these projects i.e. have they gone into liquidation/receivership? If this is the case who is now responsible for these developments?
- d) What steps can be taken to ensure the owners act immediately to complete works to a standard that is not to the detriment of East Road, and are not visually unattractive to other residents?

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4767 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee agrees that Dublin City Council repaint the yellow box at Kinvara Avenue and Kinvara Park junction. Could Dublin City Council reconsider the proposal to introduce restricted turning into the keyhole at this junction in the morning school time as was requested by local residents, school staff and community Gardai.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4768 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee requests the Manager to comment on the reported dumping of effluent by Fingal County Council into the waste water system at Phoenix Park Train Station and whether this links into the waste water system of Dublin City Council and if so, what precautions by local residents have been taken to monitor this discharge.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4769 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee requests that the Manager organises the removal of the recurring racist graffiti in the Prussia Street/Manor Street area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4770 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry**

That this Committee requests that the Manager provides a report of the budget for the purchase of houses or apartments in the Cabra area in 2010. Can he provide a breakdown of the categories of housing such as "Buy Backs", detenancing etc.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4771 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Committee requests that the Manager repair the roofs on Matt Talbot Court in the same way as the new system of roof repairs as that piloted in Bernard Curtis House.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4772 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Committee requests that the Manager calls upon Greyhound to provide new green bags in Robert Street, Fitzroy Avenue, Russell Avenue, May Street and Drumcondra Park, as no bags have been provided in weeks.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4773 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam**

That this Committee requests that the Manager write to the Principal of Larkin College asking that he might consider allowing children from Champions Avenue to play football etc. there between 3pm and 6pm in the evening.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4774 Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**

That this Committee requests that the Manager act on the following issues at Sherrard Street and Portland Street:-

1. Illegal dumping
2. Street cleaning
3. Monitoring of skips.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4775 Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**

That this Committee requests that the Manager act on the following issue at Sherrard Street and Portland Street:-

1. Enforcement of parking laws.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**4776 Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**

That this Committee requests that the Manager act on the following issue at Sherrard Street and Portland Street:-

1. Maintenance of the exterior of rented accommodation.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Cllr. Christy Burke (Chairperson)**

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

**Lord Mayor Cllr. Emer Costello**

**Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick**

**Cllr. Mary O'Shea**

**Cllr. Nial Ring**

**Cllr. Ray McAdam**

**Cllr. Cieran Perry**

**Cllr. Claire O'Regan**

**Cllr. Aine Clancy**

**Apologies: Cllr. Marie Metcalfe.**

**Officials**

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

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

**Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area**

**Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area**

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

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

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

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

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

**Central Area Committee**  
**Motions with replies**  
**May 2010**

**Item 4756**

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

That this Committee agrees for the public lighting to be upgraded outside the shops on Fassaugh Avenue and around the compound on Killala Road.

**Report**

The Public Lighting Section have investigated the existing lighting on Fassaugh Avenue and consider the lighting levels to be an acceptable standard. There are no plans at present for any further improvements.

With regard to the upgrading of lighting around the compound on Killala Road, the Public Lighting Section would like clarification of the exact location from the relevant Councillor and the matter will be investigated upon receipt of this information.

**Item 4757**

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

That this Committee agrees for Montpellier Park to be included in the new graffiti cleaning provided by the Probation Service.

**Report**

The Public Domain Office have identified the graffiti and will arrange for a waiver form to be signed to facilitate it's removal.

**Item 4758**

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

That this Committee agrees for parking to be introduced for people using Broombridge Train Station so residents on surrounding roads won't be affected by commuters parking outside their home.

**Report**

If the residents of the streets in the vicinity of Broombridge Road are being affected by commuter parking they can apply for their streets to be considered for Permit Parking Schemes.

**Item 4759**

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

That this Committee agrees for signage to be erected on surrounding roads showing where Christ the King Church and Schools are located.

**Report**

It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to erect signs indicating the presence of schools, businesses and commercial premises that are not tourist attractions as if they were to do so this would lead to an unacceptable level of street clutter should other schools, businesses etc request such signs.

**Item 4760**

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

That this Committee agrees for an inspector to call to investigate reports of dampness in 121 Bannow Road.

**Report**

The Area Maintenance Foreman called to this dwelling to investigate the report of dampness. A moisture reading was taken, which indicated no evidence of dampness. However, there is evidence of condensation. The tenant has been advised on heating and ventilation issues, to prevent further occurrences.

**Item 4761**

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

That this Committee agrees that Nottingham Street, Dublin 3, be cleaned and that Dublin City Council arrange to have this street swept as there seems to be a litter problem on this street for some time.

**Report**

Waste Management Services had Nottingham Street cleaned up on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010. We will ensure that this street is cleaned on a more regular basis.

**Item 4762**

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

That this Committee agrees for the water pressure to be upgraded and an investigation take place as to why the water pressure has been so low for some time in Nottingham Street, Dublin 3.

**Report**

The Water Division have pressure loggers in place on Nottingham Street to record the working pressure within the mains network and will be left in place over this weekend. The results will be forwarded to Cllr. Burke next week.

**Item 4763**

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

That this Committee agrees that a report be made to this Councillor re. 11 Waterloo Avenue, North Strand, Dublin 3.

**Report**

The Conservation Section of the Development Department are preparing a report on this matter which, when complete, will be forwarded to the Councillor.

**Item 4764**

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

That this Committee receives a report from Dublin City Council as to how much funding has been collected by Dublin City Council Traffic Department, for permits paid by the residents of Nottingham Street, Dublin 3 from 2007 to 2010.

**Report**

The total amount of fees paid in respect of residents parking permits for Nottingham Street in the period 2007 to 2010 is in the order of €4,000. These fees have contributed towards the cost to the Council of maintaining the residents permit and pay and display parking scheme on this street.

**Item 4765**

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

That this Committee agrees to call for the Garda Bike Unit to patrol Nottingham Street on a regular basis as there is a need for Gardai to patrol due to anti-social behaviour in the area.

**Report**

A letter will be sent to An Garda Síochána if this Committee agrees to the terms of this motion.

**Item 4766**

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

That this Committee agrees to a report on the following developments on East Road, East Wall, former "Transit House" and "Lighthouse" apartments. The Transit House site is unfinished, unoccupied and very unattractive. The front sections of Lighthouse are unfinished and also unattractive. Both are prone to litter and graffiti and more serious vandalism has begun. Both are accessible to determined trespassers.

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**Report**

a & b) Transit House, 5/5a East Road has the benefit of planning permissions as follows:-

5991/05	Final Grant 01/12/2006
3865/06	Final Grant 02/10/2006
4013/08	Final Grant 22/11/2009

The Lighthouse, junction East Wall Road/Church Road has planning permissions as follows:-

3209/03	Final Grant 07/01/2004
1235/07	Final Grant 19/04/2007

The planning permissions issued are valid for 5 years from the date of grant of permission. Development is to be substantially completed within this timeframe.

- c) The developer of Transit House is now in receivership. The Planning Department is not aware of the legal status of the developer of The Lighthouse.
- d) An inspection of both sites will be undertaken to establish what steps, if any, can be taken by the City Council and a report will issue to the Councillor.

**Item 4767**

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

That this Committee agrees that Dublin City Council repaint the yellow box at Kinvara Avenue and Kinvara Park junction. Could Dublin City Council reconsider the proposal to introduce restricted turning into the keyhole at this junction in the morning school time as was requested by local residents, school staff and community Gardai.

**Report**

The Traffic Officer has been requested to inspect and repaint the yellow box at the junction of Kinvara Avenue and Park, if deemed necessary.

There are no proposals to introduce turning restrictions at this junction.

**Item 4768**

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

That this Committee requests the Manager to comment on the reported dumping of effluent by Fingal County Council into the waste water system at Phoenix Park Train Station and whether

this links into the waste water system of Dublin City Council and if so, what precautions by local residents have been taken to monitor this discharge.

**Report**

The authorised discharge of leachate by Fingal County Council into a trunk sewer has taken place at this location under the supervision of staff from Fingal County Council and with the consent of Dublin City Council. This sewer is part of the network that drains to Ringsend Treatment Plant. Fingal County Council have a discharge licence from the Environmental Protection Agency for this activity. Discussions are currently underway between Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council with a view to transporting the waste directly to Ringsend Treatment Works.

**Item 4769**

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

That this Committee requests that the Manager organises the removal of the recurring racist graffiti in the Prussia Street/Manor Street area.

**Report**

The graffiti has been removed.

**Item 4770**

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

That this Committee requests that the Manager provides a report of the budget for the purchase of houses or apartments in the Cabra area in 2010. Can he provide a breakdown of the categories of housing such as "Buy Backs", de-tenanting etc.

**Report**

The capital allocation for the main/construction/acquisition programmes under the Social Housing Investment Programme is €52.9 million for 2010. €30 million is being assigned for acquisition of housing units. There is no specific budget for the Cabra area. To date 36 units have been acquired across the city – 27 affordable units purchased for detenanting and 9 previously occupied houses. Of these one previously occupied house was acquired in Cabra.

**Item 4771**

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

That this Committee requests that the Manager repair the roofs on Matt Talbot Court in the same way as the new system of roof repairs as that piloted in Bernard Curtis House.

**Report**

Our Housing Maintenance Executive Engineer is investigating options for re-covering the roofs of this complex. The final decision will be made subject to feasibility and availability of finances.

**Item 4772**

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

That this Committee requests that the Manager calls upon Greyhound to provide new green bags in Robert Street, Fitzroy Avenue, Russell Avenue, May Street and Drumcondra Park, as no bags have been provided in weeks.

**Report**

An urgent delivery of bags to the affected areas is being arranged.

**Item 4773**

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

That this Committee requests that the Manager write to the Principal of Larkin College asking that he might consider allowing children from Champions Avenue to play football etc. there between 3pm and 6pm in the evening.

**Report**

A letter will be sent to the Principal of Larkin College if the Committee agree to the terms of this motion.

**Item 4774**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**

That this Committee requests that the Manager act on the following issues at Sherrard Street and Portland Street:-

4. Illegal dumping
5. Street cleaning
6. Monitoring of skips.

**Report**

1. Waste Management Services have dumped items of rubbish removed from Sherrard Street and Portland Street on a regular basis. We will continue to do all we can to deal with the illegal dumping on these streets.
2. Waste Management Services have Sherrard Street and Portland Street scheduled to be cleaned three times a week.
3. Arrangements have been made for a Litter Warden to monitor the use of skips on these streets.

**Item 4775**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**

That this Committee requests that the Manager act on the following issue at Sherrard Street and Portland Street:-

2. Enforcement of parking laws.

**Report**

The Council's parking enforcement contractor has been requested to patrol these streets and carry out any necessary enforcement.

**Item 4776**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Claire O'Regan**

That this Committee requests that the Manager act on the following issue at Sherrard Street and Portland Street:-

2. Maintenance of the exterior of rented accommodation.

**Report**

City Council owned dwellings in the streets listed are brick-fronted houses, constructed in the past ten to fifteen years. There are no maintenance issues identified in relation to the exteriors of these dwellings. If a tenant or the Councillor wishes to identify a maintenance issue with an individual address, this will be investigated.

Private rented housing must comply with the relevant housing standards for private rented housing legislation. This legislation is enforced by the Environmental Health Section. Complaints in relation to private rented housing can be referred to the section via Customer Services.

## MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2010

### *e Pedestrian*

#### *Facilities*

##### 1 **Navan Road/Ashtown Grove, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Pedestrian Crossing on Navan Road at Ashtown Grove.

Public Rep

239913DocID:

Recommended

On the east/west arm of the junction as part of the proposed Navan Road QBC.

##### 2 **Ratoath Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Pedestrian Crossing on Ratoath Road at St. Catherine's School.

Public Rep

241899DocID:

Not Recommended

There are 2 school wardens operating in the vicinity of the school.

##### 3 **Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Pedestrian Crossing on Blackhorse Avenue between Springfield and Dunard Avenue.

Public Rep

241738DocID:

Not Recommended

During an on-site visit the volume of pedestrians was observed to be low and would not meet the warrant for a pedestrian crossing.



***c Parking Prohibitions***

**4 Rutland Street, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Rutland Street.

Public Rep

1016799**DocID:**

Recommended

East side, from the southern gable of No.16, south to the concrete island. From the eastern to western kerblines across the north end of the island. West side, from the concrete island, northwards to the junction with the lane adjacent to Rutland Street school.

**5 East Road, Dublin 3.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines at entrance to Caledon Court on East Road, East Wall.

Public Rep

243283**DocID:**

Recommended

West side, from the northern gable of No.80, north for 15m.

**6 Nottingham Street, Dublin 3.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on laneways off Nottingham Street, Ballybough.

Public Rep

246079**DocID:**

Not Recommended

During an on-site visit no parking causing a hazard/obstruction to traffic was observed.

**7 Connaught Parade, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Connaught Parade, Phibsborough, at the corners of Nos. 15 and 25.

Public Rep

1016801**DocID:**

Not Recommended

During an on-site visit no parking causing a hazard/obstruction to traffic was observed. Illegal parking, within 5m of a junction, is an enforcement matter.

**8 Navan Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines across the driveway at No.102 Navan Road.

Resident

1013989**DocID:**

Recommended

Southwest side, from the common boundary of Nos. 104/102, southeastwards for 5m.

**9 Fassaugh Avenue, Dublin 7.**

Reps to Rescind Double Yellow Lines outside No. 27 Fassaugh Avenue.

Public Rep

241732**DocID:**

Not Recommended

Parking is restricted at this location due to proximity to traffic/pedestrian lights at the junction of Fassaugh Avenue and Carnlough Road.

**10 Hollybank Road/Carlingford Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines at the entrance to the laneway between Hollybank Road and Carlingford Road.

Public Rep

242631**DocID:**

Not Recommended

Illegal parking is an enforcement matter.

**11 Kelly's Row, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Kelly's Row, at the rear of Nos. 13/14, Dorset Street Lower.

Business

1013017**DocID:**

Recommended

East side, from a point 17m south-west of the north-west corner of Block 28-63 Kelly's Row, south-westwards to the south-eastern corner of the laneway.

**12 Synnott Lane, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Synnott Lane.

Resident

245765**DocID:**

Recommended

Southside, from the junction with Synnott Row, eastwards to the south-eastern corner of Synnott Lane. From the south-eastern corner of Synnott Lane north for 2m.

**13 Bregia Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for School Keep Clear Markings on Bregia Road, at the entrance to Christ the King Boys' School.

School

245956**DocID:**

Recommended

West side centred on the entrance to Christ the King School.

14 **Linenhall Terrace, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Disabled Parking Bay on Linenhall Terrace.

Resident

1015917**DocID:**

Recommended

Southside, from a point 5m west of Linenhall Parade, west for 6m.

***b Traffic  
Conditions***

15 **Manor Street/Arbour Hill Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Yellow Box on Manor Street at junction with Arbour Hill Road.

Public Rep

1011136**DocID:**

Not Recommended

There is an adequate existing full yellow box at this location.

16 **Infirmary Road/Aberdeen Street, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Half Yellow Box, on the northbound carriageway of Infirmary Road, at junction with Aberdeen Street.

Public Rep

1013995**DocID:**

Recommended

*a Traffic Signs*

**17 Skreen Road/Ardpatrick Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Stop sign at the junction of Skreen Road and Ardpatrick Road.

Public Rep

239912DocID:

Not Recommended

There are mini-roundabouts at both these junctions with associated Yield signs. It is intended to renew the roadmarkings at the junctions in due course.

**18 Skreen Road/Slemish Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Stop sign at the junction of Skreen Road and Slemish Road.

Public Rep

239912DocID:

Not Recommended

This is a T-junction and priority is clear, normal Rules of the Road apply.

**19 Skreen Road/Croaghpatrick Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Stop Signs on Skreen Road at junction with Croaghpatrick Road.

Public Rep

239912DocID:

Not Recommended

Priority is obvious at this T-junction, normal Rules of the Road apply.

**Pay & Display/Permit Parking has been recommended at the following locations subject to the agreement of residents:**

**1. Spire View, Phibsborough, Dublin 7:**

- The north side of Spire View in the indented parking bay outside No 13 and No14 Spire View.
- From the south-west corner of Spire View north for 20m (nose to kerb parking).
- From a point 4m north of the southeast corner of Spire View, north for 10m.

Double Yellow lines are recommended on Spire View:

- Northside of Spire View, from Phibsborough Avenue, west to the western gable of No 13 Spire View.
- Southside of Spire View, from Phibsborough Avenue, west and then south to a point 14m north of the south-eastern corner of Spire View.

**2) Ben Edair, Stoneybatter, Dublin 7:**

- Westside from a point 5m north of Halliday Road north for 69m (approx 14 spaces).
- Westside from a point 5m north of Moira Road, north for 84m (approx 17 spaces).
- Eastside from a point 5m north of Halliday Road, north for 182m (approx 36 spaces).

Double Yellow Lines

- 5m each side of the junction of Ben Edair and Halliday Road.
- 5m each side of the junction of Ben Edair and Moira Road.
- 5m each side of the southern corner of the junction of Ben Edair and Godfrey Place.

# **Report to Central Area Committee Dublin City Council**

## **Extension of Bus Lane on Blackhall Place**



June  
2010

## Introduction

At present, outbound buses travelling along Blackhall Place from the James Joyce Bridge towards Stoneybatter experience delays in the peak hours from the Luas line to the Law Society. This is caused by general traffic congestion and lack of bus priority and is partly due to the presence of an area of pay-and-display and permit parking on the western side of Blackhall Place, outside house numbers 27-33. The area in question is shown in the photograph below.



## Proposal

Following analysis of traffic movements and parking usage in the area, it is now proposed to restrict the hours of operation of the parking spaces outside house numbers 27-33 Blackhall Place to off-peak hours only, and to provide a bus lane in its place during the peak hours. The proposed section of bus lane will operate from 07.00-10.00hrs and 16.00-19.00hrs, and will tie into the existing peak-period bus lane that currently operates well on Blackhall Place from the Law Society towards the junction with North King Street, see photograph below. The scheme proposal is shown on the attached drawing.





## **Car Parking**

There are currently thirteen permit holders assigned to Blackhall Place. Six of these permit holders will not be affected by this proposed scheme as they have addresses further north on Blackhall Place, adjacent to existing parking spaces which are unaffected by this scheme. Four permits assigned to Blackhall Place have addresses on Benburb Street and Wood Lane, where there is existing parking unaffected by the scheme. Three permits have addresses adjacent to the affected area of parking.

Parking surveys have been conducted to determine the level of usage by both permit holders and pay-and-display parking along Blackhall Place and the adjacent side roads. The affected area of parking has a low-to-moderate level of usage. The surveys also indicate that there is adequate alternative parking space available in adjacent streets for the hours when the proposed bus lane will be in operation.

## **Next Steps**

We now intend to begin the statutory procedure to implement the measures as shown in the attached scheme drawing. The scheme will be progressed under the Road Traffic Act 1994. This will involve public consultation on the scheme, including a leaflet drop to houses in the affected areas and the erection of site notices to inform residents and users of the existing parking. Discussions will take place with any affected permit holders as the scheme is developed further.

June 2010

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

**PROJECTS UNIT, NORTH EAST INNER CITY**

**Liberty Park Crèche**

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

A new-tiered fee structure was introduced in July 2008 in order to comply with requirements for National Funding for the crèche. Approval for funding was received for the NCIP Community Childcare Subvention Scheme. 100% of the funding for 2009 has been drawn down and 25% of the funding for 2010. There are currently 26 children attending the crèche on a full time basis.

An application was made last year to Pobal to include the Liberty Park Crèche in a new scheme, which offers free childcare places to pre-school age children. The scheme is called the ECCE Scheme and commenced in January 2010. Free Montessori part-time childcare is on offer for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2005 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Leaflets to advertise the scheme were distributed throughout the area. To date Liberty Park Crèche has received very little interest in the scheme. However, Liberty Park Crèche is continuing to advertise the scheme.

The contract between both Dublin City Council and Davencrest Limited, t/a Kids Inc and V3 Marketing came to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and both parties have agreed that they would like to proceed with the option, outlined in the original contract, to extend the agreement for a further two years based on some revised terms/conditions.

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

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

**Office Units at Killarney Court**

Expressions of interest from community groups, operating in the North East Inner City area, were invited to occupy this space, which is to be divided into 2 separate units and 14 submissions were received. A report and recommendation was made to the North East Inner City Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Citizens Information Centre and HOPE secured a unit each and their design requirements for their respective units were finalised.

HOPE secured part of the funding for the project through a Capital Premises Fund in the amount of €20,000 from the Minister for Drugs in December 2009. The total cost of the refurbishment works is approximately €115,000. Dublin City Council funded the majority of the refurbishment costs. Westside Civil Engineering was appointed as the contractor and work commenced on site in December 2009. Works were completed in March 2010. Both groups have now taken up occupancy of their allocated unit.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Emer Costello, officially opened both facilities on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 at 10.30am.

**Foley Street Improvement Works**

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

Phase 2 of the improvement works includes 80m of road improvements, 355m of footpath improvements including new pavement, new kerbs, new parking bays, public lighting, drainage and ducts. Works on phase 2 are complete except for the installation of a disabled parking bay. Approval for the disabled parking bay was recommended at the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and noted at the February Central Area Committee meeting. The disabled parking bay will be installed shortly. The complete installation of the public lighting on the street was carried out recently.

Phase 3 of the improvement works includes the upgrading of 120m of carriageway between Beaver Street and Buckingham Street. Phase 3 of the project will proceed at a future date if there is sufficient funding for the phase.

### **Former Dorset Street Fire Station Refurbishment Project**

In September 2009, Part 8 approval was granted by the City Council for refurbishment works and an extension to the community use building at the Old Fire Station, Dorset Street, Dublin 1, a protected structure. The scope of works will consist of essential repairs to the existing structure; changes to the interior spatial layout, upgrading of plumbing, heating and electrical services; measures to bring building up to modern standards of energy efficiency; improvements to internal circulation; improvements relating to security and health and safety of building users.

Kelly & Cogan Architects were appointed as the Consultant Architects for this project, with in-house Quantity Surveying and Architectural support. In October 2009 a Design Team was established comprising of Architects, a Consultant Engineer, a Fire Safety Consultant and a Quantity Surveyor. Several on site meetings have been held. Plans for the proposed works have been agreed with the 3 community groups who occupy space in the building: St Saviours Boxing Club, St Saviours Karate Club and the Model Railway Society of Ireland.

In February 2010 an Electrical Services Consultant was appointed to the project. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and in accordance with the GCCC Public Works Contracts (The Short Public Works Contract) six contractors were invited to tender for the project. The date set for receipt of tenders was no later than 12 noon, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Six tenders were received and are currently being examined and assessed. The refurbishment project is expected to take approximately 5 months to complete.

### **Phibsborough Boxing Club Refurbishment Project**

It is proposed to carry out works of repair and renovation to the premises known as the Phibsborough Boxing Club located at the Canal Bank Park, Phibsborough, Dublin 7. A Sports Capital Grant in the amount of €280,000 and a Rapid Top-up grant in the amount of €84,000 have been awarded to the project. The total amount of funding secured for the project €364,000. As funding for this project has been secured from the Department of Arts Sport and Tourism, there is no direct funding exposure to Dublin City Council.

Barrett Mahony Consulting Engineers were appointed to provide full delivery of the project including appointment as PSDP with in-house Quantity Surveying and Architectural support. Barrett Mahony Consulting Engineers chose five contractors and the date set for receipt of tenders was 12 noon on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Four tenders were received.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010, approval was given by the Assistant City Manager to accept a tender. Works commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and works are progressing well. The refurbishment project is expected to take approximately 5 months to complete.

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

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

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

**NWIC Community Policing Forum**

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

**Smithfield Business Forum (New)**

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

**Cabra Community Policing forum**

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

**Cabra Rd / Pk Residents Assoc**

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

**NCR Res Assoc**

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

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

1. Supply reduction tactics
2. Communication with DCC and Gardai re drug supply matters
2. Monitoring of impact of local drug treatment services
3. Education and prevention
4. Growth in intimidation of drug users' families over debts
5. Updates from participating agencies on activities

### **Broadstone Line Cleanup**

Following requests from residents and Cabra Area Office Irish Rail agreed to a cleanup of the Broadstone line between there and Liam Whelan bridge. DCC assisted with removal of the very extensive amount of rubbish collected. Dumping has been a considerable problem for some time and the overgrown condition of the line contributes to this.

### **Shandon Community Garden**

Following an approach to Parks Dept and Cabra area Office by local residents, it has been agreed to facilitate the development of a small community garden on park land opposite the Royal Canal at Shandon on a trial basis and subject to the support of the local residents associations.

### **Royal Canal Works**

Waterways Ireland are currently undertaking a programme of works to dredge and upgrade sections of the canal between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> locks. Dublin City Council, Cabra Area Office, have facilitated meetings between residents and Waterways Ireland.

At a meeting in DCC offices on March 23<sup>rd</sup> WI stated that they would be putting the next phase of work, to deal with seepage into the canal banks, out to tender. WI has received tenders for the works but due to time pressures have not been able to assess these as yet. They are also seeking to establish whether finance is available after all current contractual liabilities have been met, as the accounts for the completed dredging contracts have not yet been settled.

At this point WI would not realistically expect work to commence before June at earliest but they do expect it to proceed this year.

WI have agreed to meet with residents again in July at DCC offices..

### **Graffiti removal**

A number of sites in Cabra area have been identified as suitable for the new service being run in association with the Probation Service. A stretch of the Royal Canal, which is under the management of WI, is being assessed by DCC for suitability to be included in this project.

### **Mount Bernard Park**

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

## **Community Policing Fora**

### **Navan Rd**

It was agreed at the last meeting of the Central Area JPC that DCC would establish and administer a Community Policing Forum for the Navan Road area. It is planned to have quarterly meetings rotating between locations on the Navan Road and Pelletstown. However, a date for the first meeting is not yet available due the current industrial relations action.

### **Cabra Community Policing Forum**

DCC staff have been unable to participate in recent Cabra Community Policing Forum meetings because of industrial action. the February meeting of the NWIC Forum was cancelled for the same reason.

### **Cabra House Pub**

Negotiations are currently taking place between a management sub-committee of the Forum and the owner of the Cabra House pub with regard to improved measures to deter drug dealing and other anti-social activities. The Gardai also have an objection to the renewal of the licence before the courts but are reserving their position pending the outcome of parallel discussions with the owner.

### **NWIC Policing Forum**

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

### **Development works**

#### **McKee Park:**

Work on site is proceeding satisfactorily. Contract completion date is February 2011. Work to boundary walls is largely complete. The details of the design have been changed to avoid the need to work on any other boundary walls. City Council are monitoring building operations, in order to ensure nuisance to neighbours from site traffic, dirt and noise is kept to a minimum.

#### **Smithfield Enhancement Scheme**

The tender for the northern end has been awarded to KN Networks Services Ltd. Works have commenced and will take four months to complete. They involve realignment of the car parking, provision of a new Dublin Bikes station and installation of a new pedestrian crossing. The Liaison Committee held its first meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May and will continue to meet regularly. In the meantime queries should be directed to the Cabra Office at 2227400. Signs to the hotel will be put on the hoarding and further liaison will take place with Charter Medical in relation to ambulances accessing the premises. Both the residents of Smithfield terrace and the Bridewell Garda station have been advised of the works. The detailed design of Phase 2 is in progress.

#### **Mary Street**

The installation of new public lighting columns between Wolfe Tone St to Capel St is in progress.

### **Community Development Update June 2010**

#### **Neighbours Day 28<sup>th</sup> May**

A number of events were organised to mark and celebrate Neighbours Day 28<sup>th</sup> May.:

#### **Plant Sales**

Residents Associations along with DCC Community Staff held a number of Plant Sales on the last weekend of May. Most sales took place on the Saturday with a small number taking place on the Friday. Summer Bedding Plants, Window Boxes and Hanging Baskets were on sale to local people at a subsidised rate. In total **eleven sales** were held over the weekend in the following areas. Stoneybatter, Claremont Estate, Cabra Saint Finbarrs GAA, Cabra Road/St. Peters Terrace, Great Western Sq, Blackhorse Grove, Altona Terrace, Manor Street, Royal Canal Park, Infirmary Road and NCR. In all locations local volunteers supervised the sales and ensured that the events went well.

#### **Soccer Blitz**

A soccer blitz has become an annual event in John Paul Park with a perpetual trophy awarded to the winning team. The event is open to young people in the area not necessarily on a team who just come along with their friends, make up a team for the night and take part. The event was organised for 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm by the Community Team, Sport Development Officer, the FAI Development Officer and the Manager of the Centre. All participants receive a medal and refreshments following the matches.

#### **Historical Walk**

A walk through the Cabra Area with Pat Liddy, the well known historian, was organised for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May meeting at St. Finbarr's GAA Club at 12 noon. The event was free and all were welcomed. This is a popular walk that could be run by local Cabra people in the future if there are willing volunteers available.

#### **Pitch & Putt**

The Shandon Pitch & Putt Club agreed to host an introduction to their club by inviting anyone interested to call in on Wednesday between 1.30 and 3.30. A cup of tea and a chat, a tour of the facility and a chance to do a bit of putting will be provided by the members who will meet and greet on the day.

**Coffee Morning**

The MACRO Senior Citizens organised a coffee morning in the MACRO Centre on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Neighbours Day with family and friends. The Bealtaine Festival and Social Inclusion, Events which were organised during the month of May were very well attended and enjoyed by all who took part.

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

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

**Area Housing Manager – Chris Butler**

**Sean O’Casey Avenue**

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

**Sean Treacy House**

Contractor on site since Feb. 2009. Approx. 18 month build period. Short delay has been encountered but project should be completed early 2011. There are very few former residents of Sean Treacy House who are due to move back to the completed development. Therefore the majority of the 53 units will be available to applicants on the Housing and Transfer lists.

**Matt Talbot Court**

Feasibility Study and costings for redevelopment submitted to the DOE for appraisal. Response from DOE indicated that they favoured PPP route for this project and this is not a viable option in the current economic climate. Project to be examined under new scheme for prioritisation of redevelopment projects. Doors installed and commissioned week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.

**James Larkin House**

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

**Liberty House**

Revised plans for redevelopment has been conditionally approved by D.O.E. Meeting with residents took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Residents happy with proposals and the project will now proceed to detailed design stage. Follow up meeting with residents took place in August. Residents requested some changes to plan presented. Further meetings took place in October and November and tenants representatives have now signed off on plans. Awaiting final sign off from DOE. Pre part 8 internal consultation underway with other departments.

**St. Mary’s Mansions**

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

**Patrick Heeney House and Crescent**

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



project is completed it will result in 33 units becoming available for Housing and Transfer applicants. All units handed over 8<sup>th</sup> June and all now tenanted.

### **Avondale House**

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

### **Temple House**

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

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

#### **Poplar Row**

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared the vacant site on Poplar Row of all domestic rubbish/debris. The electronic entrance doors to Poplar Row have been recently vandalised for the third time this year. CCTV footage has been provided to the Gardai and we are liaising with them in trying to identify the person/persons involved vandalizing these doors. A bin store facility has been installed to secure the bins in the complex. There are ongoing meetings with the Residents Association.

#### **Ballybough House**

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

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

There are ongoing estate management issues in the complex. We are presently looking to initiate exclusion orders against two individuals. There was a recent incident when the postman was shot at with a pellet gun in the complex. This resulted in no post being delivered to the complex for a week. A meeting took place between representatives from An Post, DCC and Residents Association. A full post service has returned to the complex with the situation being closely monitored.

We have requested that a survey be carried out on the CCTV in the complex by a specialist contractor with a view to get a quotation for upgrading the system.

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

#### **Croke Villas**

Negotiations have been terminated with the preferred bidder. There are now 24 dwellings out of a total of 79 occupied in the complex. There are 14 families/individuals wishing to be transferred from the complex to suitable accommodation in Area's H, B and E.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The electronic gates to the car park, which were defective for a couple of days, have now been repaired.

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

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

NCPS have carried out line marking in the complex to regulate the parking on request from the residents. DCC are currently dishing the pavements to make access to the blocks easier for the elderly residents as many of them have mobility problems.

DCC are currently investigating the feasibility of converting one of the vacant flats into a washroom so as the residents can be facilitated on site. The Liaison Officer is currently surveying the residents to assess the need for this facility.

#### **Newcomen Court**

Work has finished on the installation of a community garden that will be managed by the Larkin Unemployment Centre and will be overseen by Dublin City Council. We have consulted with the residents that adjoin on to the site and the majority are in favour of this project. We hope that the community garden will improve the appearance of the site and stop the local dumping.

#### **Shelmalier House**

A euro bin will be installed in the complex in the coming weeks. There are no outstanding estate management issues in the complex.

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

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

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

#### **Brendan Behan Court**

A contractor has removed the trees on Wellesley Place on behalf of the Parks Department. The Estate Manager liaised with the residents of Brendan Behan Court and Wellesley Place prior to the trees being removed. Regular meetings take place with the Resident Association and Dublin City Council to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

The Older Persons Unit sourced a pool table for the Community Room. This has been well received by the residents in the complex.

### **Ballybough Court**

There is regular communication between Estate Management Staff and the residents of the complex.

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

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

### **Blackhall/Marmion Court**

Extensive works have been carried out throughout the complex over the past two months and are ongoing. All outstanding water issues have been resolved and a faulty hydrant within the complex has been replaced. The graffiti in the main courtyard of the complex has been painted over by DCC painting crew and a damaged and vandalised mural has been removed. Housing Maintenance is power washing the courtyards and playgrounds on a regular basis and household junk is collected from the complex up to four times weekly. A steam washer has been sourced and stair-cleaning programme will be put in place shortly. The Parks Department are currently working on plans to improve the garden areas throughout the complex. Estate Management are meeting with the newly formed Residents Group on a regular basis. Staff is on hand in the Blackhall Estate Office twice weekly and in the Central Area Office on a daily basis to take any complaints that residents may have.

An Internal Working Group was convened and an architect was commissioned to draw up plans for replacement roofing on all blocks. These plans also include the insulation of all pipes and tanks in place on the roofs. It is hoped that this project will go out to tender by mid May with works to start on the most affected roofs at a later date, provided funding can be identified.

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

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

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**Blessington Street**

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

**Chancery House**

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

**Constitution Hill**

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

**Dominick Court**

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

**Dominick House/Palmerston Place**

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

**Dominick Street Lower**

There are no outstanding Estate Management issues within this complex.  
The proposed redevelopment project is progressing well. A high level of consultation with the residents is maintained.

**Dominick Street Upper Apartments**

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

**Dorset Street Flats**

Although anti social behaviour has alleviated in this complex over the past few months, the situation continues to be closely monitored on an ongoing basis and estate management is working closely with An Garda Siochana.

Funding has now been sourced for the installation of an upgraded CCTV system. Installation shall commence in the near future.

**Eccles Court**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise.  
Previously reported security problems have alleviated in the last month however estate management continue to monitor the situation closely.

### **Friary Court**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

A Painting Programme was successfully completed in this complex in early May.

### **Georges Place**

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

Ongoing repairs continue to be carried out on the roof of this complex, the situation should be rectified in the near future.

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

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management.

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

Funding is currently being sourced for the upgrading of the current CCTV system within this complex.

### **Henrietta House**

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

### **Kevin Barry House**

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

Funding has now been secured for the installation of a CCTV security system within this complex.

Installation of this system shall commence in the near future.

### **North King Street**

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

### **Ormond Square**

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

### **Saint Michans House**

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

### **Saint Peters Court**

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

### **Sheridan Court/Place**

Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management. There are no outstanding issues in this complex.

### **Wolfe Tone Close**

There are no outstanding estate management or maintenance issues within this complex.

### **Joe Farrell**

**Housing Projects Manager**

To the Chairperson and Members of  
the Central Area Committee

1<sup>st</sup> June 2010

### Environmental Services/Public Domain update

#### Weeding Contract

The tender for the weeding contract for 2010 was advertised earlier this year. From a shortlist of four companies one was successful, in line with the criteria of the tender. The proposed method of spraying the weeds was with quad motorbikes travelling along the footpath. Although vehicles are permitted to travel on footpaths for maintenance and repair, there was a concern raised under health and safety, in the unlikely event of an accident taking place. This has resulted in an inevitable delay in issuing the contract.

Dublin City Council had the method statements independently assessed and was satisfied that speed restricted quads, with a hands free system of spraying, operated with properly qualified and trained staff, was the preferred method of spraying..

Dublin City Council is now in negotiations with the remaining contractors to agree a starting date and the roll out of the weed spraying programme, as soon as crews can be made available.

#### Environmental Liaison Officer

Due to the retirement of the Environmental Liaison Officer, Mr Tony Fagan, please be advised that all reports of litter, illegal dumping or other environmental issues should be reported to the litter hotline (1800 248 348) for attention.

#### Environmental Response Unit

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 the environmental response unit removed over 72 tonnes of dumped material from the area.

79 incidents of dumping were responded to in this period.

#### Graffiti Removal

Graffiti that has been removed by our corporate contractor in this period:

Ormond Square, Ormond Place, Arran Street East, Chancery Street, Hammond Lane, Strangford Road, Moy Elta Road, St Bridgets Avenue, Portside Close (East Wall), Crawford Avenue, Inisfallen Parade, Millmount Avenue, Manor Street, Devlin Terrace, Ossory Road, Bachelors Walk, Ormond Quay Boardwalk

Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using the Probation Services:

Binns Bridge, Fassagh Avenue Shops, Dorset Street Lower.

#### Litter Hotline

<i>Category of incident reported to Litter Hotline (01/05/10 – 30/05/10)</i>	
Dumping	95
Litter	5
Cleansing	14
Non-tagged bags	3
Graffiti	5
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>

<b><i>Breakdown of complaint locations (01/05/10 – 30/05/10)</i></b>	
Ballybough	7
Cabra	11
Drumcondra	9
East Wall	10
North Circular Road	4
North East Inner City	29
North Wall	2
Phibsborough	24
Stoneybatter	10
<u>Other</u>	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>

#### **Public Domain Defects**

<b><i>Breakdown of Public Domain Defects reported (01/05/10 – 30/05/10)</i></b>	
Cleansing	12
Drainage	0
Parks	4
Public Lighting	1
Roads Maintenance	39
Traffic	1
Waterworks	0
Other	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

### **Community/Business update**

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

Joint Policing Committees were established in local authorities following a joint directive from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The purpose is to provide a forum where a local authority and the senior Garda Officers responsible for the policing of that area, with the participation of Oireachtas members and the community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area. Dublin City Council has a citywide committee and 5 sub-committees reflecting the area structure in the city.

The Sub-committee for the Central Area was established in late 2006 and meets on a quarterly basis. Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick is Chairperson. Two new community/voluntary sector representatives have recently joined the sub-committee.

Members attended a special meeting in January at which the Policing Plans 2010 were presented by Chief Superintendents Pat Leahy and Declan Coburn and discussed. Crime analysis update reports are presented at each meeting by the Chief Superintendents.

Issues discussed at meetings include anti-social behaviour, estate management, traffic management, car vandalism, alcohol abuse, sale of alcohol, consumption of alcohol in public places, community policing, CCTV and begging.

Community Policing Forums and Local Drugs Task Forces in the area are invited to make a report to each meeting. Following on from the last meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> the steering group has met to examine how antisocial behaviour in St. Laurence's Place East might be addressed. The next Central Area JPC meeting will be held in September.

#### **Community Forums**

The Environmental Services Unit facilitates the convening of the regular meetings of six Community Forums (which are sub-groups of the Joint Policing Sub-Committee) with the main issues being raised as follows:

- i. *North Wall*

- Anti-social behaviour
  - Traffic Management
  - The O2
  - Development sites
- ii. *East Wall*
- Anti-social behaviour
  - Public domain issues
  - Iarnrod Eireann related issues
  - Dart underground
  - The O2
- iii. *Ballybough*
- New Community Centre
  - Re-development related issues
  - Anti-social behaviour
- iv. *North East Inner City*
- The City Clinic
  - Cumberland Street Market
  - Waste Management
  - Bus parking
  - Street begging
- v. *Mountjoy and District*
- Public Domain issues
  - Anti-social behaviour/Landlords
  - Local parks
  - Metro North
  - Institutions
- vi. *Drumcondra/Glasnevin*
- Traffic Management
  - Metro North
  - Road Maintenance

### **Central Area Business Forum**

The Central Area Business Forum (CABF) is a partnership between City Centre Business, Business Associations, City Council, an Garda Síochána and Dublin Bus. Dublin City Council established terms of reference, and representatives from the three main groups were identified and invited to attend an initial meeting. An Agenda is agreed, and actions are assigned to appropriate persons and reported back to the next meeting. The Central Area Business Forum was set up to achieve strategic long-term goals for Dublin City Centre.

The CABF meets on a quarterly basis, chaired by the Central Area Manager and its aims/objectives are as follows:

- a) to set out strategic long term goals for dublin city centre as follows
- b) a prime retail district in Ireland
- c) an attractive area for property development and entrepreneurial investment
- d) to promote a residential city centre of quality homes and leisure and play facilities for families
- e) to promote a city centre where arts and culture and unique activities which evoke a sense of enjoyment and relaxation in a safe, tolerant and friendly environment
- f) to promote a safe and secure city centre
- g) to set the highest quality standard public domain and to monitor and maintain these standards
- h) establish an event management policy for a universally accessible city
- i) top world class city which retains its unique character - presenting the heritage and unique character of Dublin City.



### **Business Improvement District (BID)**

Dedicated BID cleaning staff are providing additional services to the BID. These services included the provision of a rapid response public domain service, covering cleansing requirements of the BID, over and above the regular service provided by waste management. This service has been coordinated using data provided by BID through the Street Ambassador service identifying and addressing specific issues and areas of concern to the BID, and its members.

This service is, on average, providing immediate response services to over 600 incidents a month, and providing additional detailed cleaning to 150 streets a month, removing graffiti, stickers, illegal fly posters, cable ties and staining. This is in conjunction with a regular, scheduled cleaning regime that has been tailored to address specific concerns in the BID area.

The City Council also supports a detailed reporting system, managed in conjunction with the Dublin BID, which covers issues relating to Planning and Development / Roads and Traffic/ Drainage / Water and other services provided by Dublin City Council, such as Events and Casual Trading.

### **Croke Park Community Liaison Committee**

The Croke Park Community Liaison Committee was established by Dublin City Council in 2007, with a series of objectives including:

- To facilitate an assessment of the influence/effects of Croke Park on the local community
- To identify achievable improvements and oversee their implementation
- To maintain constructive dialogue with relevant stakeholders to bring about an overall gradual improvement in the situation.

Local residents, Central Area Councillors, An Garda Síochána, local business, Croke Park and Dublin City Council were represented on the committee. It was chaired by an independent Chairperson, who departed the committee last September.

The committee met on a monthly basis until September 2009. By this time the objectives set out at the outset has been in large part met and progress had been achieved on the issues. The final meeting of the CPCLC was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010. Croke Park hope to appoint a Community Liaison Officer shortly and it is proposed that Croke Park will host two public forum meetings per annum.

### **O'Connell Street IAP Community Gain**

Community gain funding was granted to each applicant on condition that progress reports be supplied to Dublin City Council. As a number of files remain active, receipt of reports is ongoing.

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

Applications are regularly made to this office requesting the initiation of the extinguishment of public right of way procedure. These applications can be made for various reasons, but the majority are made as a result of on-going anti-social behaviour. The signatures and addresses of the proposers and adjoining residents/landowners with properties abutting the laneway in question must support an application for the extinguishment of the public right of way. As the extinguishment of the public right of way is a statutory procedure, which must be published, there is a right of objection by local residents and members of the general public who may not agree with the proposal. These objections must be considered by Dublin City Council, even to the extent of hearing the views of both proposers and objectors at an Oral hearing, should the need arise. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function of Dublin City Council.

In addition to carrying out the statutory extinguishment procedure we regularly deal with other related requests and queries. We are currently investigating four public requests/complaints in relation to previously/proposed/illegally extinguished land.

### **Naming and Numbering of Streets/Developments**

The naming and numbering of streets and developments is a function of this office. In addition to carrying out this executive function for new naming/numberings in the Central Area, other related queries and requests are also received.

We are currently dealing with the naming and numbering of an extensive private housing development in the area, along with the re-numbering of a smaller mixed use development.

**Hugh McKenna**  
**Senior Executive Officer**