

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2016
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519. Dublin Port, its Masterplan and the City Development Plan.
Order: Noted.
520. College Green Project.
Order: Noted.
521. Presentation on new legislation governing the presentation and collection of household waste.
Order: Noted.
522. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2016.
Order: Agreed.
523. Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
524. **Culture, Recreation, Amenity & Community Department Matters**
- i. Report on South East Area Community Grants.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Proposed Large Street Tree Maintenance Programme 2016.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Proposed Parks Improvements Works Programme 2016.
Order: Noted
525. **Planning Property Enterprise and Economic Development Department Matters**
- i. Planning Enforcement Quarterly Report.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Report on the proposed disposal of land and foreshore at Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
526. **Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 26/01/2016 (enclosed).
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Road Maintenance Works Programme 2016 (enclosed).
Order: Noted.

527. Housing & Residential Services Department Matters

- i. Housing Allocations Yearly Report 2015 (enclosed).
Order: Noted.

528. South East Area Matters

- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section
 - Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements
 - South East Area Sport and Recreation Section**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Proposal to rename Terenure Close as Terenure Square
Order: Agreed.
- iii. South East Area Discretionary Fund 2016
Order: Approved.
- iv. Nomination of one member of the South East Area Committee to the board of the Ringsend Toll Bridge Designated Activity Company.
Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey proposed and Cllr. Ruairí McGinley seconded the nomination of Cllr. Andrews to the board of Ringsend Toll Bridge Designated Activity Company, which was agreed by the committee.

Motions

529. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to outline the routes allowed and the various time restrictions on five axle vehicles accessing the port in the area bounded by Merrion Gates, Ailesbury Road / Merrion Road to Shelbourne Road / Bath Avenue.

Order: Report to councillor.

530. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee requests that the "Tramway Cottages", Highfield Grove, Rathgar, be added to the list of protected structures. The cottages were built by the Dublin United Tramway Company for its workers in 1905 (formerly Tramway Terrace) and represent an important part of the area's architectural heritage.

Order: Report to councillor.

531. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to outline why nearly two hundred years after the railway line crossed Sandymount Avenue it is felt necessary to erect new signs indicating that the railway line and gates are ahead and how such an installation complies with the agreement by the committee to reduce the number of unnecessary signs and poles across the area.

Order: Report to councillor.

532. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to provide for the painting of the stairwells of the Beech Hill Villas complex.

Order: Report to councillor.

533. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a full report on the how the Heskin Court complex is managed and what relationship exists between Dublin City Council and the management of the remainder of the Elm Park Green complex and what relationship exists or is meant to exist between that management and the tenants of Heskin Court and to further clarify if and why the provision of a TV service is restricted to one supplier and on what basis such a restriction operates.

Order: Report to councillor.

534. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee requests that approx €20,000 of this year's increased Transportation Budget for the area be allocated to a feasibility study on using filtered permeability to achieve a "quiet-way" route across the constituency.

This is so that cyclists, school children and pedestrians who need to traverse the area, but wish to avoid commuting traffic, can do so.

This would also be an effective means of significantly decreasing the number of "rat-runs" through the area.

Order: Report to councillor.

535. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Given its social and strategic importance in the community, this area committee shall write to An Post calling on them to facilitate the opening of a post office in Sandymount without delay.

Order: Agreed.

536. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Recognising the broader need for a resolution to the Strand Road parking issue between the stretch of Strand Road from Sydney Parade Avenue to the Merrion Gates as a matter of urgency, this committee calls on the area manager, as part of resolving that problem, and without delay, to extend the yellow lines coming from the entrance / exit of Merrion Strand onto the Strand Road to run onto the Strand Road to the length of the fourth traffic cone in the attached photograph, and to an equivalent extent on the other side of the entrance / exit, in order to give a clear view of oncoming traffic for those vehicles exiting from Merrion Strand onto the Strand Road. This is necessary in order to prevent serious accidents. The lack of visibility at present is highly dangerous. Please see attached photograph.

Order: Report to councillor.

537. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In the wake of the devastation which has been wreaked on both the west coast of Ireland and the midlands in recent weeks arising from the stormy weather, and having regard to the risks arising from high tides and further stormy weather in the coming months, this area committee resolves that the area office shall act to ensure that residents along the sea in Sandymount, Irishtown and Ringsend are given adequate protection from the risk of flooding, and notes, in particular, that the system whereby a small number of sandbags are left at gates or made available for collection in containers in car parks along the Strand is inadequate in circumstances where:

1) The relevant car parks are the first areas closed off so cars must be parked on the road which in itself is a traffic hazard,

2) There is quite a distance to carry the bags to the cars;

3) Most people can only carry one bag at a time as they are quite heavy. Many, for various reasons, are not in a position to carry a bag at all; and

4) Many cars can take only circa five bags whereas the requirements in all cases will be for many, many more bags.

This area committee notes further that the alternative to providing comprehensive protection, which is the risk of catastrophic flooding, especially given the intensity of such storms in winter 2015/16, is unacceptable.

Order: Report to councillor.

538. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill, moved by Cllr. Lacey

That the manager states what programme is in place to ensure that traffic lights are properly positioned and easily viewed by drivers. I have had two experiences in the Dublin South East area of where traffic lights have been turned and not easily visible to drivers. One is traffic light Rathmines Road junction of Leinster Road. Lights are completely twisted and facing the footpath. The other case is Harold's Cross Road at the Bridge. The turn right light to Grove Road is very hard to see.

Order: Report to councillor.

539. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan, moved by Cllr. Kennedy

This committee requests that the Russian Embassy, Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 removes the razor wire along the full length of the embassy's garden wall.

Order: Agreed.

540. Motion from Councillors Paddy McCartan and Kate O'Connell

That the area committee requests the manager to deal with the following flood prevention issue at Merlyn Park, Ballsbridge. Flood prevention measures were put in place some time ago in Merlyn Park, but in the event of serious flooding, that part of Merlyn with its junction at Ailesbury Road would flood again.

The origin of the flood water is inadequate drainage on the Spanish Embassy side of Ailesbury Road. There are at least two additional double gullies necessary in this area.

As it stands, the lowest gully for Ailesbury Road and part of Merrion Road is outside 23 Merlyn Park. In flood conditions, by the time the water from Ailesbury Road reaches Merlyn Park it is flowing 2 meters out from the kerb on the surface of the road and bypassing the gullies, thus flooding that end of Merlyn Park.

There is an additional problem on this road. When the flood water builds up in the water / sewerage pipe in Ailesbury Road it forces the water / sewerage back up the pipe in Merlyn Park and up through the ground floor toilets. On completion of their work on this road the council promised to send specialist contractors to fit a 'non-return valve' to rectify this problem. This has not happened so this end of the road is still at serious risk.

Order: Report to councillor.

541. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests a halt to the removal of any further trees from Merrion Square park, that those that have been removed be replaced immediately, and to ask that the manager provide a full report on the replanting programme and timelines for the redevelopment of Merrion Square park.

Order: Report to councillor.

542. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the area manager to request that the contractors who carried out the replacement windows in George Reynolds House go back and seal the windows properly as they are leaking on the inside in many of the apartments causing damp.

Order: Report to councillor.

543. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks that the area manager increases the frequency and intensity of the street cleaning in Stella Gardens, Ringsend as the current system is insufficient in keeping the local streets clean.

Order: Report to councillor.

544. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests the area manager to outline what is being done to address the deficit in the provision of artist studios and cultural space in the South East Area and to provide a report on the matter.

Order: Report to councillor.

545. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the manager has the lighting improved on Wilfield Road, Sandymount as previously committed to.

Order: Report to councillor.

546. **Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton, moved by Cllr. Binchy**
That this committee requests the manager to have Mercer Street flats, Dublin 2 painted, they are very run down looking and many years have passed since they were last painted.
Order: Report to councillor.
547. **Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton, moved for report by Cllr. McGinley**
That this committee requests the manager to have O'Carroll Villas flats, Dublin 2 painted. They are very run down looking and many years have passed since they were last painted.
Order: Report to councillor.
548. **Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton, moved for report by Cllr. McGinley**
That this committee requests that the residents in Mercer Street flats be provided with a play ground for their children.
Order: Report to councillor.
549. **Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton, moved for report by Cllr. McGinley**
That this committee requests that the residents in Whitefriar Gardens be provided with a playground for their children.
Order: Report to councillor.
550. **Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton, moved for report by Cllr. McGinley**
That this committee is concerned about the safety of constituent and visitors to the city due to the lack of regulation of rickshaw transport.
Order: Report to councillor.
551. **Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello, moved by Cllr. Byrne.**
That the manager increase the Green Man phase at off peak times of the pedestrian lights at the Terenure Road North / Ashdale Road pedestrian crossing from 6 seconds to 9 seconds for a 6 month period. Following this period conduct a review including consultation with local residents to assess if this timing should be kept. Residents regularly complain about a lack of time to cross at these lights. In many other parts of the city it is also difficult where pedestrians do not have sufficient time. If Dublin City Council is serious about promoting walking, as they state, then issues such as this need to be addressed. This would be a short term pilot for these lights that could help inform timing of other lights in other parts of the area and the city.
Order: Report to councillor.
552. **Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews, moved for report by Cllr. McGinley**
That the manager has the trees cut down and replaced between number 41 and 42 Rutland Grove and also the tree outside number 39 Rutland Grove as they have severely damaged the footpath and may be rotten.
Order: Report to councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson
Dated 8th February 2016

Attendance

Apologies from Cllr. Stapleton.

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, F. Kennedy, M. Flynn, P. Costello, R. McGinley, K. Binchy, C. Andrews, M. Freehill, P. Smyth, K. O'Connell, J. O'Callaghan, C. Cuffe and C. Byrne.

Officials

R. Kenny, Area Manager, South East Area Office.

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.

B. Kirk, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

M. Ginnety, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

G. Geoghegan, Area Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

C. Adamson, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Section.

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

H. Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic.

B. White, Senior Executive Officer, Traffic.

B. Swan, Deputy City Architect, City Architects.

K. Skay, Senior Executive Architect, City Architects.

B. O'Brien, Head of Technical Services, Traffic.

E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

C. Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic.

A. Burke, Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

D. Wallace, Executive Manager, Traffic.

M. Douglas, Executive Scientific Officer, Waste Management.

E. Wright, Senior Executive Officer, Waste Management.

L. Johnson, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

D. Hayden, A. Community Development Officer, South East Area Office.

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services.

D. Dixon, Project Engineer, Luas Cross City Liaison Office.

F. Worrall, Administrative Officer, Planning Enforcement.

A. Grehan, City Architect. City Architects.

Non-officials

E. O'Reilly, Dublin Port.

C. Murphy, Dublin Port.

P. Ward, Dublin Port.