

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 2016
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14 MÁRTA 2016**

Councillor McCartan on behalf of the committee congratulated former councillors Kate O'Connell and Jim O'Callaghan on their election to Dáil Éireann and acknowledged the other councillors who participated.

- 553.** Planning application reference number 2210/16, Greenfield, Donnybrook.
Order: Noted. Councillors requested to have their objections to this planning application recorded.
- 554.** Presentation from Howley Hayes on entrance pavilion Merrion Square.
Order: Noted. It was also agreed to initiate a part 8 process in respect of the works. Further report to issue to the councillors addressing issues raised.
- 555.** Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2016.
Order: Agreed.
- 556.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 557. Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 23/02/2016.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Traffic Works Programme 2016.
Order: Noted.
- 558. Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Matters**
- i. Report on proposed disposal of a further licence of the Old Fire Station, 190a Rathmines Road Lower, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 559. Culture, Recreation, Community and Amenity Matters**
- i. Re: Proposal to grant a lease of property at 44 East Essex Street, Temple Bar to the Youth Mental Health organisation "Headstrong".
Order: Noted.
- 560. South East Area Matters**
- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section.
 - Environmental Services Unit

- Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements.
- Sport and Recreation Section.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Nomination of one South East Area Committee member to the board of the Dublin South City Partnership.

Order: The nomination of Cllr. Patrick Costello to the board of the Dublin South City Partnership, which was proposed by Cllr. Claire Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Kieran Binchy was agreed by the South East Area Committee and is therefore recommended to City Council.

- iii. Naming and numbering proposal for a development of four houses at 130 Ranelagh.

Order: Agreed.

- iv. Naming and numbering proposal for a development of two houses to the rear of Lodge Villa, Dartry Road, Dublin 6.

Order: Agreed.

- v. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at 19C Hanover Street East, Grand Canal, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed.

Motions

561. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report on the requests and ideas submitted in relation to Irishtown Nature Park and Sean Moore Park as outlined in the email submitted with and circulated with this motion.

Loitering & Drinking

Cans and bottles are thrown around generally but particularly near benches and on rocks in front of same. Drinkers are a threat to local walkers and visitors and occupy benches with great views of sea and mountains. Apart from the safety issue these people foul the area nearby causing a health issue - I have seen rats. Signs (picture style) are needed as a deterrent and for Garda backup.

Camping

Last summer there were long stay campers who took up space near benches and also littered the environs. Signs (picture style) are needed as a deterrent and for Garda backup

Dog fouling

This is not a bad problem but again signage is necessary to keep people aware. Most of the litter bins next the pathway have been removed.

I have had e correspondence (+ photos) with Mr Michael Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent but nothing has happened.

We should be **proud** of this great amenity and make it safe and welcoming for locals and visitors.

Order: Report to councillor.

562. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Area Manager and Traffic Engineer to provide a detailed response to the serious issues of concern raised by the chairperson of the board of management and parents of St. Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street as outlined below.

I write on behalf of the Board of Management of St Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street, Dublin. The parents of the school have recently alerted the board to the risk posed to pedestrians, both children and adults, in the Whitefriar Street area. Traffic in the area can move at a speed which poses risks to pedestrians.

I attach to the email photographs of the area, which is near the entrance to the school and near the Raddison Hotel at Golden Lane. The areas concerned are around Golden Lane, Whitefriar Street, Whitefriar Place and Wood Street. Traffic can move at great speed and the parents are naturally concerned. Perhaps some traffic calming measures can be looked at immediately.

We believe that as a matter of urgency the local authority should investigate what measures can be taken to improve road safety for the pupils and parents and guardians, including any measures which would prevent any accidents and give due warning to any drivers of the presence of parents, guardians and children in the vicinity, especially at school opening hours and school closing hours.

We appreciate of course that it is the case that drivers have to keep a proper lookout and drive with due care and consideration. Nonetheless, whatever the local authority has to do under statutory authority and can do practically to help matters is also required. Drivers need every encouragement to drive safely. Whatever positive steps you can take in relation to the areas of concern would be greatly appreciated.

Order: Report to councillor.

563. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth taken with item 557

Given Rathmines Road Upper is heavily used by school children accessing adjacent schools and that the current road layout encourages dangerously high traffic speeds, this committee calls on the Manager to install traffic calming measures such as carriageway narrowing and vertical/horizontal deflectors, as per the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, Section 4.1.2.

Order: Report to councillor.

564. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Many motions regarding the state of 201 Harold's Cross Road have been agreed. While the council has prevailed on the owners to secure the building and clean up the curtilage, the state of the building is not much better. Men sleep rough there, and there are regular fights among drunks and addicts at night. Immediate neighbours and local residents are living in very real fear of a fire starting in the building. Because food is left, there is also a problem with rodents. Some neighbours who have resided in the area for many, many years now feel very unsafe in this vicinity.

As the council has not been successful in getting the owners to secure and clean up the building on a regular basis, it is therefore agreed that the council use its powers to carry out the necessary work to secure the building and that costs involved be put as a lien against the value of the property.

Order: Deferred to April SEAC meeting for additional information.

565. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to upgrade the public roadway area outside the houses on Strand Terrace in Milltown.

Order: Report to councillor.

566. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This Committee resolves that the Area Manager shall write to the Superintendent of An Garda Síochána responsible for Irishtown Garda Station requesting that An Garda Síochána install cameras on Irishtown Garda Station facing onto Londonbridge Road in order to record and detect HGVs which breach the 3.5 tonne limit on Bath Avenue and Londonbridge Road, and then to pursue and punish violators.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor.

567. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Because of the location of Castlewood Terrace, Rathmines that it be upgraded for more regular cleansing purposes. This is a route to the cleansing yard and many other routes. It's a quiet place and has become a dumping ground with pieces of furniture, litter and dog faeces. Also that a CCTV camera be placed on the lane with a notice to that effect.

Order: Report to councillor. Cleansing regime to be reviewed.

568. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

The success of the Swan Leisure Centre in Rathmines has been one of the great Dublin City Council achievements in recent times. An important part of the original design was to use the front plaza to develop community recreational space and this was also stated in the Rathmines Action Plan. The time has come to re-examine the use of this space and a reconfiguration is needed, making space for table and chairs which would allow more people to enjoy this space. A better use of the plaza would also encourage more community interaction in Rathmines. While the members agree with this proposal it is asking that a design and report on how this can be achieved be presented to the April LAC.

Order: Report to councillor.

569. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn.

That this area committee supports the idea that the vacant plinth at City Hall where formerly the Daniel O Connell Statue was positioned, be used on an annual basis for a city temporary artwork along similar lines to the 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square.

Order: Cllr. Mc Cartan moved for report. Report to councillor.

570. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn.

That this committee calls for a full examination and investigation as to how and why dozens of ballot papers were unstamped in Dublin Bay South (2016 election). These ballot papers came to light at the count in the RDS on Saturday and no viable explanation was given by the returning officer. This situation is unacceptable in any democracy.

Also, this gives rise to the question as to how many other ballot papers during this election were unstamped and declared invalid.

Order: Cllr. Mc Cartan moved for report. Report to councillor.

571. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the area manager to include South Dock Place, South Lotts Road and Gordon Street on the list of areas to be provided with a derogation from the new waste collection legislation that requires households to use wheelie bins as this street does not have sufficient space for the storage of such bins.

Order: Report to councillor.

572. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee requests the manager to have street lights repaired on Cuffe Street, danger to both pedestrians and motorist etc.

Order: Report to councillor.

573. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee requests the manager to install a security camera and better lighting on Montague Place, Dublin 2.

Order: Report to councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Dated 14th March 2016

Attendance

Members

Apologies from Cllr. Kennedy.

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, S. Stapleton, M. Flynn, P. Costello, R. McGinley, K. Binchy, C. Andrews, M. Freehill, P. Smyth, and C. Byrne.

Officials

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

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

M. Ginnetty, 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.

H. Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Section.

P. Kearns, Senior Executive Planner, Planning.

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

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

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

L. Moore, City Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services.

Non-officials

D. Meaney, Irish Famine Commemoration Fund.

N. Smurfit, Irish Famine Commemoration Fund.

J. Howley, Howley Hayes Architects.

C. Cooney, Howley Hayes Architects.