

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL 2016
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574. Presentation on the Draft Tree Strategy
Order: Noted.
575. Presentation on Peace Park Environmental Improvement
Order: Noted.
576. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2016.
Order: Agreed.
577. Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
578. **Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 22/03/2016.
Order: Noted.
579. **Culture, Recreation, Community and Amenity Matters**
- i. Report on Temple Bar Cultural Trust and the nomination of two members of the South East Area Committee to the Temple Bar Steering Group.
Order: Noted. Cllr. Mary Freehill proposed Cllr. Dermot Lacey, which was seconded by Cllr. Anne Feeney. Cllr. Lacey proposed Cllr. Paddy McCartan, which was seconded by Cllr. Claire Byrne. Both nominations to the Temple Bar Steering Group were agreed by the committee.
 - ii. Report on grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2016.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
580. **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
- i. Proposed disposal of a plot of land at No 5 New Street, Dublin 8.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
 - ii. Derelict Sites Report.
Order: Noted.
581. **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. Naming and numbering proposal for new development at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Nomination of one councillor to fill a vacancy on the Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee created by the election of former councillor, Jim O'Callaghan to Dáil Éireann.
Order: The nomination of Cllr. Frank Kennedy to replace Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan on the Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Claire Byrne and agreed by the committee.

Motions

582. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to support the objectives of the Docklands Business Forum for the Grand Canal Basin as stated below and agrees to write to Waterways Ireland, the relevant Minister and the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to express our support:

Order: Agreed.

583. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee calls upon the Traffic Engineer to install traffic calming measures to slow down the traffic passing by Kildare Place School on Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 at morning and afternoon times in particular.

Order: Report to Councillor.

584. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to the reply issued to question number 4 at the March meeting of the area committee this committee requests the Manager to outline why the answer given to points 2 and 3 are a refusal to accede to residents' wishes and in relation to point 4, to comment on residents' assertions that in fact the gates are more or less now permanently open.

Order: Report to Councillor.

585. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the response to question 8 at SEAC March 2016, this committee calls for the Area Manager to grant permission to the Donnybrook Tidy Towns Committee to erect a flagpole at a suitable location in Donnybrook. The Tidy Towns Committee will adhere to a flag protocol which has been approved by the Department of the Taoiseach. This would ensure that the national flag is honoured, and avoids the flying of the flag on lampposts during the recent 1916 commemorations, which, although well intended, is in contravention of flag etiquette and is disrespectful.

Order: Agreed.

586. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following motion 535 at the February SEAC 2016 meeting ("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") and in light of the reply received from An Post in February 2016 this committee shall write again to An Post for a further update and to ask, specifically (a) on what date was the contract offered for the provision of the post office service following the selection process; (b) was the contract accepted and entered into; (c) if the answer to (b) is yes, when will post office services re-commence; and (d) if the

answer to (b) is no, what steps are An Post now taking to ensure that a post office is opened in Sandymount without delay.

Order: Agreed.

587. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That a play area be put in to Ross Road on the derelict site that is there currently.

Order: Agreed.

588. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee expresses concern with Irish Rail's proposal to increase the DART frequency to one train every five minutes all day (10 minutes per train in each direction).

While improved service is to be welcomed, the general view in the Sydney Parade area is that this will cause traffic chaos in Sandymount, Sydney Parade and, above all, at Merrion Gates.

Order: Agreed.

589. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the small five a side pitch in Digges Street be resurfaced as the covering is very well worn and the surface is uneven in places.

Order: Report to Councillor.

590. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That the area committee supports a request from residents of George Reynolds House, Irishtown for the flying of the Tricolour from a flagpole at this apartment complex. This is to commemorate George Reynolds, who gave his life for his country in Dublin during the 1916 Rising. Residents feel it would be appropriate recognition for him.

The Department of the Taoiseach has published guidelines on the use of the Tricolour. These guidelines include guidance on hoisting and lowering the flag and on when it should be displayed.

Residents have given a guarantee of compliance with said guidelines.

Order: Agreed.

591. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Buchan traps in Garden View and Prices Lane be repaired as a matter of urgency. Residents are experiencing an influx of rats which are coming from the main sewer.

Order: Report to Councillor.

592. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee urgently supports the residents of Greenmount Avenue, Harold's Cross and complies with the agreement co-signed by the Assistant City Manager (Brendan Kenny) in 2006 to ensure that Focus Ireland, while building on the hospice site next door, put proper drainage in place. This site has been the cause of flooding on a number of occasions of houses on Greenmount Avenue. A wall was to be built to protect the rear of these houses - that has not been done. Construction is currently happening on this site, residents had a meeting with Brendan Kenny but nothing has been done. They are very distressed because of flooding history they cannot get house insurance and makes the sale of these houses near impossible.

Order: Agreed.

593. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

That this committee supports the proposals of the Docklands Business Forum for the preservation of the historical gravating docks in Plot 19 of the Docklands SDZ, and calls on Waterways Ireland and NAMA to work with all interested parties to ensure that they are preserved.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Anne Feeney. Agreed.

594. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the pot holes on Greenmount Lane, Harold's Cross be repaired as they are deleterious to tyres. These potholes were repaired sometime ago but they only had a temporary impact.

Order: Report to Councillor.

595. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee congratulates all those involved in the state commemorations at Easter Week. This was a momentous occasion of great significance and gave a great sense of pride and identity to the Irish people both at home and abroad. Dublin City Council along with many other state agencies, Defence Forces, An Garda Síochána, The Office of the President and Department of An Taoiseach worked together to deliver a most respectful and inclusive commemoration process that this nation and this city can be proud of, rendering onto the Irish people what is rightfully theirs.

Order: Agreed.

596. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council and the Public Domain Section engage with residents of Parkmore (whose properties back on to Glenavy) and residents of Glenavy to regularise the protection of wall and replace trees that were knocked down in the area of the roundabout on Glenavy. This was a quiet cul de sac but actions over the past two years are causing distress and damage to the amenity. The resolution of this will require mediation from Dublin City Council.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Dated 11th April 2016

Attendance

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, S. Stapleton, M. Flynn, P. Costello, R. McGinley, C. Andrews, M. Freehill, P. Smyth, A. Feeney, C. O'Connor, F. Kennedy 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.

P. McCann, Administrative 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.
E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area Office.
C. Adamson, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Management & Control Section.
P. Leonard, Executive Landscape Architect, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
M. Coyle, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
L. Moore, City Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
M. Igoe, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Management Team.