

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2016
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13th MEITHEAMH 2016**

A minute's silence was observed for the victims of the Orlando shooting.

623. Presentation from Gerry O'Connell on the Sandymount Promenade Flood Defences.
Order: Noted.

624. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016.
Order: Agreed.

625. Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted

626. Environment and Transportation Department Matters

i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 24/05/2016.
Order: Noted

ii. Report on the provision of pedestrian crossings on Burgh Quay and at Merrion Square.
Order: Noted

627. Housing and Residential Services Department Matters

i. Notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 Proposed Amalgamation of Bedsits and Associated External Works to 8 bedsits at Block 1 of St. Andrew's Court, Fenian Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.

628. Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department Matters

i. Report on Part 8 Notification: Public Park and Play Facility at Benson Street (Chocolate Park), Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

ii. Verbal Report on National Cultural Institutions and Neighbourhoods
Order: Noted

629. Planning and Property Development Department Matters

i. Report on the proposed granting of a way leave to ESB at Ffrench Mullen House, Charlemont Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

630. 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 Terenure Road West.

Order: Agreed

- iii. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at Bloomfield Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.

Order: Agreed.

- iv. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed.

- v. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at 8 Hanover Quay and Green Street East, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed.

Motions

631. Motion from Councillors Ruairí McGinley, Patrick Costello, Anne Feeney, Mary Freehill, Paddy Smyth and Claire O'Connor

That the manager examines the issues below in relation to Rutland Avenue & Rutland Grove and reverts with comprehensive response

- A. Traffic volumes and parking chaos at entrance to Rutland Grove arising from traffic at top of Rutland Avenue at entrance to park. Concern that blind spots created by parked cars will lead to accidents. Corner needs to be kept free of parked cars. Illegal parking needs attention.
- B. Residents on Rutland Avenue are unable to park at their houses due to parking by park users and would like some designated parking spaces, possibly on large footpath area.
- C. Commitment to reduce footpath size on park side to increased car parking when Lourdes Celtic clubhouse was built has not been followed through on.
- D. Bring centre entrance is a location for dumping - one suggestion is to remove indent - have wall in line with path – bring centre wall was never rendered.
- E. CCTV cameras needed to deter dumping.
- F. Planting needed to remove very harsh concrete aspect to estate entrance – greening of estate needed on all grey walls.
- G. Footpath repair programme needed within estate - some sections done - much remains to be done.
- H. Trees in estate need pruning and wires protruding from trees need attention.
- I. Road surface at estate entrance needs attention as it is breaking up in particular in proximity to bring centre.

- J. Some trees root systems are causing severe damage to paths and creating hazards for residents many of whom are now elderly – location at 41/42 to be removed – prune 40/39.
- K. There is a brown field site to side of bring centre that is detracting from estate appearance and residents wish to know what plans are – site needs to be cleaned up.
- L. Residents are very happy for bring centre to remain, once issues with dumping are addressed.
- M. Footpath outside No. 18 needs particular attention – resident using a walking rollator and footpath is not suitable, also 40, 53, 43, 70, 78 (garden being damaged), 112 – note there have been claims in past arising from trips.
- N. Public light fittings - colour needs to change from yellow to white as estate is dark.
- O. Street cleansing needs attention, in particular weeds growing on edge of road.
- P. Remove railings at top of Mount Argus wall as no longer needed and would visually improve estate.
- Q. Soft landscaping needed in avenue 57 - 74 – couple of trees, also possible fencing on top of end wall to improve security.
- R. Possibility of mural on one of large walls.
- S. Footpath needs to be constructed on left hand side route into estate – on visit both elderly and young children noted going onto public road due to lack of footpath with obvious safety issues.
- T. Wall to boundary of Sundrive Park and bring centre is very grey – the area to top of road has greened up nicely, the remaining area could do with similar treatment – area that is at risk from Halloween bonfires needs particular attention.
Order: Report to councillor.

632. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office erects a street sign for Ashbrook Terrace, Sallymount Avenue. This is a small terrace of houses and is frequently confused for other houses with the same numbers on Sallymount Avenue. A similar sign has been erected in the past for Warwick Terrace, also part of Sallymount Avenue, to prevent similar confusion. Given this precedent a sign should be erected as soon as possible.

Order: Report to councillor.

633. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this area committee instruct the Manager take steps to allow dogs to be off leash in parks in a manageable and structured way. Currently the manager is allowing certain parks to be de-facto dog parks with no restraint or conditions, which has created a situation where there is difficulty for other park users, particularly those with small children frightened of dogs.

This is particularly the case in Orwell Park where it has been reported that dog owners have simply stated to other concerned park users "this is the Dog Park". While Dogs and dog owners should be able to use parks, the current free for all of dogs off leash is not working for all park users.

The manager needs to take steps to ensure that conditions of Off-Leash times or areas put in place and enforced. This committee has passed several motions calling for dog runs as used in other urban areas internationally which would offer the manager one easy to implement and maintain structure.

Order: Report to councillor.

634. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an update on previously agreed commitments to dish all the footpath junctions on both sides of Morehampton / Donnybrook Roads from the Bloomfield Avenue (entrance to Royal Hospital) to Donnybrook Sacred Heart Church.

Order: Report to councillor.

635. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office and the Parks Department provide monthly updates on all aspects of attempts to develop the City of Dublin Educational Training Board (CDET) ground on Templeogue Road. Recent proposals to develop this site caused a lot of concern among residents in the area, that these proposals were developed without consultation and with little information being provided to Councillors or residents added to the concern of the residents.

Residents are generally supportive of improving sporting facilities for the area but proper consultation needs to take place. If Councillors are kept in the dark by officials we are not in a position to help facilitate communication and facilitate any developments. Now that this proposal is being looked at again it is imperative that Councillors and residents are included and kept updated at all stages.

Order: Report to councillor.

636. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office agrees to resurface Killeen Road, Ranelagh; it is in very poor condition and is pockmarked with large and growing potholes and should be resurfaced.

Order: Report to councillor.

637. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That the South East Area Committee calls on the City Council to carry out an environmental impact study on the consequences of the traffic realignment and contra flow bus corridor that is being proposed for Parliament Street, Dame Street area. There is grave concern locally and indeed city wide, at the lack of a robust study and the negative impact that this will have on this local environment.

Order: Report to councillor.

638. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy. Moved by Cllr. McCartan

To ask the manager to address the issue of cars using Ailesbury Drive, Dublin 4 as a rat-run and travelling at an excessive speed for a street of this kind in the process, by adding speed bumps or other appropriate traffic calming measures. There are speed bumps on all the neighbouring residential streets (Nutley, Ailesbury, Simmons Court).

Order: Report to councillor.

639. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee asks Iarrnód Eireann to present to the next South East Area Committee meeting to explain the works being carried out at Macken Street Bridge and when the on-going disruption to Dublin City Council tenants will end.

Order: Report to Councillor.

- 640. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That Pearse Square is attended to by the cleansing section on a twice-daily basis given the heavy usage and particularly heavy usage in the fine weather.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 641. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That large blue parking signage indicating that there is parking behind the retail units at Wild and Greene in Milltown be erected as is done in other areas with parking congestion.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 642. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the Manager gives an update on the proposals for a play area on Ross Road as previously discussed.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 643. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That given the concerns residents have around the issue of fire safety on Old Bride Street, Nicholas Street and Ross Road that this area committee asks for a fire safety audit to be carried out as a matter of urgency.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 644. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
That this committee asks the Manager to have a no parking sign replaced at Montague Lane. Non residents are parking at the back entrance to O'Callaghan's Hotel and they are blocking other entrances also which is a safety issue. Unfortunately, when the clampers come down they do not approach this area as the no parking sign was removed.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 645. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
That this committee asks the Manager to have tree stumps uprooted to the front and back of O' Carroll Villas flat complex.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 646. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
That this committee asks the Manager to have grass cut at the back of O' Carroll villas flats. Block beside hotel.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 647. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That the traffic engineers examine the impediment to traffic flow along the canal caused by the right turn into Mount Pleasant Avenue Lower and whether the straightening of the curved footpath or road positioning would aid traffic flow.
The sequencing of the cycleway traffic light on the nose of Portobello Bridge, the red light on the bridge when there is green on the canal means that during morning rush hour traffic during a whole green phase not one car gets to move because of the above two issues.
It is worth noting that this west east route does not have any public transport.
Order: Report to councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson
13th June 2016

Attendance

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

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

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. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.
P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.
J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.
L. Johnson, Staff Officer, South East Area Office
J .Nugent, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.
H. Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation Operations.
C. Adamson, Assistant Engineer, Transportation Operations.
R. Yeates, Arts Officer, Community, Culture, Economic & Emergency Services
D. Scully, Senior Planner, Planning & Property Development Department.
C. Lopez-Naughton, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's Department.
M. Hussey, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic.
D. Scully, Senior Planner, Docklands Unit.
C. French, Assistant Engineer, Traffic.
D. Kinane, Executive Engineer, Regional Projects and Flood Advisory Office.
B. Knowles, Executive Engineer, Regional Projects and Flood Advisory Office.