



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2017

- 1 Presentation by Dublin Port on the Review of the Dublin Port Masterplan 2012 to 2040
Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2016
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 20th December 2016.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. 2017 Road Maintenance Services Works Programme.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Update on Poolbeg West SDZ.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of a property at Gloucester Street South / Moss Street / Bracken's Lane, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council subject to a report being provided on parking and storage prior to the February 2017 City Council meeting.
 - iii. Report on proposed grant of a licence to manage the pavilion, tennis courts and padel courts, Bushy Park, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 5 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports and Recreation Section.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed extinguishment of public right of way Stable Lane.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to initiate a process that could lead to an agreed community bonfire in Ringsend for Halloween.

Order: Report rejected.

Motion 2 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

That this committee write to the fast food vendors in Rathmines Village requesting that they ensure that their customers dispose of their rubbish responsibly and / or provide a staff member to routinely survey the area to pick up and dispose of any rubbish which originated from their premises.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to have a wheelchair accessibility audit conducted along the footpaths in the general Ringsend village area.

Order: Report rejected.

Motion 4 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests the area manager to carry out another traffic survey on St. Kevin's Road, Portobello. The last survey was carried out in August when school and commuter traffic is lower than usual and therefore the results could not be reflective of the actual level of rat running and speeding that takes place on this street. In addition, can the area manager also confirm whether the planters that have been put in place as a traffic calming measure will remain as a permanent feature?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to address the on-going issue of illegal dumping and litter on South Dock Road as a matter of urgency. The residents have been in touch with Litter Enforcement and Fix My Street on a number of occasions but the problem has not yet been resolved.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the DYL be urgently replaced on Garville Lane which is the rear of 72 Garville Avenue. I have tabled a number of motions regarding this area because the residents have major problems in accessing their garages due to commuter parking on the lane. In this instance the resident of 72 Garville Avenue is an elderly woman and uses a wheelchair. There are steps at the front entrance so she needs the rear which is all flat to access her home. Because of the access issues involved I ask that this proposal be treated as urgent.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

A new residents' association called Corrib Road Mount Tallant has been formed and this takes in all the houses from Kimmage Road, Aideen Drive to Mount Tallant Harold's Cross Road. Over 20 years ago to deal with very serious rat running a number of bollards were placed on some roads. Because rat runners are now able to negotiate their way around this maize, the bollards are no longer effective.

There is a problem at right turn into Aideen Drive from Kimmage Road, which has a no right turn there from [8.0.am.](#) to 10.00. There is no compliance and this needs to be policed. This is not the only entry into this area and a traffic study needs to be carried out for the area.

1. This is a route to six schools, St. Joseph's NS &, Presentation Secondary, Terenure, Rathgar NS Rathgar Avenue, Clareville Road., 2 schools and St Clare's Harold's Cross. Traffic is very considerably lighter during school holidays. These roads are like a static car park from 8 to 10.00a.m, moving east, and moving west from 12.30 to 4p.m. and 5.p.m. to 6.30.
2. The central bollard was removed on Corrib and Melvin Road, the result of this is that cyclists and motor bikes move to middle of road to pass through the bollard and stay in the middle road passing a three road junction. This is extremely dangerous and apparently there is a plan to remove a bollard from Derravarragh Road, Neagh Road and Mount Tallant Avenue. Recently an Engineer's report stated that these roads don't need yield or stop signs. I witnessed just how dangerous this junction and it needs to be inspected.
3. Residents from Aideen Place park on the footpath on Aideen Drive, because of heavy morning traffic they cannot exit their lane, and this is causing problems on Aideen Drive.
4. At Harold's Cross end of Mount Tallant Avenue, Woodworkers Builders suppliers attract a lot of heavy delivery trucks which causes a lot of traffic chaos. Also there is a planning for 72 apartments so this road urgently needs to be assessed.

Therefore it is agreed that an on-site meeting takes place with the residents' association please, preferably after 2.0p.m. but during school term. I really think this area has to be seen to understand the difficulties. I am therefore formally proposing that an Area Traffic Study be carried out. As this problem is also very much connected with Clareville Road as per my December motion and I think the whole area may need to be examined. Ms Murphy Chair of the Association first wrote to you in October 2015 and got no reply she wrote again 3 weeks ago and no reply. I make this point as they should be well up the queue by now.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact the Carmelites' Community Centre to intervene and discuss their intentions on closing down the community crèche with their view to turning it into a private crèche. This crèche is badly needed by local constituents and the Carmelites' proposal to privatise it would be too expensive for people and push them out of employment and training opportunities. There will also be job losses in the crèche if this is allowed to go ahead.

Order: Agreed. The Chairperson will also write on behalf of the committee.

Motion 9 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to provide funding/grant/ to help compadrito Tango. They are a community- based volunteers tango dancing group that hold classes for the community in Dublin 2 on a weekly basis. They are having a festival in July 2017. Unfortunately, the only funding they have is through donations. Funding is needed for the cost of the festival, rental, artists' fees, accommodation, catering and flights etc. Contact Simona Zaino, <http://tangofever.net>

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council asks that a location can be identified in the Dublin 2 or surrounding

areas for constituents that have a love for playing cricket. I have been approached by a group of men that have told me there is nowhere to play their sport. The only option they have is to join a cricket group which is very costly. They have tried to play in various locations, Phoenix Park, Stephen's Green etc... However, they were stopped on all occasions by park wardens.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this meeting receives an update on negotiations with Irish Water on the status of piping on Adrian Avenue numbers 17 – 20. Furthermore if taking in charge of the interior end of Aideen Drive is necessary to facilitate them having their public piping renewed that this be done.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee thanks Iarnród Éireann for the clean-up conducted at the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church), and in particular at the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews following the motion passed at the November meeting of the SEAC. However, notwithstanding the considerable improvement, a significant portion of the original rubbish remains, with the area under the footbridge remaining the most acutely affected. Regrettably, the area remains generally dirty and unhygienic and there is still a lot of litter and bottles scattered around and gives the impression of being a dumping ground which cultivates the accumulation of further waste. In circumstances where one further effort will significantly enhance the area and maximise the return on the works which have been carried out to date, this committee requests that Iarnród Éireann completes this job and resolves to write to Iarnród Éireann to so request.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Chris Andrews taken with Motion 16

That this area committee supports the actions of all those volunteers and those supporting the Home Sweet Home initiative, who have occupied Apollo House since the night of Thursday 15th December in order to address the worsening homeless crisis in Dublin and across the country and furthermore we call on Minister Coveney to meet with organisers on site in order to see what can be done when real commitment is shown to ending the homeless crisis and request the Minister / Dublin City Council put in place funding to increase the capacity of homeless in Apollo House.

Order: Moved by Councillor McGinley. Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to increase the level of leaf removal and gully cleaning on Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello Dublin 8. This street is tree lined and has significant leaf fall which also clogs the gullies. Every year the residents have to make complaints in order for this street to be addressed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee rejects the proposals to remove bins on Bride Street and Grantham Street, and the general practice of removal of bins as a solution to illegal dumping, asks that these bins be replaced as a matter of urgency and calls on the Area Manager to seek alternatives methods of addressing the on-going problems of illegal dumping in the South East Area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motion 13

That this Area Committee supports the Home Sweet Home initiative as it highlights NAMA's failure to deliver on its social dividend and to address the housing crisis in Dublin City.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn.

That this meeting of the South East Area support the residents in Creighton Street in their efforts for proper area management with regards the works and developments that are going on within that area. In past months the builders and developers in this area have shown nothing short of contempt for the residents in this locality in relation to their work practices and their continuing disregard for residents and residents groups concerns.

The main issues here are ones of noise and communication with regards to consent for out of hours works.

This committee now calls on Dublin City Council not to issue any permits without first informing the local residents in this area and at all times to keep the residents of this area informed and to fully investigate any breach of the conditions of out of hours permits.

It is now time that Dublin City Council, the developers the builders in this area began to treat the residents and their neighbours with proper respect rather than dismissive contempt.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council call on those that are occupying Apollo house to comply with the court order and vacate the premises as directed by the courts on the 11th of Jan in an orderly fashion. Their campaign has been well publicised and in the interest of safety and in the interest of allowing the professionals get on with their job this action at this location should be discontinued.

Further, that this committee of Dublin City Council support the staff at DCC's Homeless executive and those staff in the housing and allocations section as well as approved housing bodies and the voluntary sector who have given enormous commitment and professional services to ensure that those who are in housing need, housing difficulties, homelessness and emergency accommodation have the best possible 24 hour support.

Order: Agreed.

7 Questions to the Chief Executive 9th January 2017

Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan
Chairperson
Monday, 9 January 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Claire O'Connor
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Sonya Stapleton
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mary Freehill
Ruairi McGinley
Chris Andrews
Anne Feeney

Members:

Claire Byrne
Frank Kennedy
Paddy Smyth
Patrick Costello

Officers:

Rose Kenny
Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Madeline McNamara
Marguerite Staunton

Fiona O'Brien
Declan Hayden
Mark Ginney
John O'Hara
Gerard Geoghegan

Jennifer Wall
Brian Kirk
Paul McCann
Myles Farrell

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Charlie Murphy, Dublin Port
Eamonn O'Reilly, Dublin Port