



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

- 1 **Presentation - Briefing on the Dodder Greenway Part 8 application and overview of the environmental report**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Ringsend Irishtown Local Environmental Improvement Plan**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Presentation on Water Framework Directive - River Basin Management Plan (2018 - 2021) Public Consultation**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Presentation on Proposed Works at Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row**
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 5 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 8th May 2017**
Order: Agreed.
- 6 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 25th May 2017.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Proposed Works at Cork Hill, Castle Street and Exchange Court. Part 8.
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed works at Merrion Square Park, Tearooms, Part 8.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 8 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Derelict Sites Report.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of freehold interest in 3 Sundrive Road, Kimmage, Dublin 12 to Richard Hogan and others.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.

- iii. Report on proposed grant of a lease of the Kiosk Unit, Drury Street Car Park, Dublin 2 to Restaurants Ireland Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- iv. Report on proposed grant of a licence of part of the lands adjoining Clonskeagh House, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- v. Report on proposed disposal of plot of land at Hanover Quay to Cairn Homes PLC.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- vi. Report on proposed amendment to North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ location of pedestrian bridge on River Liffey – taken with item 8.viii.
Order: Noted.
- vii. Report on proposed disposal of a lease of Joshua Dawson House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2 to Nuritas Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- viii. Report on proposed variation (17) of Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022: Harold’s Cross Stadium change of zoning to Z15 - To protect and provide for institutional, and community uses – taken with item 8.vi.
Order: Noted.

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South East Area Matters

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports and Recreation Section.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on proposal to name a development at Clonskeagh Road: The Paper Mill.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Nomination of one councillor to the South Inner City Drugs Task Force following the resignation of Councillor Claire Byrne.
Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey nominated and the committee agreed the nomination of Cllr. Sonya Stapleton to the South Inner City Drugs Task Force.

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Motions

Motion 1 From Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee agrees to request the manager to initiate the procedures for enabling the closure of Cuffe Lane, Dublin 2 for all the reasons set out in the email submitted with this motion."

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Cuffe Lane, Dublin 2.

Cuffe Lane comprises of 13 terraced houses on the left, 12 apartments on the right and the rear exit to Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (RCSI) straight ahead. Cuffe Lane is just that, a lane. This lane does lead to any other lane or street. It is in effect a cul de sac containing no business, retail or otherwise. It is a

lane to nowhere.

Due to a very high degree of anti social behaviour which include vandalism, car break ins, burglary, breaking and entering of our homes, urination, defecation, littering, loitering, sexual congress and serious drug use, We feel very vulnerable and the quality of our lives has deteriorated to a huge extent.

The proximity of our homes to the city centre and its associated nightclubs, bars and fast food outlets have all led to this. People are shooting up, tinfoil, syringes, lighters; broken glass, blood soaked clothes etc. are a frequent almost daily discovery. They can be very abusive at times and are very frightening when drunk or high on drugs. They sit right outside our homes, shouting, throwing whatever is at hand. It is not a safe area.

The guards have been called to the lane frequently.

This anti social behaviour has escalated to an intolerable level and indeed at times we are afraid to leave our homes. We really need help to keep our small community safe in our homes. Can you please advise us as a group, the necessary protocols to perhaps gate our small laneway? We have permission from the houses and apartments and indeed the RCSI stated that they will help us lobby also.

I have contacted the superintendent in Pearse Street Garda station to get a report on the anti social behaviour, concerning all the times they have to visit the laneway. Also we are in the process of drafting up a letter to get the 13 houses and 12 apartment signatures in favour of a small gated community. RCSI will also help us in lobbying. I hope to send this email to a few councillors in the hope that you can all unite in helping us in our plight to have a safer home environment.

Many thanks for taking the time to hear our grave concerns, we await in anticipation of a favourable reply in helping us gate our small community.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee discusses the apparent disregard for the planners on Dublin City Council and the local residents along the Grand Canal by Waterways Ireland and resolves to seek to meet with Waterways Ireland to discuss this matter.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager to report on what measures can and will be taken to deal with the issues raised in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report refusing clean water quality status for Merrion Strand.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

As an immediate action, that the pot holes on Greenmount Lane be repaired. This lane is the access for heavy lorries using the Greenmount Industrial Estate and the general state of the lane is in very poor condition. Therefore it is agreed that the lane be urgently listed for resurfacing.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) Planning Department to include a clause in all major planning application with regard to the naming of such buildings and developments. This is to ensure a continuity of place and also to acknowledge the integrity of the built environment and the history of location. At present there are a number of large developments taking place in the historic city

centre core. These developments can cause a risk to the erasure of historic memory and location and the history of place. DCC in their own naming process, have a policy and a criteria yet there doesn't seem to be the same criteria in planning. With the advent of the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone development it is time that we ensure a continuity of naming in keeping with the local landmass and the local history and heritage. Also, placing this as a planning matter will give the public and local communities greater input into this process.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Ruairí McGinley. Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That this Area Committee expresses its concern and alarm at works being carried out at 31 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2 (a protected structure) without planning permission. These works would appear to be in breach of all regulations that apply for a protected structure.

The owners of an adjacent building at 30 Lower Leeson Street;

- (1) were obliged to apply for planning permission
- (2) employed the services of a conservation architect
- (3) were subject to various inspections from Dublin City Council
- (4) had to apply for "Change of use" for the basement

The double standards and inconsistencies whereby one owner is compliant and another shows wilful disregard for the rules would appear grossly unfair to the owners of the protected structure who abide by the law.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install a solar bin in Pearse Square, to outline the reasons why there is a delay in installing such a bin, and if she could please make the installation of this solar bin for the residents of Pearse Park, who do such a great job of maintaining the park, a priority.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Patrick Costello. Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to arrange a meeting with the residents of Pearse Square, as per the response to my question 59 at the April meeting (see below).

This meeting with the residents has not yet taken place and in the meantime the litter in the park has deteriorated, the bin has been removed and the local residents have been left to clean the park, collecting up to three bags of rubbish.

Can the Area Manager please arrange this meeting as a matter of urgency?

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she will please attend to the northern end of Pearse Square as it is extremely overgrown and needs professional attention, and can this work be carried out before the summer months so that the residents and general public can use the park.

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services have recently set up new parks districts and the new Central District now has responsibility for Pearse Square Park. Following a recent site visit, a number of maintenance and improvement works were noted for the park and included the northern end of the square. However, before the proposed works commences, the Parks & Landscape Services Division will arrange a meeting with the

residents to discuss same.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Patrick Costello. Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Rathmines very much lacks community facilities -our Health Services Executive (HSE) health centre is not fit for purpose, there is no assembly / community meeting hall in Rathmines and the council has to use its Irishtown offices to accommodate their staff who work in the Rathmines area.

Therefore when considering possible uses for the Rathmines cleansing yard site in the forthcoming Framework Plan it is essential that we look at the needs of the Rathmines area that consideration be given to the inclusion of the provision of HSE Primary Care Centre.

A public assembly hall that would also lend itself to community uses.

Dublin City Council local offices.

Age friendly apartments (as per my motion of March 2015) suitable for people who want to downsize and provide for both private and social market.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council agrees to keep the gate at the Town Hall, Rathmines, which leads to the bring centre open on Saturdays. A lot Rathmines dwellers find it difficult to access the bring centre at weekends and leaving this gate open on Saturdays would be a very welcome facility.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill – taken with Motion 15

That Dublin City Council states their policy regarding support for the survival of urban villages, in this instance Harold's Cross, which is very much under threat from the development of Aldi and Lidl and now even more so from over enthusiastic clamping. Please state the council's policy to protect and promote Small to Medium Enterprises and local services in our urban villages.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council holds a meeting with the Department of Education to try and find ways to discourage parents driving children to school and where necessary that the schools be asked to cooperate and let children be dropped in the school grounds.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact Gardaí to find a solution to the ongoing gangs hanging around Harcourt Hall apartments. The residents are stepping over bodies to get out their front door. They have also reported their front door is also being used as a toilet. The gangs also congregate outside Toni's Diner next door.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee requests the manager to report on what action can be taken to improve Herbert Park in line with the submission attached to this motion from the Dublin Radio Model Boat Club.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Frank Kennedy – taken with Motion 11

That this area committee resolves to write to Dublin Street Parking Services

(DSPS) to register its disapproval of the predatory and inappropriate clamping practices taking place outside the Centra Store in Harold's Cross and to call on DSPS to (a) explain this pattern of behaviour and (b) to provide a guarantee that it will be moderated. The attached video footage shows a clamp being applied before either the requisite photograph is taken to prove that the vehicle is unlawfully parked and the notification to this effect has been fixed to the car window.

Order: Agreed.

11 **Questions to Chief Executive 12th June 2017**

Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Monday 12th June 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Chris Andrews
Anne Feeney
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

Kieran Binchy
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan
Sonya Stapleton

Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Ruairí McGinley

Apologies:

Mannix Flynn

Claire O'Connor

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
Fiona O'Brien
Paul McCann
Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Michael Noonan
Rossana Camargo

Brian Hanney
Jennifer Wall
Brian Kirk
Nial Dully
Brian Kavanagh
Gill McGovern
Kilian Skay

Rose Kenny
Gerry O'Connell
Sid Daly
Declan Hayden
Bernard Brady
Neil O'Donoghue
Brian Swan

Non-Officials:

Suzanne Furlong, South Dublin
County Council
Eoin O'Cadhain, South Dublin
County Council

Derek Taylor, South Dublin
County Council
Marc Campbell, Mitchell &
Associates

Ronan Geoghegan, South
Dublin County Council