



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2017

- 1 Election of Chairperson South East Area Committee
Order: Cllr. Paddy McCartan was proposed by Cllr. Ruairí McGinley and seconded by Cllr. Chris Andrews and the nomination was approved by the committee.
- 2 Election of Vice Chairperson South East Area Committee
Order: Cllr. Sonya Stapleton was proposed by Cllr. Frank Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and the nomination was approved by the committee.
- 3 Presentation on Proposed Part 8 Works Interventions to the former Caretaker's Apartment at the Mansion House for use as a Formal Guest Apartment.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 4 Presentation and Report on Proposed Part 8 Works at Temple Bar Square
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 5 Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 12 June 2017
Order: Agreed.
- 6 Environment and Traffic Department Matters
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 27th June 2017.
Order: Agreed.
- 7 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters
 - i. Report on proposed grant for swimming pool at Marian College.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
 - ii. Part 8 Report on Bushy Park Tea Rooms.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 8 Planning and Property Development Department Matters
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of fee simple in no. 30 Merlyn Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 to Karen Heatley.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.

- ii. Report on proposed disposal of property at nos. 15 – 30 Beech Hill Terrace, Dublin 4 to The Royal Hospital Donnybrook Voluntary Housing Association Ltd.

Cllr. Dermot Lacey declared an interest: membership of the Board of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook Voluntary Housing Association Ltd.

Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.

9 South East Area Matters

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Report on proposed naming of a development on Hanover Street East, 1 – 56, Ropemaker Place.

Order: Agreed.

- iii. Report on proposed naming of a development on Lime Street, 1 – 100, Timberyard Square.

Order: Agreed.

10 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to ask the manager to take urgent action to have the footpath on Baggot Street Upper, as detailed below, checked and repaired.

As a resident who lives just around the corner from Baggot Street Upper, I would appreciate if you could liaise with Dublin City Council, as a matter of priority, to ensure the re-paving of both footpaths on either side of the road. As our local public representative, you must be aware of the poor and dangerous state of the footpaths on both sides of the street.

For the last couple of years, both pavements have deteriorated to a stage that many of the paving stones are broken, loose and jagged, and it is a veritable obstacle course walking on either footpath. Between offices, businesses and residents, there is a huge amount of footfall daily on this street. Given the amount of footfall, the neglected condition of the paving stones is an ongoing serious problem, it is dangerous and a health and safety hazard.

Unfortunately, on Thursday 1st June, my 57 year old sister stepped on a paving stone located between Eathos coffee shop and Baggot Wines and she had a bad fall and was injured. On closer inspection, we discovered that the paving stone was split down the middle and completely loose (see photo below). My sister had to be taken by ambulance to St. James's Hospital Emergency Department and they confirmed she had fractured a bone in her foot and has considerable bruising including soft tissue. She has to wear a medical walking boot for at least five weeks, and we do not know what the long term impact of her fall may be. Her fall would have been completely avoidable if the paving stones had been maintained in good condition. A very concerned Garda came along, Garda Niall Burke from Donnybrook Garda Station, and he must have notified Dublin City Council that same day, as I note that the offending paving stone has since been repaired with tarmac but the rest are as bad as ever.

I know, from talking to staff in various businesses in Upper Baggot Street, that this is not an isolated incident. Another lady fell outside Eathos at Christmas and broke her ankle very badly. A man fell outside Boots Pharmacy a few months

ago. The staff in Meaghers' Pharmacy said that a number of people have come into them after falls on the pavements and one of their own staff fell and fractured her arm on the same pavements as long as two years ago. I know that, in the fortnight since my sister fell, two ladies had bad falls on a loose paving stone between Meaghers' and No. 8 News-agency, one lady as recently as yesterday evening!

Repairing individual faulty paving stones after they cause a fall and injury is not a solution. The council needs to assess and re-pave the whole street as a matter of urgency, as it is evident that accidents are happening on a regular basis and people are being injured.

I am sure you will understand our frustration, on paying our Property Tax; that we see no obvious benefit, nor do local businesses paying rates. Instead, we see our built environment deteriorate to the point that it is unsafe for citizens to walk there.

I am asking you, as our local public representative, to ensure that Dublin City Council assesses and re-paves both footpaths as a matter of priority, in order to protect people from injury. I would appreciate if you could let me know what practical action you intend to take to address this very serious Health and Safety issue, when you have taken that action and the outcome. I look forward to a positive response.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

There will be a new development at the Hawkins House site bordered by Tara Street and Poolbeg Street, through which a main street will run. In recognition of the previous location of the Theatre Royal at this site, this committee requests the manager to take the necessary steps - including advance contact with the owners of the site - to have the road crossing the site named "Theatre Royal Way".

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Ruairi McGinley

That the manager report to this committee on the condition of open space in Rutland Grove and steps taken to deal with unauthorised occupation on the space and resulting mayhem and anti social behaviour of a serious nature.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillors Patrick Costello and Ruairi McGinley

That this area committee agrees that the following issues in Rutland Grove are addressed as soon as possible:

- Installation of "Cul De Sac" sign at the start of the estate.
- Cleaning of walls and removal of graffiti around the open green area.
- Increased monitoring of parking difficulties and illegal parking by parking enforcement.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That funds be included in the 2018 budget to fill in the canal wall along Parnell Road. There are major gaps in this wall which leaves it level with the footpath. This is where the canal overflowed along with the Poddle in 2011 which caused loss of life.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to request the Traffic Engineer to develop a comprehensive traffic plan (signage, etc.) for Lansdowne Park, Ballsbridge,

Dublin 4.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to resurface the pavements on both sides of the road on Upper Baggot Street. There have been numerous accidents due to uneven paving stones on the road and therefore this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee supports the residents of Ringsend and Irishtown in their efforts to erect a 'Welcome to Ringsend' sign in the area and that this be included as part of the Ringsend and Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan. Suggested locations are around Ringsend Bridge and just after the Garda Station on Irishtown Road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee agrees that any redevelopment of the Central Bank should include the following:

- a skate park or skate ramp
- an indoor play area for children
- the provision of artist studios

and that the area manager ensures that these are taken into consideration when making any decisions on planning applications for this site.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to retain John Sweeny in his role as sports development officer in Irishtown Stadium.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee agrees to install recycling bins for glass and cans at the open space at Portobello Harbour.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the many great successes which communities, towns and villages in the South East Area have enjoyed in recent years in the Tidy Towns competition, this area committee resolves that there should be a ban on erecting any posters in any towns and villages in the city of Dublin which are competing as registered entrants / nominees in the Tidy Towns competition during the month of June and July (which are the adjudication months for the Tidy Towns) and that, if approved, this motion shall form part of the brief of the South East Area Committee to be placed before the members of Dublin City Council for approval at its September meeting.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In the event that the immediately preceding motion is, on the advice of the law agent, unlawful having regard to legislation concerning the erection of election posters, then, having regard to the many great successes which communities, towns and villages in the South East Area have enjoyed in recent years in the

Tidy Towns competition, this area committee resolves that there should be a ban on this city council approving any applications for permission to erect any posters in any towns and villages in the city of Dublin which are competing as registered entrants / nominees in the Tidy Towns competition during the months of June and July (which are the adjudication months for the Tidy Towns) and that, if approved, this motion shall form part of the brief of the South East Area Committee to be placed before the members of Dublin City Council for approval at its September meeting.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee shall write to An Post to ask it to clarify the position regarding the Post Office in Donnybrook which it is understood will close in August 2017, and, if the Post Office at its current location is not to re-open, to ask what steps are being taken to ensure that a Post Office is opened in Donnybrook as a matter of urgency.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee shall write to An Post to request a full report on its efforts to ensure that a new post office is opened in Sandymount and to emphasise that this issue needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Owing to the very severe traffic problems in the South East Area, which encompasses some of the most significant parts of Dublin city centre including College Green, Grafton Street and St. Stephen's Green, this committee resolves to write to the Minister for Transport to express its grave disappointment at the lack of progress on important transportation issues in our city since the minister assumed office in May 2016, and to respectfully request that the minister channels his energies into his own cabinet portfolio rather than pursuing matters which fall within the remit of other government departments, particularly in any matters in which he lacks both objectivity and expertise.

Amended to: Owing to the very severe traffic problems in the South East Area, which encompasses some of the most significant parts of Dublin city centre including College Green, Grafton Street and St. Stephen's Green, this committee resolves to write to the Minister for Transport to express its grave disappointment at the lack of progress on important transportation issues in our city since the minister assumed office in May 2016, and to respectfully request that the minister channels his energies into his own cabinet portfolio rather than pursuing matters which fall within the remit of other government departments, particularly in any matters in which he lacks expertise.

Order: Agreed as amended.

Motion 17 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area committee of Dublin City Council (DCC) call on DCC Planning Department to inform all social housing residents of any private developments that are taking place within a close proximity to their residence or homes. DCC as landlord and planning authority are neglecting their care of duty to their tenants. They are not looking out for their well-being, their safety or their health or indeed the enjoyment of their homes. Examples of this are in the Docklands area and also in the Golden Lane area and the Glovers Court area. If these were private blocks of flats the management company would be to the forefront of protecting residents' interests and welfare during, beginning and after the planning process.

Order: Agreed.

11 Questions to the Chief Executive 10 July 2017
Order: Noted.

Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Chairperson
Monday 10 July 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Ruairí McGinley

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan
Sonya Stapleton

Officers

Brian Hanney
Fiona O'Brien
Eileen Martin
Neil O'Donoghue

Rose Kenny
Jennifer Wall
Gerard Geoghegan
Lenzie O'Sullivan

Brian Kirk
Paul McCann
Rossana Camargo

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Non-Members:

Patrick McCabe, Redscape