



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018

- 1 **Presentation on Community Development Work**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 12th February 2018**
Order: Motion 16 amended to read "Order: Agreed". Agreed.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 27/02/2018.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Culture, Recreation and Emergency Services Department Matters**
 - i. Street Tree Works Programme for South East Area 2018.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: lease renewal of the public rooms at the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2 to MHL Event Management Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Proposed disposal of licence of Harold's Cross Park Tea Rooms to Noshington Park Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **South East Area Office Matters**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Naming proposal for new section of development at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed.

- iii. Naming proposal for development at Greenfield Park, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an update on the Dodder Flood Relief works and cycleway.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this area committee calls on the area manager to pilot a more effective way of cleaning roads and gullies, by giving notice to residents of roads scheduled for cleaning, that they need to remove cars/vehicles parked on the street, on a particular day/part of day as road cleaning will be undertaken.

This approach would facilitate council maintenance teams being able to do their jobs more quickly, more effectively (given that currently they are unable to clean streets properly because of parked vehicles). The build up of mud, litter and leaves is a problem in many areas, particularly side roads and quieter residential roads and this approach of giving notice (as used by road works contractors on behalf of the council), would literally allow for a clean sweep. It is an approach used in other cities in other countries.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this area committee calls on the area manager to pilot the 'Love the Lanes' Enhancement Project (as piloted in the North Central Area).

This project chose a number of lanes, where there is significant footfall and size and carried out weeding, cleaning and painting to enhance these lanes as pedestrian/cycling thoroughfares rather than have them used as dumping grounds. In addition, there may be benefit in using a collaborative approach with local community groups in the chosen neighbourhoods to suggest other enhancements which they could undertake to maintain the lanes.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that the manager would request the Traffic Section to review how the impact of speeding and heavy traffic on Strand Road could be reduced.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that the manager would seek the agreement of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to have a 3 tonne limit imposed on entering Beech Hill Road / Beaver Row.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area calls on the Director General of RTE to refrain from showing images of the Artane Band due to the traumatic impact of that imagery and uniform on survivors of residential institutional abuse. It is unacceptable that the present Artane Band are paraded out on our national television wearing the same uniform and insignia that children were abused in and that is directly connected to the Artane Industrial School and the horrendous

legacy of abuse by the Christian Brothers.

It is no longer appropriate to show such images on the national network without having regard to the impact that such imagery has on present day survivors of child rape and abuse.

These crimes that took place in the Artane Band are well documented in the Irish state's investigative report, the Ryan Report.

Such imagery needs to be discontinued or come with a very public warning that can guide those affected to service providers such as the Rape Crisis Centre and other counselling services that deal with crimes of sexual abuse.

Order: Defeated.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council instructs the CEO to issue a Compulsory Purchase Order on no. 25 Aungier Street, a grade 1 listed building.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the CEO and the head of the Housing Department to initiate a process of regeneration for Glovers Court flat complex.

This flat complex is seriously dilapidated with mould and damp throughout the entire complex. It is a serious health and safety hazard particularly for children and the elderly. All the residents here suffer on a daily basis as do their children. It is unacceptable that our residents, tenants and customers are treated in this way and it is now time that Dublin City Council initiate a regeneration process. They also need to issue a statement to the residents and the community to that effect.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee of Dublin City Council makes the ongoing traffic chaos and disruption at College Green a priority item for our agenda. Also, that a full report on all aspects of the Plaza for College Green, the Luas Cross City at College Green, the rerouting of buses, cars and other modes of transport from College Green are made a priority item for the South East Area meeting. Also, that local councillors within the area are given regular updates on the situation as it evolves or disintegrates on College Green. For some strange reason the most serious issue to face traffic in the city at College Green has been removed from our traffic updates and our traffic agenda. This is unacceptable. We are the ones who need to be firstly informed as the chaos and traffic confusion is in our electoral area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have more cycle stands put in place in the Ballsbridge area. Due to the lack of stands people are locking bikes to railing etc. this in turn is also having a negative effect on people in wheelchairs trying to navigate around obstructions.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to write to the Minister for Housing to come up with a realistic proposal for affordable housing on the Irish Glass Bottles (IGB)

site. The latest information announced that there is to be a cap on the value of the home you can buy is not realistic. In Dublin the maximum market value is to be €320,000. This will not work where the IGB site is concerned, as housing in that area is well over €400,000.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to arrange a meeting with the residents of O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe Street and residents in Montague Court to discuss the many issues they have: lack of parking, the fact that the flats have not been painted in 8 years, Stephen's Green Hotel leaving bins in an unsafe location beside the flats, and noise pollution from Stephen's Green Hotel to name a few.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact contractors to implement a plan for the new playground for Mercer Street flats (money ring fenced for this project).

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact the contractors to see what is the delay in resurfacing the court yard at O'Carroll Villas (money ring fenced for this project).

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to ask the Manager if she will examine the public lighting facilities on Ailesbury Road with a view to upgrading the present unsatisfactory situation and in particular responding to the issues highlighted in the email submitted with this motion.

As a frequent walker on the road especially during the evenings, I have noticed that the lighting on the road seems to be deteriorating. I have also noticed this whilst driving at night.

Whilst I appreciate that the trees do play a part in the lighting (or lack thereof) in the summer months, during the winter period with no leaves this should not be the case.

There seem to be four to five areas along the road where the lighting is less visible both to drivers and to pedestrians.

The lighting is so poor in some parts of the road that I do fear that it could pose a potential danger to pedestrians who do not know the road and its intricacies.

I am at a loss as to how we as residents can solve this situation without some help from our councillors and hence my email to you.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if there are any plans to look at the lighting situation on the road and if not how we would ensure that this is an issue that could be addressed in the near future.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the manager gives a report on the following issues that need to be attended to in the Rathmines area:

Cleanliness

- The footpaths on Leinster Road are seldom cleaned, and are regularly dirty and dangerous.
- This is clear as the leaves from last autumn / winter are still evident there, along with general rubbish.

Signage

- Numbers 11 and 14 Leinster Road still have auctioneers signs on display almost one year after the sale / rent was completed (two photos attached).
- Number 130 has a permanent "To Let" sign for office space for over 5 years (one photo attached).
- Many of the footpaths in Rathmines are reduced to "single file" as shops block the footpaths with billboard signs standing on the footpath.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the footpath on Rathmines Road from Parker Hill to Castlewood Avenue be reinstated and bike stands be erected on Rathmines Road especially outside Aldi and Lidl. The listed houses on Rathmines Road find that their railings are being used to secure bikes because of the absence of bike stands. I have written on a number of occasions in regard to both of these issues in the past 6 weeks.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The disappearance of public toilets in Dublin is a source of great distress for many Dubliners and a very serious problem for people with medical conditions and very often young mothers. It is therefore proposed that DSE area be used as a pilot area to offer pubs, hotels, cafes and restaurants a discount off their rates if they agree that the public can have use of their toilets.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Following resurfacing of the curtilage at Grove Road Flats the yellow box at the entrance to a blind man's flat has not been reinstated. This means that he has great difficulty in making his way from his hall door and his route is seriously impeded. This committee agrees that the matter be sorted urgently.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That we receive a report on progress on motions first proposed in May 2016 and Motion 7 and to state why no action has been taken on this motion despite it being agreed unanimously. Furthermore that the Traffic Department explains why no action has been taken on this motion, especially as this area has major traffic problems and because of further construction will require future traffic management planning.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a traffic calming study be carried out in Corrib, Derravarragh, Neagh and Melvin Roads, Aideen, Mount Tallant, Clareville, Shanid and Aideen in the Harold's Cross area. These areas were the subject of motions from me in December and January but so far residents have seen no response to rat running, breaking of no right turn from Kimmage to Aideen, traffic movement at T junction, and parking problems due to school runs on Clareville.

- Residents on Clareville are concerned that the current traffic problem is causing major problems for residents and the proposed

extension to Clareville School; planning ref 4106/16 will further exacerbate it. A condition of the planning permission is that a traffic plan must be agreed prior to construction. Residents want to be involved in the drawing up of this plan. One suggestion made is that school times could be staggered as is the case in Terenure, Templeogue and Our Lady's Colleges.

- Mount Tallant Ave is already a pinch point. Currently there is planning permission for the construction of a number of blocks of flats on this road, so a traffic plan is essential.
- Rat running, mainly caused by school runs, has made many of these narrow residential roads dangerous especially for children and older people because of volume and speed. It is essential that any examination of these areas must be done during school term to properly research the issues.

The residents' associations of both of these areas have come together as they feel that the district must be looked at as a whole, to make sure that a solution for one area doesn't have a knock on effect on the other.

Report:

This subject was discussed at the Bi Monthly TAG Meeting South East Area on the 29th March 2017, where Vincent Norton, Executive Manager, explained that at the moment the Traffic Advisory Group does not have the necessary resources or allocated funding to undertake traffic studies of large areas that incorporate multiple roads. It would also lead to delays in closing tag /non tag service requests which, at the moment is our priority in order to provide an efficient service to the community.

That the Traffic Engineer report on progress on the following motions that I proposed

Motion for January LAC FROM Mary Freehill

A new residents association called Corrib Rd Mount Tallant has been formed and this takes in all the houses from Kimmage Rd Aideen Drive to Mount Tallant Harold's Cross Rd. 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.

1. There is a problem at right turn into Aideen Drive from Kimmage Rd, 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.
2. This is a route to six schools, St Josephs NS &, Presentation Secondary Terenure, Rathgar NS Rathgar Ave, Clareville Rd., 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.
3. The central bollard was removed on Corrib and Melvin Rd, 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, Neagh

roads and Mount Tallant Ave. 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.

4. 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
5. At Harold's Cross end of Mount Tallant Ave 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 onsite 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 Rd 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 21 from Councillor Clare Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to include the artistic painting of the 3 traffic boxes on the Merrion Road (between Serpentine Avenue and Simmonscourt Road on the RDS side) as part of the Dublin Canvass project in 2018.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor Clare Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take immediate action to address the issue of the increase in large heavy trucks travelling along Strand Road in Sandymount.

- These vehicles are not adhering to the ban on on 5 axle trucks from 7 a.m to 7 p.m and enforcement measures need to be put in place here.
- The majority of these trucks appear to be over 3 ton.
- There have been complaints from local residents about noise and vibrations, the health and safety aspect of these vehicles travelling down a narrow road
- These large vehicles pose a threat to vulnerable road users in the area such as cyclists, children and elderly pedestrians.

Can the manager please consider the following solutions:

- Carrying out a traffic assessment of the road as a matter of urgency to assess the number of trucks using the road
- Enforcement of the existing ban on the 5 axle trucks from 7 a.m to 7 p.m
- Introducing a 3 tonne vehicle ban on Sandymount Strand and surrounding roads.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 23 from Councillor Clare Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to provide an update on the

progress of the provision of secure bike parking at Dart Stations in the Pembroke South Dock area as per the joint motion agreed in September 2017:

Motion 19 from Councillors Claire Byrne and Dermot Lacey

That this area committee calls on the area manager to actively explore the possibility of installing safe, secure bike parking facilities in the Dart Stations within Dublin Bay South, in particular Sandymount Avenue and Sydney Parade Dart Stations, where there is a shortage of bike parking facilities close to the stations. This would greatly help commuters, visitors and local residents who wish to cycle.

The image attached from Sydney Parade Dart Station shows the possibility for Sydney Parade Dart Station if we were to prioritise cyclists over motor vehicles as per the Dublin City Council transport hierarchy. Can the area manager explore the possibility of providing bike parking in the station as a start?

Order: Report to councillor.

Emergency Motion from Councillors Freehill, McGinley and Lacey.

Following a very successful well attended meeting in Rathmines it was unanimously agreed at that meeting that the Rathmines Gulistan Depot should not be put for sale.

This DSE LAC challenges the intention in the Planning Framework report of January 2018 to dispose of this site under Section 183 of the Local Government Act (2001). The section gives powers to the manager to prepare for the disposal of this land following 10 day's notice to councillors.

It further agrees that this land will not be disposed of as this area of Rathmines is zoned a Key District Centre as stated in Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 section 2.2.3, page 26, and quote *'these key district centres, close to public transport perform an important regeneration role for local communities. This development plan will reinforce the KDCs as sustainable anchors for the suburbs'* This committee therefore considers that the site should be developed in the interest of the community and for community services

Order: Agreed.

8 Questions to Chief Executive 12th March 2018

Order: Noted.

**Chairperson
Monday 12 March 2018**

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Ruairi McGinley
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

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Rose Kenny
Helen Smirnova
Helen McNamara
Jennifer Wall

Apologies:

Non-Members: