



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

- 1 **Presentation on Innovation District Masterplan from Trinity College**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Part 8 Presentation on housing development at 29 / 30 Fishamble Street.**
Order: Agreed to initiate the part 8 process.
- 3 **Presentation on planning application reference 3047/18**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held 14th May 2018**
Order: Agreed. Cllr. Lacey apologised for his remarks to Alec Dundon.
- 5 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 23rd May 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Trial Mount Pleasant Avenue Traffic Report.
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Proposed disposal of lease of 19 Lord Edward Street, Dublin 2 to Coolmine Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Proposed disposal of land at Chatham Court, Chatham Street / Clarendon Row, Dublin 2 to Hines European Core Fund (HECF) One Clarendon Row 2 S.A.R.L.
Order: Postpone pending a report on what HECF One Clarendon Row 2 S.A.R.L. intends to do with the lands disposed, including a photomontage.
 - iii. Proposed disposal of plot of land adjacent to 56 Beech Hill Drive, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 to Ms. Caitríona O'Connor.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 7 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit,

Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.

Order: Noted.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to seek the provision of more bottle banks particularly in the Dublin 2 area.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to investigate road safety issues on Barrow Street and the location of Dublinbike stands (possibly find another location for bike stands). Residents have reported that this area is dangerous for pedestrians due to the traffic chaos on Barrow Street, which has become worse due to the heavy vehicles going in and out of the Boland Mills site.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to have a safety assessment done on speed limits in Shelbourne Park / South Lotts Road area and where necessary include in the 30 km/h speed limit.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to have an overall assessment done on the safety for children at the playground on South Dock Street. Residents have reported a barrier / gate is needed outside the playground to prevent small children from running out onto the street.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to have an overall assessment of the South Lotts area and to implement a plan for street cleaning, hanging baskets, tree planting and general improvements for the residents.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the manager presents a report on the recent EPA report on Sandymount and Merrion Strands and on what action Dublin City Council can and will take to deal with the issues leading to the report.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to examine the following situation and to report back to the committee:

"There have been complaints from pedestrians about one of the traffic lights at the junction of Clonskeagh / Ranelagh Road and Milltown Road (photo attached).

There is one lane of traffic going from Clonskeagh to Ranelagh but during the traffic sequence at times there is a red light for turning left (to Milltown Road) and a green arrow for going straight ahead. The red light for turning left is to enable pedestrians to go across Milltown Road at this point. Unfortunately many drivers ignore the red light for turning (maybe some confusion with the green arrow) and there have been some near collisions with pedestrians (as it is somewhat a "blind

corner"). A lot of children use this junction as there are schools nearby. There is also some frustration at other times with drivers who block the road (as they cannot turn right), while others behind them in the queue see the green arrow and want to go ahead.

A very simple solution is to get rid of the red light for turning and just have a normal traffic light. The pedestrian light could be adjusted."

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to consider additional bottle bank locations bearing in mind the email submitted with this motion:

I am a 92 year old widow, who does not drive and who does not have a car - but who does drink wine, use ketchup, jam, mustard and pickles and who finds a large number of glass bottles and jars accumulating each month.

The bin collectors do not accept glass.

The nearest bottle bank to me was at Lansdowne Road. I used to hire a taxi (!) in which to send my grandson to dispose of bottles there. Last time he had to leave the bottles (with others) at the curb where the bins used to be as Lansdowne was closed. Now I hear the nearest bottle bank will be in Milltown.

I do put it to you that it is unfair and unfeeling to allow such a situation to exist. Is it in your power to put this complaint in front of the right people and come up with a solution?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to examine if the water safety measures along the Dodder between Ballsbridge and Ringsend are sufficient or if it would be appropriate to locate some ladders along the course of the river for exit in the event of someone falling in.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department provide stop or yield signs in the Harold's Cross Cottages area. There have been a number of accidents there recently caused mainly by lack of clarity on who has right of way. This area also needs 30 km/h speed signs erected along with bicycle stands because a lot of bicycles are attached to lamp posts which impedes footpath passageway.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Frank Kennedy, taken with motions 18 and 26

Last month the council painted yellow lines in Vavasour Square from No. 15 - 19 (photos attached). The effect of this is that it prevents families from parking outside their homes in a square where parking is already in exceptionally short supply. In light of the major difficulties that this creates, as illustrated in the attached letter sent by the Residents' Association, which carries with it unanimous support from residents, (and the Residents' Association further advise that the resident who requested this change has now written to the council to request that the yellow lines be removed) this committee calls on the council to reverse its decision and to revert to the pre-existing position.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where the pavements have been savagely damaged and broken up by trees on Nutley Park, this committee calls on the manager to introduce a pilot programme of installing flexible porous pavements which adapt to trees on those sections of the footpath on Nutley Park where there are trees.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee resolves to write to the owners of the Baggot Street Hospital site to request that the two gated areas on either side of the entrance steps (a) be tied and (b) be converted into a pocket park for the benefit of all. At present the gated areas are overgrown and a great opportunity is being missed (see attached photos).

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee resolves to write to the owners of Baggot Plaza / Bank of Ireland to suggest that informative heritage and tourism maps of the area could be erected on the large windows at the front of the building.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council (DCC) calls on the management of DCC and the Office of Public Works to create a Jonathan Swift Centre at the former Garda Station Barracks at Kevin Street. This site houses the 12th century Palace of St. Sepulchre, a 12th century Bishop's palace. It is also in close proximity to Marsh's Library and St. Patrick's Cathedral where Swift was the dean. The literary works of Dean Swift are known globally. This is an ideal opportunity to honour Dublin's literary tradition and one of Dublin's literary greats, while at the same time protecting the heritage of these set of unique buildings where many of the original features are intact.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This area committee agrees to plant a tree in memory of Savita Halappanavar in a park in the south east area.

There had been a previous motion seeking to have a street named for her which did not meet the naming criteria. In the wake of the recent referendum there have once again been calls to create a proper tribute to her. A tree planting would be a simple and straightforward way to do this.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This area committee, following on from motions from myself in 2016 and other councillors both before and after, to take active steps to address the issue of rat running in the wider Mount Tallant area, starting with facilitating a meeting between residents and a traffic engineer.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with motions 11 and 26

That this area committee calls on the area manager to please remove the double yellow lines that were recently installed on the south east corner of Vasavour Square. I understand the residents have been in touch with you in this regard as they were installed without any consultation with the residents. Can the manager please meet with the residents and pay heed to their request?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with motion 25

That this area committee calls on the area manager to liaise with Waterways Ireland and the house boat residents of Grand Canal Dock as a matter of urgency to try to find a solution to the new challenges the residents are facing in terms of recent changes to leasing agreements and berthing fees.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to write to the Minister for Environment asking him to consider introducing legislation that would restrict the use of posters on lampposts for future referendum and election campaigns, and to instead seek alternatives such as allocating designated sites where all campaigners and candidates can display their posters. This would significantly reduce the number of posters being printed and the visual clutter and environmental impact caused by the thousands of posters used on lampposts during such campaigns.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 21 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install more No Dog Litter signs and dog litter bins in the Nutley estates and surrounding areas.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Due to the opposition of local residents associations to the proposed public consultation phase of Quietway running east / west through the constituency, this committee requests that the Environment and Transportation Department seeks expressions of interest from residents and residents' associations who may be interested in having a Quietway running north / south through their street / area i.e. from the Dodder to the Grand Canal.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 23 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council gives leadership and works with the Gardaí to deal with the problem of large crowds assembling and consuming alcohol along the Grand Canal. Signage such as was erected in Temple Bar is needed along the canal.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 24 from Councillor Mary Freehill

At the May meeting we agreed to invite National Transport Authority (NTA) to discuss the need for more peak time buses for Terenure, Kimmage, Rathmines and Rathgar. Assuming that NTA will come along it is agreed that we discuss this motion in their presence requesting that the numbers 140, 14 and 15 buses be returned to St. Stephen's Green.

Order: Deferred to July meeting.

Motion 25 from Councillor Kieran Binchy taken with motion 18

That this committee supports the residents of live-aboard house-boats in the Grand Canal Basin, and values the vital contribution they make to the local area and community, and calls on Waterways Ireland to ensure that sufficient berths are provided for live-aboards to ensure the sustainability of this vibrant part of the local community.

If this motion is passed, the committee furthermore asks the manager to send a letter setting out the above support to the CEO of Waterways Ireland.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 26 from Councillor Kieran Binchy taken with motions 11 and 18

That this committee calls on the manager to remove the double yellow lines recently added in the south east corner of Vavasour Square, Dublin 4, given that they were added without public consultation and in a manner that upsets a decades-long balance achieved by residents, and calls on the manger to consult with local residents before making any changes to the parking regime on the square.

Order: Report to councillor.

9 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11th June 2018**

Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan
Chairperson
Monday 11 June 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Paddy Smyth

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mary Freehill
Ruairí McGinley

Officers

Rossana Camargo
Leah Johnston
Brian Kirk
Jennifer Wall
Helen Smirnova
Gary Loughlin

Mark Ginnetty
Brian Kavanagh
Eileen Martin
Mark Ginnetty
Cian Harte
Eileen Buck

Brian Hanney
Rose Kenny
Fiona O'Brien
Neil O'Donohue
Iseult Kirwan
John O'Hara

Apologies:

Cllr. Anne Feeney

Cllr. Claire O'Connor

Non-Members:

Dr. Diarmuid O'Brien, Trinity
College Dublin (TCD)

Tom Molloy, TCD

Veronica Campbell, TCD