



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 JULY 2018

- 1 **Election of chairperson**
Order: Cllr. Ruairí McGinley was nominated as chairperson by Cllr. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. Andrews. Cllr. McGinley elected as Chairperson. Cllr. Paddy McCartan thanked the committee members and staff of the South East Area for their help and support during his time as chairperson. The committee expressed their thanks to Cllr. McCartan for his work as chairperson over the last three years.
- 2 **Election of vice-chairperson**
Order: Cllr. Anne Feeney was nominated as vice-chairperson by Cllr. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. Binchy. Cllr. Feeney elected as vice-chairperson.
- 3 **Presentation on Fitzwilliam Cycle Route**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 11th June 2018**
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 26th June 2018.
Order: Noted. It was agreed that:
Members to send any queries on meeting TAG items to Area Manager
South East Area Office to arrange meeting with councillors and Assistant Chief Executive, Environment and Transportation
- 6 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed Part 8 works at Eamon Ceannt Depot, information only.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report re notification of intention to commence Part 8 for Sean Moore Park Playground.
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on 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: Agreed to recommend to city council.

- ii. Addition of 9 - 12 Dawson Street & Dawson Lane, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Order: Agreed to initiate the process.

8 **South East Area Matters**

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

Order: Noted.

9 **Motions**

Motion 1 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: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to find a solution to the rat running of vehicles cutting through Pigeon House Road in Ringsend.

The traffic has become intolerable for residents who constantly have their own vehicle exits blocked with congested traffic. (See photo attached)

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

Motion 3 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan taken with Motion 17

Recognizing the emergence (without any real planning consultation process) of the rugby grounds at Donnybrook (Energia Park) as a concert venue this committee requests a report from the Planning and other relevant officials of Dublin City Council on what protocols and controls can be introduced to reduce the noise and disruption impacts on the local community and to limit the amount of concerts to a reasonable and agreed total.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Parks Department provides a report to the September meeting on the possibility of implementing proposal made by Stratford College for Herzog Park.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department looks at ways of slowing down traffic in Church Drive, Mount Argus. There are a number of blind corners in this estate which has high child occupancy. There is a lot of commuter parking and particularly bike deliveries. Residents are very concerned for the safety of these children who come out between these parked cars.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the footpaths in Wesley Road be repaired. A considerable part of them are badly broken up and this is very dangerous for elderly people who live on the road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council looks at creating extra car parking space which is badly needed in the Harold's Cross area by opening up the piece of land that was earmarked for a road way this is in Greenmount Avenue and on the side of Lime Kiln Lane.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillors Paddy McCartan and Dermot Lacey

That this area committee supports the undertaking given to the Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association (STTCA) by Dublin City Council (DCC) on the village audit carried out on the 28th of March 2018. There were 70 items on the list, 50 of which the STTCA are undertaking themselves and that this area committee urges the expeditious implementation of this audit.

- 1) DCC to supply rolls of stick-on reflective tape for top of black footpath bollards. STTCA then to fix on.
- 2) Repair deep kerbside pothole at public lighting column outside Nutgrove House, Gilford Road.
- 3) Remove ivy growth on top of telecom pole on pathway outside 70 Gilford Road.
- 4) Install new bike rack between Brownes Restaurant -> Bennetts.
- 5) Install new bike racks between MACE -> Boulder Media near Telephone Box – alongside existing ones.
- 6) Install 1 new bike rack at side of Dunne Crescenzi Restaurant.
- 7) Install 2 new bike racks outside entrance of 74 Gilford Road (on corner area) where bollard was removed.
- 8) Install **'No Bicycles'** or "Bicycles will be Removed" signs around 'The Green' railings (which are currently being repainted and repaired at great cost).
- 9) Paint rusty Public Lighting poles on Gilford Road near village.
- 10) Remove and replace sunken manhole cover between Cafe JAVA and O'Briens - Sandymount Village.
- 11) Remove / replace / relocate damaged 'Loading Bay' pole between MACE and Boulder Media and fit new sign.
- 12) Fill-in open space with cement around wooden telecoms pole outside / near front door of MACE (always full of weeds).
- 13) Repair area of broken kerb at bus stop outside INDIE Restaurant.
- 14) Repair broken pathway at side of TESCO on Marine Drive.

- 15) Repaint several large Public Lighting Columns on Seafort Avenue.
- 16) Email send to Traffic Dept highlighting the need to repaint kerbs at traffic islands Tritonville / Newbridge junctions.
- 17) Repair area of broken kerb on Herbert Road near corner of Tritonville Road (left hand side pathway).
- 18) Repair area of broken kerb on Herbert Road near corner of Tritonville Road (right hand side pathway).
- 19) Paint old heritage style rusty public lighting poles in Farney Park.
- 20) Supply and install new Enable Ireland Garden Centre & DART signs on current Public Lighting Column at junction of Sandymount Ave and Gilford Road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a detailed reply to the issues listed in the email submitted and circulated with this motion relating to a premises on Irishtown Road.

I was wondering if I could ask for your help with a problem I've been experiencing in Irishtown for quite a while now.

I live with my family on Irishtown Road, near the Irishtown House pub.

The space outside this pub is currently designated green space, according to Dublin City Council, and historically has always been green space.

There is a public right of way over the space.

The man who took over running Irishtown House pub about 4 years ago has little by little taken this public space over as his own and is now running a beer garden, with outside speakers playing loud music.

This land does not belong to him and he has not applied for or received planning permission for a beer garden for this space. (Again, this was confirmed to me by Dublin City Council.)

Every year for the past three years, the owner of the pub has added a couple more picnic tables so that he is now treating the entire area outside the pub as a beer garden for him to hold large public gatherings. (I've attached a photo of the space covered in people at the pub's recent "summer festival" - taken from a bedroom window in our house)

He has installed outside speakers that blare music out at high volume, even during weekday afternoons. (My husband and I both work from home and the noise is so bad that we cannot leave our windows open during the day, even when the weather is hot like today, as the noise would be too much to take.)

Recently, he installed two large TV screens in the front windows of the pub so that he can encourage daytime drinking while watching sport outside.

The pub is in the middle of a heavily populated residential area and the row of houses we belong to has a number of young families, including babies, who sleep

in bedrooms right by the pub.

The level of noise, public drunkenness and general disregard for our right to a bit of peace is very hard to be okay with. It gets so bad some days that I think we will have to sell our house and move somewhere else.

I don't begrudge the pub. We knew there was one there when buying the house but we did not think they would take over the outside space that they do not own and cause so much noise pollution.

I do feel really taken aback by the fact that the owner is being allowed to run his beer garden on public space, with no licence and with no regard for noise levels or public drunkenness and their implications to local families.

I would appreciate you letting me know what can be done about this. The very least I would expect is that this 'beer garden' is shut down until such time as a licence is sought.

We have had to apply for planning permission for our own home. The Merry Cobbler pub further down the road was recently denied a licence to have a few chairs put outside. Yet, Irishtown House pub seems to be able to do whatever it likes with no permission!

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton.

This committee calls on the manager to find a solution to the rat running of vehicles cutting through Pigeon House Road in Ringsend. The traffic has become intolerable for residents who constantly have their own vehicle exits blocked with congested traffic.

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

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to address as a matter of urgency the following issues in Portobello along the canal:

1. Urination - there is a huge problem with public urination by crowds gathering along the canal in good weather, in particular on peoples' homes and local businesses. Regular street washing is urgently required in the area due to this.
2. Litter & waste - to provide closed bins so that food waste left behind does not attract further vermin in the area.
3. The use of barbecues along the canal.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to introduce traffic calming measures in Lad Lane. The lane is being used for rat running, with cars frequently driving at high speed through the lane and is causing a safety risk for residents'

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to write to the new Garda Commissioner to request more Gardaí for the South East Area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) to organise a one

day seminar on the great social and health value and rollout of the 'Men's Shed' initiative. DCC is beginning to involve itself through its vacant land bank to facilitate the building, making and running of the 'Men's Shed' initiative. The Men's Shed has been a great success story throughout the country resulting in positive attitude and wellbeing as well as assistance to local communities and businesses. A recent meeting in Beech Hill Community Centre was testament to this and now is the appropriate time to organise a one day information seminar to highlight this crucial initiative.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) management to have the City Hall reopened on Sundays. Thousands of tourists and citizens wish to visit this unique building. Sunday is the busiest day for tourists in the city. The City Hall was closed during the downturn in the economy and the cutbacks in DCC. The City Hall is now back making profit from its many activities such as civil marriage ceremonies and corporate receptions and promotions.

There should just one day set aside, Sunday, for sole public and visitor use without any interference from private bookings or receptions etc. It also gives us councillors an opportunity to use the facility on this potential quiet day.

Order: Refer to Protocol Committee.

Motion 16 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this area committee calls on the manager to deal with the issue of pedestrian safety at Tesco, Rathmines, and to agree to undertake the following steps:

- To resurface the footpath so there is better distinction between the car park road and the footpath.
- To write to the management of Tesco requesting clearly signage in their car park that cars exiting are crossing a footpath where they need to be aware of pedestrians and where pedestrians have right of way.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello taken with Motion 3

That the manager provides a comprehensive report on the recent concerts in Donnybrook stadium and the noise control in place. Constituents from a wide area have been complaining about the noise of one event, while others generated no complaints. A full review would be a positive step to prevent the noise intrusion caused should there be any future events.

Order: Report to councillor.

10 **Questions to the Chief Executive**

Order: Noted.

Correction

Question 46 to the May meeting of the South East Area Committee regarding an outside broadcasting truck on Camden Street referred incorrectly to 98FM. 98FM does not have an outside broadcast unit and has not had one since July 2017.

Ruairí McGinley
Chairperson
Monday 9 July 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Ruairí McGinley (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Paddy McCartan
Mary Freehill

Members:

Claire O'Connor
Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy

Members:

Claire Byrne
Sonya Stapleton
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey

Officers

Brian Hanney
Brian Kavanagh
Fiona O'Brien
Paraic Fallon
Adrienne Houghton

Declan Hayden
Rose Kenny
Jennifer Wall
Paul McCann
Chris Manzira

Leah Johnston
Brian Kirk
Michael Noonan
Perry Chitombo

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Joe Seymour, Aecom

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