



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1 **Presentation on the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on George's Dock Whitewater Course and Briefing Document**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9th July 2018**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment & Traffic Department Matters.**
 - i. Report on Sandymount Green Proposal.
Order Noted.
 - ii. Traffic Advisory Group minutes of meeting held on 28th August 2018.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of fee simple 19 - 24 St. Andrew's Street, Dublin 2 to An Post.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of fee simple in 7 Wexford Street and rear of 6 Wexford Street, Dublin 2 to Jonstoy Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on proposed amendment to Harold's Cross Park Tearoom Licence.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iv. Report on proposed surrender and subsequent lease 14, 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 to The Little Museum of Dublin and Taxback.
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. Report on proposed taking in charge of Purser Gardens.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

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Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillor Claire O'Connor

That this committee writes to the National Transport Authority to ask them to extend the deadline of the public consultation period for BusConnects. And further that an information session be provided in the evening when those who actually use the buses are free.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 1 from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That the area committee expresses its concern about the possible rerouting of the number one bus and the by-passing of Sandymount village. In that eventuality it would lead to a seriously detrimental effect on the local community in all its aspects.

Order: Agreed. Cllr. Costello abstained.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that the heritage lamp posts on Sandymount Castle Road, Park and Drive and along Park Avenue, Sandymount be included in the painting works programme.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a report from the manager on the conservation status of old Dublin tramway sheds, yard and houses at Gilford Road, Gilford Cottages, Sandymount and what steps the manager will take to ensure that this unique assembly of these heritage buildings all in the same place are protected into the future.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to clarify the conservation status of the buildings and courtyard at the rear of 3 - 5 Sandymount Green and what steps the manager will take to ensure these are protected into the future.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the south east area (SEA) as a matter of urgency calls on Dublin City Council's traffic department and housing department to install wheelchair parking facilities in all SEA housing estates. To also ensure that these parking facilities are best practice standard, clearly marked and appropriately sized. There are many residents in our housing estates with disabilities, some in wheelchairs etc. At present there is no visible programme for wheelchair parking or designated spots for disability parking in our housing estates or in our senior citizens' complexes.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install bike parking facilities on South Anne Street and Suffolk Street. Both of these streets are in need of bike parking as they are heavily used by cyclists but there are insufficient facilities.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to once again seek a solution to the challenges to both cyclists and pedestrians at the junction of the Grand Canal Cycle route and Leeson Street Bridge. Can the manager outline what options have been explored in the past, and why a compulsory purchase order of the building at the junction of Leeson Street Bridge and Adelaide Road cannot be issued?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to find a solution to brown bin facilities for streets in the city that cannot store wheelie bins. There are a number of areas in the city that cannot recycle their domestic food waste, but communal food waste facilities could be considered as an option. Could the manager please provide a report on this?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee requests that as part of the upgrade of the Green Luas line to Metro, the National Transport Authority seek to establish a pedestrian link between Milltown Road and the Cowper Stop.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee will write to Waterways Ireland and express our opposition to eviction of a barge resident in Grand Canal dock and urge a real engagement with the boat owner to ensure the minor issues are resolved.

Order: Moved by Cllr. McGinley. Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a response from the traffic officials on the very serious issues raised in the email submitted and circulated with this motion regarding the multiplicity and closeness of the new pedestrian crossings on the N11 at RTE and the Teresian School, Donnybrook.

I am rather concerned about the new pedestrian lights inbound to the city just beyond Teresian School. These lights are only a small distance from the new lights at the new RTE entrance on the N11. They have cantilever for better observation.

Based on volumes of traffic in this area I am predicting pedestrian accidents and frustration at these lights. This is because when traffic is busy but moving well on this stretch of road inbound, having just escaped the new lights at the RTE entrance, motorists will jostle for position to get to the bus depot junction. The new pedestrian lights being so close to the RTE lights will be ran when red by motorists who are in a rush and not being observant. Not good for schoolchildren crossing here.

The other issue with the lights is when traffic is at standstill during the morning rush hour, motorists will not treat the new crossing like a yellow box (don't enter until you have a clear way out). Instead, they will stop on the crossing itself, thereby blocking it when it changes to green for pedestrian, who will then have to negotiate through the stopped vehicles.

This is a reality of driver behaviour. Drivers struggle with the rules of the road and with bad infrastructure also. This pedestrian crossing is bad infrastructure and badly thought out. There is a pedestrian bridge only yards away and a new traffic

controlled junction at the RTE new entrance where pedestrians can be accommodated more safely.

I would recommend two features at the new pedestrian lights to help prevent accidents here.

Firstly, a one meter deep yellow box just beyond the stop line and secondly, red flashing reflectors in the ground that run across the first pedestrian line (see good example N11 / Oatlands College). With the amount of money invested recently in this section of road, this is really only pocket money to do this job.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Dermot Lacey

That the Chief Executive Officer establishes a cross department working group of relevant officials to prepare a comprehensive application for the funding of the development of Gulistan Depot, taking into account the uses already agreed by this local area committee to make application under Section B of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

Order: Motion amended to add Sundrive Road Depot and Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this local area committee agrees that it will not support any rezoning in the Harold's Cross area prior to a local area plan being carried out in the area.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this area committee agrees to write to Irish Water to express concern about the slow speed of reinstatement of roads and footpaths in the area.

Order: Motion withdrawn.

Motion 15 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this committee calls on the manager to identify specific areas, apart from main roads, that the council will consider collecting leaves from where trees which are outside of private gardens i.e. on pavements or overhanging from local squares / parks and from which a large amount of leaves fall, are collected by the council. It is unreasonable to expect residents to gather and bag significant amounts of leaves from footpaths, when the trees are not on their property and recognizing that some of these residents are elderly and unable to undertake the task.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this committee calls on the manager to advise what the council are doing in conjunction with the Gardaí to address the continual proliferation of graffiti on businesses, walls, street names, etc. by one or two culprits tagging with 'Evoke' and 'Kenzo' most recently on Upper Rathmines Road and adjoining roads. While some of the graffiti is on private property, not all of it is and regardless of who owns the property, the council needs to take a lead on addressing it with other relevant authorities and local stakeholders.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have a cage put around bins at Mercer Street flats and to put in place other measure to stop illegal dumping. The residents report illegal dumping is taking place every weekend (see photos attached).

Order: Moved by Cllr. Mannix Flynn. Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillors Patrick Costello and Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the manager to make the following changes to tackle litter in the South East Area:

1. Employ more good old-fashioned street sweepers as our numbers of front-line staff are down 20% since 2012.
2. Increase the frequency of litter bin emptying and place the emptying rota on the side of the bin along with a freephone number and email address in case of problems.
3. Encourage litter reporting via the @DubCityCouncil Twitter feed or a new Dublin City Litter Twitter and Facebook account.
4. Reinstate the schedule on the Dublin City Council website that showed whether streets were cleaned daily, weekly or monthly.
5. Require the double bagging of commercial waste in areas prone to seagull attacks.
6. Instruct waste companies to provide smaller bins or caddies to smaller households and older people so that they have an easy-to-use alternative to wheelie bins.
7. Reform our parking regulations working with the Department of Transport so that we can restrict parking on one side of the street on one day a month to allow our street cleaning trucks to make a clean sweep of roadsides.
8. Improve our illegal dumping CCTV so that the batteries are solar charged, and the imagery is sent wirelessly to our offices instead of requiring mobile cranes to insert batteries and download images.
9. Make greater use of CCTV warning signs and blurred image from CCTV to discourage littering.
10. Ensure that the QR codes system on our litter bins is fully operational so that the public can report full or graffitied bins.
11. Distribute two free 'pooper-scooper bags' envelopes and an information leaflet when people apply for or renew their dog license, and increase the amount of bins for dog waste.
12. Better publicise the Dublin City Council Litter hotline 1800 248 348 and email southeast@dublincity.ie and ensure that litter complaints made by email or new media are responded to once tackled.
13. **Order: Report to councillor.**

Motion 19 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The area committee reiterates its commitment to the completion of the Rathgar Village Improvement Plan which includes the creation of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Herzog Park, re-alignment of the bring centre and perimeter fencing on the park facing car park and Rathgar Park.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Acknowledging the need for an integrated public transport network for the Dublin area and the efforts of NTA to design such a plan. We are concerned that the macro approach only to these schemes in the absence of a community based approach will have a deleterious impact on the life of Dublin's citizens. While an overall scheme for Dublin is needed, it must be considered at a number of different levels that allows for proper consultation with its citizens.

Government needs to approach the movement of people in our city along with planning of the location of industry in a more multi disciplinary integrated way by involving spatial planners and other disciplines; this can be done by giving more powers to regional government.

Therefore, we agree that the government should establish a structure whereby citizens can be both consulted and informed. This can be done by establishing a properly staffed and funded department within the relevant local authorities to liaise with the NTA and communities to address local journey patterns, share research materials and examine possible impacts of proposals. These LA departments should have the co-ordinating power to negotiate with the community and the NTA which would lead to realistic solutions.

The government must acknowledge that unless it is prepared to restore local government democracy and further develop democratic consultative structures, any such proposal like Bus Network or Metro Link will not work.

Order: Agreed.

8 Questions to the Chief Executive 10th September 2018

Order: Noted.

**Chairperson
Monday 10 September 2018**

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Mary Freehill
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