



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018**

- 1 **Presentation on River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation and report on Part 8: Flood relief works at the RDS wall**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 10th September 2018**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 4 **Environment and Traffic Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **Housing, Residential and Emergency Services Department**
  - i. Report on Part 8 Fishamble Street.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 6 **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 an office development at 5 Hanover Quay, 5HQ.  
**Order: Agreed.**
  - iii. Report on proposal to name and number a development on Rathgar Avenue as 1 – 2 Kenilworth Villas.  
**Order: Agreed.**
  - iv. Report on proposal to name and number a development at rear 342 Kimmage Road Lower as 1 – 3 Riversdale Mews.  
**Order: Agreed.**

## Motions 8th October 2018

### **Emergency motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

In view of the dangerous incident with a seagull in Herbert Park recently as notified to all the Pembroke South Dock Councillors this Committee requests the Manager to:

1. Bring forward a plan to deal with this issue across the city and
2. Specifically seek to introduce whatever measures are necessary to deal with the specific problem in Herbert Park.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests that the manager ensure that the upgrade sought for many years of the road surface on Seafort Avenue, Sandymount be once and for all carried out. The current state of the surface has led to constant vibrations and damage to adjoining homes - particularly caused by bus movements.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That Leinster Road be listed for resurfacing in the 2019 budget, giving particular attention to Harold's Cross and Rathmines ends of the road. This road has had potholes filled in over the years but this is not sufficient as the quality of the surface of the road has worn down so badly that it is now dangerous for cyclists.

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

### **Motion 3 from Cllr. Mannix Flynn taken with Motion 20 from Cllr. Frank Kennedy**

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on the National Transport Authority and those involved in Metro Underground to refrain and desist from demolishing College Gate Apartments and the Markiewicz swimming pool and instead find an alternative route that can facilitate the Metro Underground transport system.

Many of us have received correspondence from the residents of this apartment block as well as member of the public and also those who use the Markiewicz sports centre and swimming pool pleading with us not to demolish their neighbourhood facilities and their residential communities. There is great fear and uncertainty in this community at this time as well as the greater public outrage that while we are in the middle of a housing crisis there are plans afoot to demolish perfectly good apartments and community facilities.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to initiate a protocol and guideline for walking and cycling tours.

These tour operators have now become a phenomenon in Dublin. It is every single day of the week including Sundays. Many of these walking tours cater for very large number (over 50 and sometimes up to 70). The footpaths become congested, impassable. There is great danger here for other pedestrians who wish to get on their way to wherever they are going. The walking tours seem to have no consideration or understanding of other footpath users and this now is becoming a very dangerous situation with many individuals moving onto the roadway to get by. This in turn affects other road users including cyclists, car users and motorbikes.

What are needed here are guidelines around numbers and a protocol around how these tours are managed.

The Temple Bar area and the South East Area are becoming almost impassable for every day pedestrians as a result of the over proliferation of commercial walking tours. In other jurisdictions these tours are managed, licensed etc. by the relevant public authority. There is also a limit to the numbers - i.e. 30 maximum and a strict public domain / management criteria.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That an examination of the hugely increased traffic flow in Castlewood Park be urgently undertaken. The reply below is unacceptable and shows that the traffic Department only has a historical knowledge of Castlewood Park. This report refers to a survey carried out in December 2016. Last year the Swan Shopping Centre opened a new entrance to its centre from Castlewood Avenue. The result of this is that customers both access the centre from Castlewood Park and furthermore many now park on this road to avoid parking fees in the Shopping Centre which is more expensive and has a minimum of 1 hour parking.

This meeting agrees that the above issues be addressed by the department to find a solution to the current increased traffic.

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

**Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That it is agreed that the Gulistan Bring Centre open earlier in the mornings and close at 5p.m. also there is a big demand in Rathmines to have this centre open from the Town Hall entrance on Saturdays. Furthermore a lot of school children use the route to school during the week so having the centre closed morning and evening when they are going to and coming from school is causing a big diversion and to use a more dangerous route.

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

**Motion 7 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this area committee supports the installation of CCTV in the Cabbage Patch and also in the surrounding streets as a matter of urgency because of the significant trouble young people are causing with quads and motorbikes and smashing windows in the Iveagh Trust flats on a regular basis and we will write to the chief superintendent in Kevin Street and request that Gardaí would monitor the newly installed CCTV.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That a comprehensive plan be put in place for the management of the Halloween period in the Cabbage Patch and surroundings as matter of urgency to help prevent the serious criminal behaviour and that this would be done in conjunction with Gardaí and we will write to Gardaí requesting them to liaise with DCC and outline the plan they will put in place.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this area committee supports the removal of the maze in Mercer House C block and the soft surface, as it appears hazardous because of the residue the trees overhanging it deposit on it and installation of a new play area.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this meeting agrees to commence a Village Improvement Plan (VIP) for Harold's Cross. This is an area that is facing many challenges because of a considerable increase in population which brings new challenges for family living, for children and for an ageing population. Along with a proposed new secondary school and changes in traffic movement. That the €50,000 (allocated from the discretionary fund for DIT LAP, all of which was paid for by the college) be reallocated to commence the Harold's Cross VIP.

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

### **Motion 11 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

That this committee calls upon the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to provide a report to the South East Area Committee (SEAC) detailing how each of the proposed bus corridors / spines in the South East Area positively fits with or adversely impacts on Dublin City Council's development plans. The report should include, but not be limited to the following areas:

- Infrastructural changes required for the suggested bus corridors and potential impact on DCC road maintenance and road works plans for 2019 / 20120 (e.g. Poddle River on Lower Kimmage Road; Pedestrian crossings; planned road and footpath repairs, etc.).
- Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022 (e.g. development of urban villages and community development objectives).
- Cycling strategy for the city (including safe and direct cycle routes).
- Transport links between urban villages, amenities, hospitals, schools, etc.
- Implications for the various age and mixed ability demographic within the area given the potential for longer walks to bus stops, possible reduction in pedestrian crossings on main spines / bus corridors. How does this fit with DCC's 'Age Friendly City' strategy.
- Potential impact on city centre bus congestion and College Green Plaza plans.
- Environmental impact (intensity of buses on particular routes; noise and air pollution; tree removal; etc.).
- Impact for residential parking and access on one-way bus corridors where there is insufficient parking options on adjoining roads.

Report to be available for November or December SEAC meeting.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to implement a neighbourhood improvement plan for New Street Gardens and surrounding areas. The plan should include

- Gutter clearing and cleaning
- Street cleaning
- Waste disposal facilities to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping
- Planters and other greenery

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to contact Eir to ensure they remove the redundant Eir telephone boxes outside the AIB on the corner of Harrington Street and Richmond Street South as a matter of urgency. There have been previous requests made for the removal of these yet little has happened. They are an eye sore and are also frequently used for anti social behaviour such as drug taking.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillors Claire Byrne and Patrick Costello**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to put a halt to the granting of planning permissions for short term rental buildings in the South East Area to address the issue of the over concentration of short term letting in the area taking away vital long term housing for our citizens, and to play our part in addressing the housing crisis.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to fix the pothole on Camden Street, located just before Flannery's in the out bound lane as a matter of urgency. This pothole has been there for quite some time and is a serious hazard to cyclists.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the leaf sucking machines be used for a second shift especially during the autumn leaf dropping period. Currently they work in the public domain from 6a.m. to 1p.m. and a second shift in the afternoon would make a big difference. Also that Leinster Road be included in the public domain area of Rathmines. This is an area that has a heavy footfall, especially at night and as a result the area is strewn with take-away leavings, tins and bottles every morning.

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

**Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello**

In the past the site at Gulistan Terrace was used as a depot and a bring centre. Over the summer months the depot part of the site was closed and the associated staff were moved. The bring centre remains on site and no changes were made to the opening hours. However, while staff at the depot started their shift at 6am, bring centre staff report for duty and open the site, including gates at both ends, at 9am. This has caused difficulties for people looking for a safe route for children to walk to school through the site as had been the norm until recently. In the absence of other measures to make walking to school safer opening the bring centre earlier would help everyone.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Patrick Costello**

This committee agrees that the management will provide them a traffic plan for St. Claire's National School and the new school to open at the greyhound track site, before the new school opens. There are already traffic problems in the area, a need for more pedestrian crossings and crossing time, and a need to proactively address the safety of children and the concerns of local residents.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

This committee calls on the manager to contact all home insurance companies in the Republic of Ireland to ask for a list of streets in the south east area that they will not cover for flood damage on their policy and to ask them to indicate reason

for such refusals. Considering the works Dublin City council and OPW have put into flood protection being built in recent years.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. McGinley. Report to councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Cllr. Frank Kennedy taken with Motion 3 from Cllr. Mannix Flynn**

This area committee resolves that the College Gate apartments, together with the Markievicz Leisure Centre and nearby homes should not be demolished as proposed by the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) plan for Metro Link.

**Order: Agreed.**

**8 Questions to the Chief Executive 8th October 2018**

**Order: Noted.**

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**Councillor Ruairí McGinley  
Chairperson  
Monday 8 October 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)  
Chris Andrews  
Patrick Costello  
Frank Kennedy  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

Kieran Binchy  
Anne Feeney  
Dermot Lacey  
Sonya Stapleton

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Mannix Flynn  
Paddy McCartan

**Officers**

Rossana Camargo  
Leah Johnston  
Fiona O'Brien  
Gerard O'Connell  
Cian Harte

Mark Ginnetty  
Rose Kenny  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Dave Weston  
Gary Loughlin

Brian Hanney  
Eileen Martin  
Paul McCann  
David Grant  
Jennifer Wall

**Apologies:**

Mary Freehill

**Non-Members:**