



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019**

- 1 Presentation on Strategic Housing Development on former monastery lands at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held 10th December 2018.**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 3 Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Traffic Works Programme 2019.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - iii. Road Maintenance Works Programme 2019.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
  - i. Report on the proposed grant of a lease of a site at Shaw Street, Dublin 2 and the grant of a Building Licence at same address to the Peter McVerry Trust CLG.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 5 Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. Report on the Part 8 planning application for the upgrade of the depot building and compound at Eamonn Ceannt Park, Rutland Grove, Crumlin, Dublin 12.  
**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. Draft South East Area Discretionary Fund, as discussed at meeting on 13/12/2018, for agreeing.

**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

## **7 Motions 14th January 2019**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of the south east area (SEA) acknowledge and support the Garda Youth Awards that were inaugurated in the south central area and acknowledge the great achievements by the recipients of the awards and also the great efforts that were made by An Garda Síochána to ensure that these awards were rolled out across the communities. The time and effort and commitment that was spent on this was enormous and the event that took place in Aviva Stadium as a result of these efforts was simply fantastic. It is important that the SEA get behind these awards and the people associated with them including Aviva Stadium and the Aviva insurance company and that this committee agrees to write to all those involved including Inspector Chris Grogan and Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley and commend them for this great success.

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

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager carry out a full assessment of the sports pitch at Digges Street to ascertain the cost of a complete refurbishment and upgrade?

This pitch has become dilapidated over the past number of years and is well used by the local community. It is time now to give a serious upgrade to this facility, the only one in the neighbourhood.

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

### **Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That in light of An Bord Pleanála decision regarding College Green Plaza that this area committee calls on the area manager to proceed with the following objective in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022:

*“MTO50: To introduce traffic-free areas on sections on Drury Street, South William Street, Exchequer Court, Dame Court and Dame Lane while ensuring that access to car parks and deliveries is still provided for.”*

And to ask the area manager to also proceed with the full pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Planning Department takes action on the fact that the lift which was agreed by the council as part of The Swan Shopping Centre's access for people with disabilities on their Castlewood Avenue end is more often out of order than working. As I have pointed out in the past, these lifts are not appropriate and it is probably because people who try to use them may not know how they work which causes them to out of order so often. The point is that if it is not working then the centre at this entrance is not accessible. There is not even a telephone no. on the list to call, so people with access needs are left in a difficult position and I would argue that this current situation does not comply with the Planning Act access requirements.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the council take action on Wharton Hall off Harold's Cross Road. An Bord Pleanála decision that a floor be taken off this building over 10 years ago has not been acted on. Over a year ago this building changed hands. The new owners were informed of their responsibilities. This building is now an eye sore on the horizon and a Pigeon loft.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

The committee requests the city council to apply for EU funding (recently announced) for Wi-Fi hotspots for our urban villages in the South East Area - Rathmines, Rathgar, Terenure, Harold's Cross, Crumlin, Sundrive, Ranelagh, Donnybrook, Ballsbridge, Sandymount, Irishtown, Ringsend. This would be a boost to our urban villages and small businesses, facilitating free Wi-Fi for shoppers and locals, making our urban villages more attractive to visit and spend in. The opportunity of accessing this EU funding should not be missed.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Chief Executive Officer states whether Dublin City Council (DCC) has the power to make a bye-law requiring licensed premises to display the renewal dates on the exterior of their premises for licences to sell alcohol, Public Dance Licence and Public Music & Singing Licence. If the council doesn't have the power, would you state which department has and how we might go about progressing it?

Furthermore has the DCC Noise Dept. objects to the courts when Copan / Zenith Café Ltd. apply for monthly exemption licence. The noise goes on until 3a.m. and it's seriously disrupting people's sleep.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Development Department clarifies the ownership of all the ground relating to the Swan Leisure development, Rathmines. The agreement in the first instance relating to the Public Private Partnership (PPP), was that the council would retain ownership of the ground and that the developer would own the air rights. It's important that if this issue comes before the January council meeting that this is clarified beforehand, otherwise that it is done at the DSE LAC.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That Dublin City Council (DCC) agrees to the establishment of a dementia friendly village and indeed age friendly village in general for the Harold's Cross area. This has already been agreed by Health Services Executive Forum and promoted by the Harold's Cross Community Council. It is agreed that DCC personnel co-operate with the Community Council to aid its establishment.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

8 **Questions 14th January 2019**  
**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Ruairí McGinley**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 14 January 2019**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)  
Chris Andrews  
Patrick Costello  
Mary Freehill  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

Kieran Binchy  
Anne Feeney  
Frank Kennedy  
Paddy Smyth

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Mannix Flynn  
Dermot Lacey  
Sonya Stapleton

**Officers**

Rossana Camargo  
Leah Johnston  
Fiona O'Brien  
Jennifer Wall  
Andrew Duff  
Dymphna Farrell

Mark Ginnetty  
Brian Kavanagh  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Paul McCann  
Sean Redmond  
Gwen Perry

Brian Hanney  
Eileen Martin  
Avril Feeney  
Sharon Beatty  
Madeline McNamara  
Neasa Moylan

**Apologies:**

Paddy McCartan

**Non-Members:**