



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019

- 1 **Presentation from Waterways Ireland regarding Block 19.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation and report on part 8 works: Flood Alleviation at RDS, Ballsbridge.**
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 14th January 2019.**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters.**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 29th January 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Housing, Community and Emergency Services Department Matters.**
 - i. Community Grants Scheme 2019.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters.**
 - i. Proposed disposal of a plot of land at Longford Street Great, Dublin 8 to Kesteven Ltd.
Order: Defer to March South East Area Committee meeting.
 - ii. Proposed grant of a lease of the car park adjoining the Dropping Well Public House, Milltown Road, Milltown, Dublin 6 to Milltown Inns Ltd.
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.
 - ii. Report on a proposed naming and numbering of a development on a site at the rear of 10 Ely Place.
Order: Agreed.

- iii. South East Area Age Friendly Alliance Report on Activities 2018.
Order: Noted.
- iv. Nomination of vice-chairperson of South East Area Joint Policing Committee to replace Cllr. Claire O'Connor who has taken over the role of Chairperson following from the resignation of Cllr. Mannix Flynn.
Order: Cllr. O'Connor's nomination as Chairperson of the South East Area Joint Policing Committee was confirmed by the committee. The nomination of Cllr. Stapleton as Vice Chairperson of the South East Area Joint Policing Committee was proposed by Cllr. Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Byrne, and agreed by the committee.

8 **Motions 11th February 2019.**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to arrange for a serious pruning of the Dublin City Council trees on the grass section of Beech Hill Avenue alongside the David Lloyd Centre to be carried out as they block light and sun for the residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Because of the high child traffic walking to schools in Clareville Road to St. Louis, Rathmines and schools in Harold's Cross, a pedestrian crossing is needed at the Kenilworth Park crossing from Clareville Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will report on what steps have been taken and will be taken to implement a previously agreed motion to protect the heritage lighting on the bridge at Ballsbridge as detailed in the email submitted with this motion:

"With the help of your colleague Dermot we made some progress with the broken light base on the bridge... nearest to the bridge pub. It seems to have stopped there however. Not only has the light not been replaced none of the lights on that side of the bridge are working.

This is just 'a thing' I have viz. Ballsbridge has very little to offer historically speaking but the bridge is nice and would look so much better if finished. Hopefully you help advance this."

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillors Paddy Smyth and Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that the Traffic Department carries out traffic modelling to assess the impact on traffic flows in the surrounding streets should vehicular traffic be filtered from Marlborough Road and/or Belmont Avenue as part of a scheme to prohibit rat-running on these streets.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Given the huge popularity with both residents and adjacent businesses of restricting vehicular through traffic on the north side of Sandymount Green (Sandymount Road to Newgrove Avenue) during recent events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, this committee requests that this filtering of traffic be trialled as regular installation on Friday and Saturday evenings 6pm to 10pm over the coming summer months.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

On 7 January 2019, I sent the following e-mail to Waterways Ireland at dublincanals@waterwaysireland.org:

Dear Rory,

I hope this finds you well and Happy New Year.

*An issue has been raised with my by local residents in the Portobello area. With regard to the Grand Canal, would it be possible to make a new sign (as per the mock up in the attached picture) with the names of both Portobello **and** Cuan Aoibhinn, the Irish translation, which has not been present to date? Secondly, would it be possible to move the sign **to** Portobello, i.e. on the western side of Portobello Bridge? The location of the sign at present appears in fact not to be in Portobello.*

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Frank.

*Cllr. Frank Kennedy
Fianna Fáil (Pembroke-South Dock)*

On the same date, I received the following automated reply:

We will address the issue raised as soon as possible, or advise if your query should be directed elsewhere. Please note that some matters may require further investigation on the ground before responding, however we will respond as soon as practicable.

Notwithstanding that more than three weeks has now passed since I sent that e-mail and received the automated reply, I have received no substantive reply whatsoever from Waterways Ireland. Accordingly, this committee resolves to write to Waterways Ireland in which letter (a) it shall express its deep disappointment at the fact that it has been necessary to table a motion before the Committee to seek to elicit a response from Waterways Ireland to a query from a public representative, and (b) to voice support for the request contained in my e-mail above of 7 January 2019.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the process of listing the last remaining bollard from the Swan River Rathmines on the list of protected structures urgently commence. This is situated on Rathmines Road at junction of Rathgar Road. Currently construction work is being carried out on building beside the bollard and the council needs to ensure that this bollard is protected photos attached"



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Proposed by Mary Freehill and agreed at April 2017 LAC

“That a traffic calming study be carried out in Corrib, Derravaragh, Neagh and Melvin Roads, Aideen, Mount Tallant, Clareville, Shanid and Aideen in the Harold’s cross area. These areas were the subject of motions from me in December and January but so far residents have seen no response to rat running, breaking of no right turn from Kimmage to Aideen, traffic movement at T junction, and parking problems due to school runs on Clareville.

- Residents on Clareville are concerned that the current traffic problem is causing major problems for residents and the proposed extension to Clareville School planning ref 4106/16 will further exacerbate it. A condition of the planning permission is that a traffic plan must be agreed prior to construction. Residents want to be involved in the drawing up of this plan. One suggestion made is that school times could be staggered as is the case in Terenure, Templeogue and Our Lady’s Colleges.
- Mount Tallant Ave is already a pinch point, currently there is planning permission for the construction of a number of blocks of flats on this road so a traffic plan is essential.
- Rat running mainly caused by school runs has made many of these narrow residential roads dangerous especially for children and older people because of volume and speed. It is essential that any examination of these areas must be done during school term to properly research the issues.

The residents’ associations of both of these areas have come together as they feel that the district must be looked as a whole, to make sure that a solution for one area doesn’t have a knock on effect on the other.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council supports the call and initiative from many residents in the Charlemont Street area and indeed the city of Dublin to rename Charlemont Street Bridge, Dr. Kathleen Lynn Bridge.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Now that all our city car parks are electronically managed, in the interest of safety, especially for women, this committee agrees that CCTV will be installed on all floors of our car parks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Street signs have disappeared from a considerable number of road and streets, which is a major problem when trying to locate an address and it must be very frustrating for visitors to our city. It is agreed that this area committee prepare a report on how best to update these signs i.e. whether it requires co-operation among departments i.e. community, cleansing, traffic etc. to identify where the signs have disappeared and list them for replacement.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee agrees to trial closing Richmond Hill and Mountpleasant Avenue Lower to through traffic with filtered permeability to continue allowing pedestrian and cycling traffic through. The current trial of no entry to Mountpleasant Avenue Upper has been successful in protecting pedestrians using that road, but has caused problems on the roads beside it. There has also been many cases of cars ignoring the signs and driving through the no entry point. Trialling filtered permeability will ensure that all the roads can have the same benefit of reduced traffic and protection for vulnerable road users and pedestrians.

Order: Deferred to March meeting.

Motion 13 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee requests double yellow lines on the junction of Parkmore Road and Terenure Road West.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee requests that the local area rehabilitate the public water fountain on the side of the Rates Office on Lord Edward Street and get it back working as a public water fountain to help reduce plastic waste.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee calls on the manager, following the example of Co. Clare and the international "3 for the Sea" initiative, to install on Sandymount Strand signs not made of plastic asking beachgoers to take away three pieces of plastic each time they visit the beach as a simple cost-effective way of raising awareness of the problem of plastic pollution on our beaches.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to take immediate action to address the on-going and serious problem with dog and human litter on Bath Avenue and the Dodder Walkway.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will please write to the Office of Public Works (OPW) to ask if they could consider providing an off the leash period in between 8am and 11am in the Iveagh Gardens. This park is frequently used by local responsible dog walkers. However, the rules recently changed and dogs now have to be on a leash at all times in times. We should be supporting responsible dog owners by introducing some flexibility in our city parks.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please take immediate action to address the ongoing serious problem of graffiti in the Portobello area, in particular on

Longwood Avenue. Can the manager please clean the current graffiti at Longwood Avenue and look at putting in place long term measures to ensure this doesn't occur again?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to take immediate action to address the on-going problem of damp and mould in Glovers Court. We simply can't keep painting over the issue here and something needs to be done to make living conditions here better and safer for the residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

9 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11th February 2019.**

Order: Noted.

Councillor Ruairí McGinley

Chairperson

Monday 11 February 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Ruairí McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
Leah Johnston
Neil O'Donoghue
Andrew Duff

Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Jennifer Wall
Declan Hayden

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Fiona O'Brien
Dave Weston

Non-Members:

John Boyle,
Waterways Ireland.
Sinead Mallon,
Waterways Ireland.