



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2019**

- 1 **Election of Chairperson**  
**Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey was nominated as the Chairperson by Cllr. Mary Freehill, which was seconded by Cllr. Anne Feeney and agreed by the committee.**
- 2 **Election of Vice Chairperson**  
**Order: Cllr. Anne Feeney was nominated as vice chairperson by Cllr. Paddy McCartan, which was seconded by Cllr. Chris Andrews and agreed by the committee.**
- 3 **Time of South East Area Committee meetings**  
**Order: It was agreed to continue holding the meetings at 3pm on the second Monday of every month, excluding August, when there is no meeting.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 13 May 2019.**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Presentation on Planning Application PWSDZ3270/19 re Irish Glass Bottle site**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Presentation on bike schemes in Dublin**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Presentation on Iveagh Trust Green Strategy Projects Order of Magnitude Costings**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 8 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of the Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 25 June 2019.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Road Maintenance South Est Area Works Programme 2019.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 9 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
  - i. Proposal to grant a temporary convenience letting of a site at Beggars Bush, Shelbourne Road to Eir.

**Order: Deferred to September South East Area Committee meeting, pending further information.**

10 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**

- i. Update on the installation of the Yi Friendship Garden in Herbert Park.  
**Order: Noted.**

11 **South East Area Matters**

- i. South East Area Updates.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Nomination of South East Area Councillors to Committees.  
**Order: The committee agreed the nomination of the following Councillors to the following committees:**

**Nomination of 2 members to the South East Inner City Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force:  
Cllrs. Kevin Donoghue and Chris Andrews.**

**Nomination of 3 members to the Covanta / Waste to Energy Community Gain Committee.  
Cllrs. James Geoghegan, Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan.**

**Nomination of 2 members to the Aviva Community Gain Committee.  
Cllrs. Claire Byrne and Danny Byrne.**

**Nomination of 1 member to the D12 Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.  
Two members were nominated – Cllrs. Pat Dunne and Deirdre Conroy - the committee agreed to write to the task force seeking two places.**

**Nomination of 1 member to the Dublin Dockland Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF).  
Cllrs. Kevin Donoghue and Claire Byrne.**

- iii. Proposal to name a development at Charlemont Street / Tom Kelly Road.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- iv. Proposal to name a development at 17 Denzille Lane.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- v. Proposal to name a development at 11 Park Avenue.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- vi. Proposal to name a development at Bellevue Avenue.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- vii. Proposal to initiate the procedure to have Adair Lane taken in charge.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the procedure.**

12 **Motions 8 July 2019**

**Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests an urgent examination of the pedestrian crossing

arrangements for children and parents / guardians accessing the very welcome new children's playground at Sean Moore Park.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the seat on the Grand Canal close to junction at Warren Street and Portobello Road be removed as it is causing residents ongoing disruption and concern as the level of anti-social behaviour is escalating and it is attracting extreme behaviour that no one should have to put up with. The users of this chair are also creating increased levels of dirt and rubbish which is negatively impacting on the Grand Canal and negating all the great work community groups do to keep the place clean and that manager clarify which agency is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the seat.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That given the traffic issues in Eblana Villas / Island Villas will the manager make this a priority for a review of current traffic flows in order to address the current health and safety issues in this residential cell which is being used as a rat run currently.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

Given the serious environmental impact of the ESB oil leaks into the Grand Canal, recently highlighted by the RTE Investigates programme, that DCC and the Manager will give full and comprehensive replies to the following questions and request the ESB to make an oral report to this area committee in the September meeting:

- Has DCC met with officials from ESB - and what was discussed?
- Has DCC requested a report from ESB, documenting incidences of leaks, locations, assessments of risk, remediation carried out?
- Has DCC asked ESB to report any future leaks?
- Is a protocol for reporting leaks and procedures for remediation under discussion between the city council and ESB?
- Is the protocol based on the current system currently in operation between the energy companies and regulator in England? Please see link at the end of this email, outlining the protocol.
- Is DCC concerned about what it **now** knows about the scale of the leaks and the level of non-reporting by ESB?
- Has DCC received documentation from ESB about incidents of leaks and other details re same?
- What is the status of the leak at Camden Row?
- How many ESB underground cables are currently leaking in DCC areas, how much oil is leaking and at what locations, as reported to the City Council by ESB?
- Is DCC concerned about the disclosures by RTÉ Investigates on June 5 last about the leaking of 1 million litres of oil from ESB cables over the past 20 years and the failure of the ESB to report this to any of the relevant authorities?
- In the RTÉ Investigates programme broadcast on June 5, the ESB claimed that 1 million litres of fluid leaked from its underground cables was bio-degradable and not hazardous. Does DCC share any concerns about this response from the ESB in light of the fact that 90 per cent of the fluid being leaked contained quantities of a mineral oil, which at best is not readily bio-degradable - including an oil called C4? In particular, is

DCC aware that the material safety sheet for this oil specifically states, "Do not allow product to contaminate land"? Furthermore, the safety sheet for this product also states, "Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported immediately to the Environmental Agency or other appropriate regulatory body". In addition, is DCC aware that the Energy Networks Association - the body which represents energy companies, including ESB - states that the oils used to insulate underground electricity cables up until the 1980s included mineral oils called C14 and C14A which that body states had low bio-degradability or were not bio-degradable at all?

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this area committee agrees and requests that DCC sow wildflowers as proposed by Donnybrook Tidy Towns on the median strip from Donnybrook Church up to RTE entrance as it would help pollinators and also reduce maintenance costs.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of the SEA call on Dublin City Council management, Planning Department and Street Furniture Section to refuse planning permission for street furniture etc. outside Davits pub Camden Street / Pleasant street. Also, that the planning permission to widen the footpath onto the road carriage way be refused.

This business premises for the past number of years has simply flaunted the law in relation to planning permission. There have been a number of complaints to Planning Enforcement about illegal works, street furniture and advertisement placed on the structure. There have been numerous complaints to me and to the authority about the sheer level of anti-social behaviour emanating from the customers from this establishment. On many occasion the footpaths both at Camden Street and Pleasant Street are impassable with many pedestrians including elderly residents having to walk on the roadway. This behaviour often continues well into the early hours of the morning keeping local residents and their children awake. The management here have no regard for the local residents and community. A complete disregard for pedestrians and road users and have failed entirely to take responsibility for this dreadful situation that they have created. Every person has a right to trade responsibly but this kind of trading and behaviour is reckless and detrimental to all.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Manager state what discussion took place, if any, with the NTA in regard to the current road resurfacing of Kimmage Road from Kimmage Court to Sundrive Road.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Traffic Department reports on progress on the proposed locations made by residents' association for bike stands in the Harold's Cottages area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Manager inform us on progress and the proposed implementation date for residential disc parking on Clareville Road.

**Order: Agreed.**

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

That DCC request Waterways Ireland to consider installing Seabins along the Grand Canal (info attached), this would greatly improve the level of pollution in our canals. Also that they consider planting reeds along the canal. It has been noticed that Gulls are attacking young water hens on the canal, if there were reeds close to the banks it would provide a greater protection for the wild life along the canal".

"The Seabin V5, is a floating garbage bin, which acts as a trash skimmer and debris interceptor that is located in the water at marinas, ports and yacht clubs. By pumping water into the device, the Seabin V5 can intercept: floating debris, macro and micro plastics and micro fibres (a recent development). By acting as a trash skimmer, the Seabin V5 is also able to clean the water from contaminated organic material (leaves, seaweed, etc.).

The Seabin V5 is equipped with oil absorbent pads able to absorb petroleum-based surface oils and detergent predominant in most marinas around the world."

Ireland has two Seabins. Both of which were installed in Dún Laoghaire and crowd funded by an 11-year-old environmental activist who collaborated with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, the Dún Laoghaire Marina and Inland and Coastal Marina Systems.

The cost of each Seabin is €3,300, but the price is often reduced in the event of a large order. In addition, it appears that the company who makes them, 'The Seabin Project' are focussed on installing them in Marinas, Ports and Yacht Clubs but I've contacted them about how adaptable they'd be to freshwater and am awaiting a reply.

I've attached an image that describes what kind of waste it gathers and a short YouTube video of one in action:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySp7HKD7jaw&t=57s>

I notice as well that Waterways Ireland have received an overall funding increase of €1.8 million bringing their total financial allocation to €20.737m in current funding and €4.38m in Capital Funding. Perhaps the Dublin Port Authority could also allocate some of their previously misused and abuses budgets to initiatives like the Seabin."

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 11 from Councillor Chris Andrews taken with Motion 14.**

That this area committee recognises that the works being undertaken by the Waste Management Department at Herzog Park are a 'Material Change' and a 'Modification' in breach of the Part 8, Report No. 10/2017 and the Chief Executive's Recommendations therein as noted and approved by the City Council on the 9th January 2017. Therefore management will stop works immediately and the work will be carried out as recommended 'Without Modification'.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 12 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

This South East Area Committee requests a review of the access gates of all Dublin City Council parks large and small (e.g. Poddle Close) and commits to installing gates that will ensure ease of access for those who need to use wheelchairs and motorized wheelchairs.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

That this committee calls upon the Chief Executive to outline a programme to repaint all street name signs and to do this with a paint that is durable for many years to come. Currently there are many street signs that are totally illegible and make areas in our city look neglected. Perhaps this work could be done in conjunction with some community / volunteer / student groups as part of a potential 'Pride in Our Neighbourhood / City' initiative.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy taken with Motion 11.**

That this area committee does not approve the modification and change of use to the rear of the Bring Centre at Herzog Park, Rathgar Road. The Part 8 Application 3762/16 recommended that the proposed development would proceed without modifications. The modifications are since referred to as 'redesign'. The change of use involves access and egress of n trucks per day over a minimum of 12 weeks, beside a playground, a school, a tennis club, a small car park.

(I have submitted an opinion to the Waste Management Officer)

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this area committee would agree traffic signal improvement on Terenure Road West which runs from Kimmage Cross Roads to the junction of Terenure and Templeogue Road. There are many side roads and housing estates off the road. The traffic light control signal at the Y junction with Templeogue Road is considered by local residents to be unsynchronized for local traffic. A report from the Chief Executive is requested for local residents.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

Anti-social behaviour in various parks throughout the western area of the Kimmage-Rathmines Ward, particularly in children's playgrounds, has caused local residents to request that the gates of parks be locked within an agreed time in the evening (particularly the entrance to Eamon Ceannt Park on Sundrive Road). And that fencing is constructed around playgrounds, to minimize access (Stannaway Park). Residents report that bins are removed from outside their homes and brought to parks to be burnt.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this area committee agrees to reinstatement of the outdoor yoga class on Saturday mornings in Dartmouth Square, and other parks from which it has been removed, the event has been previously supported by Dublin City Council and the organiser Happenings.ie

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

That the speed limit on the main road through Ringsend into Irishtown be reduced to 30 KPH.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee calls upon our Public Domain Section to co-ordinate a weed removal programme combined with a general clean-up of roads, lanes, pathways and communal green spaces in the Dublin 12 area.

Given that the spraying of chemicals to contain the growth of weeds is no longer being used we call upon the various sections of DCC to implement a plan to manually deal with this problem. The Dublin 12 area is in a particularly bad state with weeds growing out of control.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee calls for a system to be put in place for the rest of this calendar year to ensure that any unspent money allocated from the 2019 Dublin South Central Discretionary Fund and earmarked for that part of Dublin 12 that is now in Dublin South East be spent in Dublin 12.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given the size and diversity of the Dublin South East Area Committee we believe that a system of more localised meetings between councillors and local management for each of the 3 local electoral areas (LEAs) should be established.

**Order: Motion deferred to September South East Area Committee meeting.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motion 26.**

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to engage further with Irish Water to find an interim solution to address the ongoing issue of no bathing water notices being served due to over flows at the Ringsend Waste Water plant.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee rejects the decision by An Bord Pleanála to change the zoning of areas B1, B2 and Port Park in the Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). The zoning for these sites was agreed by the members of the council and should not be amended.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 24 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee agrees to write to Supervalu in Ranelagh to investigate the possibility of glass recycling facilities.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 25 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee agrees to write to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ireland and Covanta asking for real time air monitoring in light of recent licence changes and their permission to now burn sewage sludge.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 26 from Councillor Hazel Chu taken with motion 22.**

That this local area committee request a representative from Irish Water to provide details of actions they will take in light of repeated sewage overflow and beach closure.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 27 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee agrees to establish a series of dog parks.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 28 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee would sow wild flowers on grass verges without mowing throughout the year to both save cost and support pollinators and increase biodiversity.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 29 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That Palmerston Park in its entirety be designated protected status as a historically designed park. That the Holwley Hayes Arborist Management Report be implemented and that funding is made available for this purpose.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Emergency Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the traffic officials to immediately engage with the residents of Seafort Avenue, Sandymount and the school authorities at the Educate Together School at the former Roslyn Park site to deliver an agreed sensible response to the concerns taking into account:

- The two planned crossings on Seafort Avenue are dangerous and not fit for purpose.
- The residents' objection to the removal of the very limited parking on Seafort Avenue.
- The residents' view that the school gate on Seafort Avenue should remain closed. This will protect the quality of life of residents and livelihood of businesses. It is not a suitable place to have children dropped and collected. The derelict building at 12 Seafort Avenue is a further reason for this gate not to be opened.
- The school board are in agreement on a number of our points.
- The objectives of the An Bord Pleanála decision and the wishes of the Department of Education can be achieved with alternatives.
- The fact that the residents are open to helping problem solve.

The reason for it being an Emergency Motion is that this is the last pre-summer area committee and the school will reopen in September. This two month period gives all the space and time to resolve the outstanding problems.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion from Councillors Mary Freehill, Kevin Donoghue, Claire Brne, Patrick Costello and Dermot Lacey**

That an urgent meeting is arranged with Gardaí, Councillors and Waste Management in regard to the congregation of people around Portobello on both sides of the canal.

**Order: Agreed.**

13 **Questions 8 July 2019**

**Order: Noted.**

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**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 July 2019**



**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey  
Chris Andrews  
Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
Anne Feeney  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

James Geoghegan  
Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mannix Flynn

**Members:**

Paddy McCartan  
Danny Byrne  
Patrick Costello  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill

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Fiona O'Brien  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Elaine Sullivan  
Michael Rossiter  
Eoin Corrigan