



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019

- 1 **Presentation on Royal Hospital Donnybrook Housing**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on City Parks Strategy**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Presentation on Herbert Park Tree Avenue Proposal**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Motions 14 October 2019**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to take action to resolve the issues outlined regarding the safety of access at the two pedestrian entrances to Herbert Park from Clyde Lane:

- The two entrances / exits to and from Herbert Park onto Clyde Lane and the danger to pedestrians exiting onto the Lane from the park.
- The total lack of signage with regard to the above.
- The fact that both exits are flush with the existing railings and so create a serious danger to adults and children exiting the park. There are no paths adjacent to either exits. The amount of vehicular traffic is increasing all the time in Clyde Lane and the issue is an accident waiting to happen.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees, in order to improve traffic safety and vision and in accordance with the relevant sections of the Road Traffic (T&P) Regulations 1997 that double yellow lines be placed along the entire length of wall from the rear of 144 Merrion Road to 136 Merrion Road inclusive in lieu of the free parking that is there, or that disc parking be installed at the mid-point of this stretch – to provide for a maximum of 5 / 6 car spaces with double yellow lines on the balance thereby allowing clear space and vision for drivers turning both sets of corners.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan

This committee requests the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive to write to the government requesting that all appropriate steps be made to repatriate the bodies of James Joyce, his wife Nora (and others buried in the same grave) to Ireland as

was the desire of James Joyce as expressed by his wife Nora and son at the time of his death, in time for the 100th anniversary of the publication of Ulysses in February 2022.

Order: For further discussion.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please set out the legislative amendments needed to strengthen the Council's hand in dealing with noise? Our current powers are very weak and we are dependent on the opinion of the courts to be able to take action on any case. If it is difficult to give an opinion on this, perhaps we could set up a working group to look at how local authorities deal with this problem in other countries and we could put together recommendations which we could present to the Dáil.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Lacey. Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee would arrange a working group between relevant officers and councillors with the NTA Deputy CEO and Roughan O'Donovan consulting engineers, in relation to the proposals that will alter roads and remove access to side roads in these communities, in order to fully represent residents and small businesses where parking is removed, trees are removed, residential access where roads are blocked and endangers school access where transport is increased on side roads. NTA has agreed to meet councillors.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee would request that the Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016 - 2020 initiates Tree Preservation Orders on historic roads. As it is only two months before we reach 2020, there is no inventory of trees in Dublin and NTA proposes to fell 3,000 trees on streets, not in parks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with Motion 10

Illegal parking on the 24 hour cycle lane inbound on South Richmond Street and Camden Street Upper, Dublin 2 has become a chronic problem. It creates a very dangerous situation for people cycling on what has been identified as one of the busiest commuter cycling routes in the city.

The lack of enforcement of this illegal parking by both An Garda Síochána and Dublin Street Parking Services exacerbates the issue. This is not just an issue for people cycling but also for people walking this route as many of the vehicles park partially on the footpath creating a barrier for people walking, especially people with a disability.

As one of the busiest commuter cycling routes in the city I am seeking that this committee agree to provide segregation on this cycle lane to create a physical barrier preventing people from parking on the lane and keeping it safe for all road users.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney

To reiterate a long and well established practise in South East Area, that all meetings arranged by officials with groups in the community, must include notice of the meeting to the sitting councillors in that area.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Lacey. Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of Dublin City Council South East Area Committee agree to fast track the demolition and regeneration of the blocks of flats at Glovers court. The tenants here can no longer continue to live in this deplorable condition and they're only hope is that Dublin City Council initiate this process immediately given the ongoing maintenance issues, antisocial behaviour and the chronic dilapidation of the fabric of the buildings.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motion 7

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install orca wands along the 24 hour inbound cycle lane along Richmond Street from Lennox Street (preferably outside Wall and Keith) to Grantham Street. There is a serious issue with cars and vans illegally parking along here in the cycle lane impacting on the safety of cyclists along this busy route.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install bike parking near Lansdowne Road station to facilitate dart commuters doing park and ride with their bikes. Recently signs have been erected saying that bikes locked on lampposts will be removed which means there is no bike parking available for cyclists close to the station.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee calls on our Public Domain Section to liaise with the relevant sections to ensure that all remaining weeds are removed from the footpaths, lanes and roadways particularly in the Dublin 12 area over the next few months. Additionally, we call for a full programme of manual weed removal for the 2020 growing season. Such a programme is necessary to replace the previous chemical spraying method.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee congratulates the Scoil Una Naofa Violin & Orchestra Project, Crumlin on gaining an award at the recent International Music Council, Music Rights Award 2019 Laureate in Paris. They, together with the Community Centre for Music and the Arts (CCMA) have provided opportunities for children and adults to develop the gift of music, arts and community appreciation and participation in both. This area committee resolves to support these projects in the future.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee agrees to implement simple traffic changes to increase pedestrianisation of the area between Grafton Street and George's Street, as laid out in the attached image.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Hazel Chu

Previously the area adjacent to Covanta's incinerator was provided to the company as parking during the build stage with the condition that it would be returned. The area is now curtained off and affecting the local wildlife area. I propose that the council takes back this area in charge, combine it with the small wildlife patch next to it and form a much needed area of biodiversity in the city.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Byrne. Agreed.

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That management and admin. staffing in the estate management in South East Area Office is brought up to a level where council tenants and local residents are dealt with in an efficient and responsive manner as a matter of urgency.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an urgent report from the Manager on what response will be made by Dublin City Council to the "Ectocarpus" problem at Sandymount and Merrion Beaches and the promenade alongside. There is no doubt that this problem is exacerbated by the intensity of "high nutrient content" a clearly man made problem.

Order: Agreed.

5 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9 September 2019**

Order: Agreed.

6 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) meeting held on 24th September 2019.

Order: Noted.

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

- i. Report on Upgrading of Main Playground in Herbert Park.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Upgrading of Main Playground in Harold's Cross Park.
Order: Noted.

8 **Planning & Property Development Matters**

- i. Report on a further licence of the crèche facility at Pearse Memorial Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

9 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services.

Order: Noted.

10 **Questions 14 October 2019**

Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Monday 14 October 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
James Geoghegan

Members:

Anne Feeney
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn

Members:

Paddy McCartan
Danny Byrne
Patrick Costello
Pat Dunne

Officers

Brian Hanney
Brian Kirk
Fiona O'Brien
Michael Noonan
Rossana Camargo

Mary Taylor
Paul McCann
Leah Johnson
Deirdre Prince
Gerald McEntaggart

John MacEivilly
Mark Ginnetty
Kieran O'Neill
Neil O'Donoghue

Apologies:

Mary Freehill

Non-Members:

Derek Scally,
Royal Hospital Donnybrook

Oonagh Ryan
Royal Hospital Donnybrook

Peter Lynch
Royal Hospital Donnybrook