



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020

Councillor Mannix Flynn was reconfirmed as second nominee for the Commemorations and Naming Committee.

- 1 Presentation on Docklands Visitor Experience Development Plan - Fáilte Ireland.
Order: Noted.**
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9th December 2019.
Order: Agreed.**
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 17th December 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 4 Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: fee simple 1 – 3 Princes Court, Gloucester Street South, Dublin 2 to Red Rock.
Order: Agreed to allow to proceed to City Council subject to receipt of clarification of valuation.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal: lease of unit in 3 Palace Street, Barnardo Square, Dublin 2 to Fáilte Ireland.
Order: Rejected.
- 5 South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Nomination of two councillors to Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum from 6th February 2020.
Order: Cllrs. Claire Byrne and Kevin O'Donoghue selected for nomination to Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum from 6th February 2020 for three years.
 - iii. Report on a proposal to name a development as Cnocán San Clár / Mount Clare, Dublin 6W.
Order: Agreed.

- iv. Report on a proposal to name a development as Cúirt Tivoli / Tivoli Court, Dublin 6W.

Order: Agreed.

6 Motions 13th January 2020

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee seeks a report from the Manager on what options Dublin City Council is considering in relation to the former public toilets site at the junction of Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge and discusses what options Councillors consider might be suitable.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department addresses the need for necessary traffic signs for traffic egressing from Harold's Cross Park at McGowan's pub end. There is evidence that this traffic often break the pedestrian crossing lights on Harold's Cross Road so the safety issues at this point needs urgent addressing.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that action be taken to improve safety in the vicinity of St. Conleth's School, Ballsbridge as requested in the letter submitted and circulated with this motion:

Re St. Conleth's School, Clyde Road.
28/11/2019

Dear Councillor,

I have spoken with, and emailed our local representatives a number of times over the last number of years regarding traffic management in the area of St. Conleth's school on Clyde Road. These issues have been brought to my attention by many of the parents in the school and indeed as a parent I see them first hand on a daily basis.

It is of paramount importance that the following simple issues get dealt with as soon as possible to avoid risk of serious injury to a pupil of the school and pedestrians in the area:

1. The area immediately outside the school needs to have a dedicated drop zone on either side of the school gate and a very clearly marked no parking or stopping zone in front of the gates.
2. Clearly visible yellow signs with flashing lights should be placed on either side of the school on Clyde Road, clearly flagging for oncoming motorists that there is a school ahead.
3. A visibility mirror needs to be located on the lamppost at the corner of Clyde Lane to the rear of the old St. Mary's Home as this corner is a complete right angle with no visibility.
4. A pedestrian footpath needs to be located outside the rear access to Herbert Park from Clyde Lane and the footpath extended to provide a full path for the pupils to pass safely to entrance gate Herbert Park.

In relation to 1) above we have noted the following:

- a) The current parking pay and display spaces (from 10am – 6pm) need to

be removed at either side of the gate and replaced with a single yellow line to provide a safe drop zone for parents. At present, these spaces are being occupied by visitors to the park who are availing of 'free parking' each morning for prolonged periods up until 10am and so are not available to parents dropping children to the school.

- b) Highly visible cross hatched boxes need to be painted outside the school gates to prevent any parent or other road user from stopping outside the school gates as is the norm for the majority of schools in the area.
- c) Three number traffic islands need to be installed as per attached drawing to define a safe drop off zone

Having discussed these issues with the school management team, the parents' council and the majority of parents, we consider them of critical importance. Our children's lives are at risk every day that the current unsuitable arrangements are in place. We would like the council to give these issues their immediate consideration and to provide a timetable for the implementation of these small but very important measures to prevent serious risk of injury or worse to a child or pedestrian.

Your attention to this matter is much appreciated.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

In order to improve access to The Hive, Herbert Park this committee requests the Manager to install a number of bicycle parking racks immediately outside the facility.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to extend the Christmas Tree schedule to include the Kimmage community in 2020.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to support the installation of the 30 car park spaces adjacent to the Lourdes Celtic Football Club, as was agreed in 2019 under Part 8.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee meeting calls on Dublin City Council management to give a discount to staff members of Dublin City Council who wish to get married in the City Hall. This discount is in keeping with best practice for staff. Many firms give discounts to their staff. This small gesture would go a hell of a long way to the dedicated staff of Dublin City Council who wish to get married in their magnificent City Hall setting.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of South East Area Committee calls on the CEO of the Peter McVerry Trust, Mr. Pat Doyle, to make a public apology to the local community at the Whitefriar Street area with regards the misinformation that was generated by the Peter McVerry Trust in relation to consultations and communications which never took place regarding the change of use to Homeless Services of the Avalon House Backpackers Hostel.

This misinformation caused great concern, anger and confusion throughout the whole community in this area. It created unnecessary anxiety and has somewhat

fractured and damaged our community.

This motion seeks your full support in the interest of good communication, the backbone of community relations.

Order: Defeated.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Irish Government to initiate a full public inquiry into the issues of child sexual abuse and other matters within Scouting Ireland. Recent reports indicate that up to 1000 children reported abuses over a long period of time in this organisation. This is what is known as institutional abuse and cover up. It is directly aligned to the kind of culture that we are well aware of that took place in the residential institutions and indeed the Catholic Church and many of its institutions itself.

There should be no delay in delivering justice for the many survivors of abuse from Scouting Ireland. It is time now that the management structure of Scouting Ireland and all those within Scouting Ireland supported a full robust public inquiry.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council supports the many hard pressed small businesses within the BID district in their campaign to have the *double rate* that is unfairly charged to them repealed and rescinded. Also, that the company, We Are Dublin Town / BID become a voluntary organisation without any unfair statutory lein on business rates.

Order: Defeated.

Motion 11 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to install bicycle parking in Donnybrook (in or around Donnybrook Road), as requested in the email from a local business, which is submitted below:

“...More than half our staff cycling all year and upwards of 70% in the summer months, as we encourage staff to use low carbon transport options where possible when out on office business.

In and around our office, there is little bicycle parking provision and we were wondering if DCC Beta could look into improving the provision?

There are Sheffield loops on the Tesco side of Donnybrook Road, these are often full and also have been subject to a lot of inadvertent damage from parking cars.

There is a public car park to the rear of our office off Mulberry Lane which would be ideal for a number of Sheffield loops to further encourage green, low carbon transport options.

I would appreciate if you could look into this for us or a least put me in the direction of the appropriate department or person to talk too within DCC.”

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please remove the rotting leaves on Bloomfield Avenue as a matter of urgency. This issue is raised every year and yet little action has been taken.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee resolves that Dublin City Council complies with the law in relation to regulating properties being let on websites such as Air B 'n B contrary to legislation.

Order: Agreed.

7 Questions 13th January 2020

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 13 January 2020

Attendance:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn

Chris Andrews
Danny Byrne
Patrick Costello
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill

Claire O'Connor
Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan

Officers:

Mary Taylor
Jennifer Wall
Gerald McEntaggart
Dominic Hession

Brian Hanney
Rosanna Camargo
Leah Johnston
Derek Kelly

John MacEvilly
Fiona O'Brien
Neil O'Donoghue
Mark Ginnety

Apologies:

Paddy McCartan

Non-Officers:

Caroline O'Keeffe
Fáilte Ireland