



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020**

- 1 **Presentation on the Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle Route**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting 13th July 2020**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Special Meeting held 31st July 2020**  
**Order: Attendance amended to reflect that Cllr. Feeney sent apologies and did not attend. Agreed.**
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Taken with Motions 13, 15, 16, 22 and 25.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: Licence 7 Car park spaces, Rathmines Square, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 to Aldi Stores Ireland Limited.  
**Order: Deferred pending receipt of clarification on whether storage space in the basement could be made available to the apartment dwellers in the complex.**
  - ii. Report on proposed disposal: Fee simple interest 15 Wicklow Street to Martina Investments Limited.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 6 **Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters.**
  - i. Report on playground upgrades in the South East Area.  
**Taken with Motion 2. Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Report on Herbert Park bowling green resurfacing.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 7 **South East Area Office Matters**
  - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.

**Taken with Motion 21  
Order. Noted.**

- ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering 1 – 3 Cúirt Pháirc Líosain / Leeson Park Court, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- iii. Nomination of one South East Inner City Ward councillor to each of three Community Safety Fora: Charlemont /Whitefriar, Pearse Street and Ringsend / Irishtown.  
**Order: Councillor Flynn nominated to Charlemont/Whitefriar, Community Safety Forum, Councillor Ceitinn nominated to Pearse Street and Ringsend Community Safety Fora.**
- iv. Sculpture Dublin, a Dublin City Council initiative designed to raise awareness of Dublin's sculptural heritage and to commission new works for parks and public spaces city-wide, requests that the Committee nominates a Public Representative for the South East Area to participate in the selection panel for the Bushy Park Commission.  
The panel will be convened at a suitable date between 21 September and 9 October 2020. Details of the selection process are included in the Commission Brief which can be downloaded at <https://www.sculpturedublin.ie/bushy-park/>  
**Order: Cllr. Feeney nominated to participate in the selection panel for the Bushy Park Sculpture Dublin Commission.**
- v. Proposed meeting with Waterways Ireland.  
**Order: Noted. Date will be circulated.**

**8 Motions**

**Motion 1 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That this committee propose that DCC will make available street grading information online within a short period after grading, a schedule for grading so residents can see when their street is being cleaned/graded and any information related to grading.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with item 6.i**

That this committee agrees to the installation of protective fencing around the playground area in Stannaway/Lorcan O'Toole Park. This has been requested for some time by local residents and the playground has been damaged considerably by fire a number of times. Parents don't feel safe when unleashed dogs can ramble through it while children use the facility. Can we address this as a matter of urgency? This is a very well used facility for the area and needs to be addressed.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the Manager to again examine the possibility of providing a controlled dog run space in Herbert Park or Ringsend Park.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That this committee agrees to begin the process involved in the discretionary funding process in a timely manner, to include discussions and analysis of poverty

profiles in the area, and to ensure a more equitable process as was agreed last year.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Dublin City Council road sign on Parnell Avenue, Dublin 12 be urgently replaced. As can be seen in photo supplied the letters have worn off the sign so it is very difficult for people trying to locate this road to find it.



**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney**

That Oaklands Drive, Rathgar be included in 2021 budget for road resurfacing.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That this committee supports the implementation of an action plan to address the ongoing issue of litter and general waste disposal in the Kimmage/Crumlin Area as a matter of urgency. This should include a review of scheduling for bin collection and emptying, number of bins in the areas and engagement with local business re their responsibilities. Consultation and discussion with local interest groups must also be included.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey.**

This Committee requests the Manager to examine the ideas submitted by a constituent in relation to Herbert Park (and circulated with this motion) and to report on same to the Area Committee."

"I am on holidays in Wexford and played Crazy Golf with my kids the other day at <http://abbeypar3.com/> on the Hook Peninsula last week, where golf, footie golf and Crazy Golf is on offer. We've played here before and I mustn't have been paying attention - what struck me forcibly this year was the multi-generational groups playing Crazy Golf together. It was heartening to see. Grandparents and parents (including me) playing and engaging enjoyably with the kids of all ages in their charge, rather than overseeing them at arm's length glass-eyed/ fear-filled in a playground. It struck me that as part of DCC efforts to encourage citizens to #LiveLocal; it would be great to be able to access a similar facility in a neighbourhood park within walking distance of home (in my case, Ranelagh). I remember that the Ranelagh Gardens playground for 2-8 yr. olds cost €75,000 in 2017.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if this is something you would support and explore for our DCC Pembroke ward and/or the wider DCC area. In these Covid times, the more reasons we can provide for outdoor meet-ups the better, for our physical and mental health, for people of all ages and abilities. (Boules/ Petanque might have similar appeal though I think this may have met with disappointing results at some stage in the past - less popular appeal etc.). One other advantage of Crazy Golf is the opportunity it affords of profiling points of

natural/ built/ cultural heritage through the design of each hole, informing users incidentally about their immediate locality”

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

That the South East Area Committee call on Kennedy Wilson as owners, and Marriott International as operators of the Shelbourne Hotel to reinstate the four bronze statues. These statues at the front of the hotel are an integral part of Dublin's cityscape and were removed unilaterally and without planning permission from a protected structure. As this was an unlawful act, it sets a dangerous precedent.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Dermot Lacey.**

This committee requests that the manager reports on the issues referred to below and on how Dublin City Council intends to deal with the matters.

I am writing in relation to the stench that has been emanating from the Sewage Treatment Plant over the last couple of weeks, particularly during the warm weather. The stench around Sandymount and surrounding was absolutely nauseating – it was nearly impossible to be outdoors and windows had to be closed.

I have been in touch with Celtic Anглиan Water over the years and I am told that the plant is at over-capacity and until an upgrade is in place, it is unlikely that things will change.

This is not good enough – apart from the stench, I am concerned at what we are actually inhaling – can you advise as to what you can do to rectify this unsatisfactory situation.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillors Tara Deacy and Pat Dunne**

That this committee support the relocation of the recycling site on Sundrive Road to a more suitable alternative site. The existing site is unsuitable in terms of proximity to the residential area surrounding it and is causing problems locally in terms of illegal dumping. The site is an eye sore on a busy main road and needs to be considered for re location as soon as possible.

**Order: Defer to October SEAC meeting.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Dermot Lacey.**

This committee agrees that Durham Road should be resurfaced as a matter of priority.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with item 4.**

This committee agrees that any recommendations for change in parking arrangements or traffic management in Rathmines Park comes before the South East Area Committee in the first instance.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

In light of many fitness and leisure facilities not open or open on a restricted basis, this Committee now calls on the Chief Executive to extend public opening hours (particularly on Saturdays and Sundays) in fitness and leisure facilities either owned or supported by the Council.

At present public opening hours are very limited and numbers at any one session are severely curtailed to meet Covid guidelines.

Currently the privately owned Carlisle swimming pool on Kimmage Road West has not re-opened and there is no date for re-opening. This facility was extremely well used by many people in the Dublin 12 and Dublin 6W area, particularly senior citizens as part of their health and exercise regime. With this loss to the community and the fact that Dublin City Council's Crumlin Swimming Pool is only open to the public from 12.30-1.15pm on Saturdays and no hours on Sundays, an extension in opening hours is now needed.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 15 from Councillors Dermot Lacey, Mary Freehill and Deirdre Conroy taken with item 4.**

This Committee reiterates its support for completing the S2S proposal and requests the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council and the NTA to actively pursue its development along the existing Sandymount Promenade as a matter of urgency.

In the event of the Chief Executive seeking to implement the current proposals for Strand Road under Covid 19 legislation this Committee further requests:

1. The Trial period be four months and commence on the 1st January 2021 to enable all prepare for such a significant change.
2. The period between now and commencement of the trial be used to compile a report and a response to the issues raised in the public submissions to date.
3. That a monthly report be given to the Area Committee on 2) above
4. That a Monitoring and Consultative Committee be established before the October meeting of this Area Committee comprising representatives (if they wish to join) of the Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association, the Sandymount Tidy Towns and Community Association, the Bath Avenue and District Residents' Association, the Sydney Parade Residents' Association, the Merrion Road Residents' Association and the Dublin Cycling Campaign and representatives of the schools in the area. The Committee would also be empowered to invite two additional members to represent any interests that they may feel could add to the work of the Committee.
5. In view of the local and regional importance of the issue that the Lord Mayor of Dublin be invited to Chair the Committee.
6. That a designated "Sandymount Traffic" (or similar) contact point to Dublin City Council be established on electronic and social media.
7. That a full report on the initiative be presented to the Area Committee no later than the June 2021 meeting of the Area Committee prior to any final decision being taken.

**Order: Motion defeated.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor James Geoghegan taken with item 4.**

That the South East Area Committee resolves;

- following the passage of the emergency motion of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2020 proposed by myself, Cllr Dermot Lacey and Cllr Paddy McCartan seeking that a 'School Zone' be considered for Star of the Sea, Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4.
- the letter from the Board of Management of the Star of the Sea, Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4 wrote to '[covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie)' on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 following the passage of the motion enclosing their request for a 'School Zone'.
- the recently commenced 'School Zone' at Francis Street CBS, John Dillon Street, Dublin 8
- the reference to a proposed school zone head of Head of Technical

Services, Environment and Transportation Department at the recent information meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020

- to formally seek the swift introduction of a 'School Zone' at Star of the Sea, Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to please address the following issues in Glovers Court as a matter of urgency:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour** - there has been an on-going issue with crowds frequently gathering on the stairwells, drinking and making a lot noise, playing music, shouting etc. very into the late hours causing significant disturbance to the residents, and leaving a lot of rubbish in the complex
- **Broken Gates** - the gates that were erected are constantly broken, with keys jammed in the lock. This means they are not serving the purpose that they were installed for.
- **Rubbish / Rats** - the shores, stairwells and common areas are not being cleaned properly and there are on-going problems with litter and rats in the complex
- **Smells / Dirty Water** - there have been complaints about smelly, dirty water coming up through the kitchen sinks and washing machines in some of the flats.
- **Trees** - the trees need to be pruned as soon as possible as they are affecting the light in many of the flats, and causing issues with phone and Wi-Fi signals.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to once again contact the Irish Insurance Federation about the on-going issue of homes in the Irishtown / Ringsend area being charged unfairly high rates of flood insurance, or not being able to access flood insurance at all, despite the significant flood protection measures in the area. This issue was raised last year but there has not been any resolution and residents are still having issues.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to ensure that the trees that were blown down and removed in Portobello are replaced as a matter of urgency, and that the Council puts measures in place to ensure that the willow tree on the Harbour is properly protected from any further damage.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to explore the possibility of Dublin City Council purchasing the old Bottlemakers' Hall in Ringsend for social housing or community use.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee request the area manager to facilitate a briefing or information meeting for Councillors with An Garda Síochána so we can find out what is being

done to combat the setting off of illegal fireworks throughout the city, but particularly in areas of the South East Inner City where residents are already experiencing the noise, distress and inconvenience of nightly fireworks two months ahead of Halloween.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor Danny Byrne taken with item 4.**

This the area committee would direct the council to make Temple Bar more accessible to those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters etc.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would write to the ESB asking them to clean, maintain and paint the Poolbeg chimneys, an iconic Dublin landmark which have become noticeably run down in recent times.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 24 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That this Committee expresses frustration at the unresolved disturbances caused regularly by activities in Dublin Port in the middle of the night, which has a significant negative impact on the quality of life of residents near the port.

That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive engage with the Minister responsible and the Port Authority seeking resolution to this issue and a cessation of activity in the port during the hours of 10 pm and 6 am, or some such similar arrangement that will cease late night activities.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 25 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with item 4.**

That the manager installs electronic signage which measures driving speeds and displays it in real time on the R131 east link approach road and Sean Moore Road as there is increasing number of trucks and cars speeding on these roads.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 26 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That this Committee desires twice annual reports from Irish Water and Covanta on their operations and upgrading measures in the South East Area; for a summary of said reports to be communicated by them to the public through advertisement in local papers, such as Newsfour in Ringsend; and that the proceeds from said advertisements could be used to support aspiring young journalists in the form of a young journalist bursary in the locality.

**Order: Report to Councillor. Councillor Lacey declared that he was a founder of Newsfour.**

**9 Questions to the Chief Executive 14th September 2020**

**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 14 September 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

**Members:**

**Members:**

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu  
Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)  
Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill  
Claire O'Connor

Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Anne Feeney  
James Geoghegan

Tara Deacy  
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Robert Chester  
Claire French

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

Caroline Butler  
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