



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020

- 1 **Presentation and Reports on Strand Road Trial Traffic and Modelling Taken with Emergency Motions 1 and 2 Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation on Grand Canal Storm Sewer Diversion to River Liffey Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Proposals for the Regeneration of Pearse House Taken with Motion 15. Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2020 Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes from the Transport Advisory Group Meeting of 29/09/2020 **Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Summary Report on Historic Street Lamps Collection. **Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Planning and Property Development Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Licence 7 Car park spaces, Rathmines Square, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 to Aldi Stores Ireland Limited. **Taken with Motion 13. Order: Deferred to November 2020 South East Area Committee Meeting.**
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of a plot at 604 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12. **Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council subject to further information regarding query on adverse possession.**
 - iii. Report on proposed disposal of a plot at 606 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12. **Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council subject to further information regarding query on adverse possession.**

- iv. Report on proposed disposal 31 year Lease and building licence 180 – 187 Townsend Street, Dublin 2 to Peter McVerry Trust.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

8 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Nomination of one South East Inner City Ward councillor to each of two Community Safety Fora: Pearse Street and Ringsend / Irishtown.
Order: Cllr. Ceitinn nominated to Pearse Street Community Safety Forum and Cllr. Kevin Donoghue to Ringsend Irishtown Community Safety Forum.

9 Motions

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillors James Geoghegan and Paddy McCartan

That the South East Area Committee direct the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, in consultation with the National Transport Agency, to give full consideration to the attached 'STRAND ROAD TRIAL RAPID DEPLOYMENT CYCLE ROUTE – AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL 5 October 2020' and deliver a full feasibility report on the alternative proposal prior to the commencement of the trial of the current one.'

Taken with Item 1 and Emergency Motion 2. Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion 2 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Claire O'Connor

This committee notes the serious and constructive work engaged in by the STC Community Group (Serpentine Avenue/Tritonville Road, Claremont and other adjoining roads) in preparing the Strand Road Trial Rapid Deployment Cycle Route - An Alternative Proposal and requests the Chief Executive to assess the contents of same prior to any commencement of any cycleway proposal for the Strand Road. The committee also acknowledges with gratitude the input to the process to date from many others including the long standing Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association.

The committee further agrees that it will meet as required over the coming months either in full plenary session or alternative area or workshop type meetings with officials and other interested parties to discuss these and alternative proposals.

Taken with Item 1 and Emergency Motion 1. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 1 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: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a variation process commences to Dublin City Council Development Plan 2016-2022, regarding the established football playing fields in Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines which are on the southern side of the barracks and bounded by rear of Grosvenor Square and Grosvenor Lodge to rezone from Z15 to Z9 to preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space and green

networks. This portion of barracks land has been established as playing fields for many decades. Reason, there are no other publicly owned playing fields in the Rathmines area, so it is essential that these established football pitches are protected for the local population.

Order: Agreed. Matter to be referred to Assistant Chief Executive.

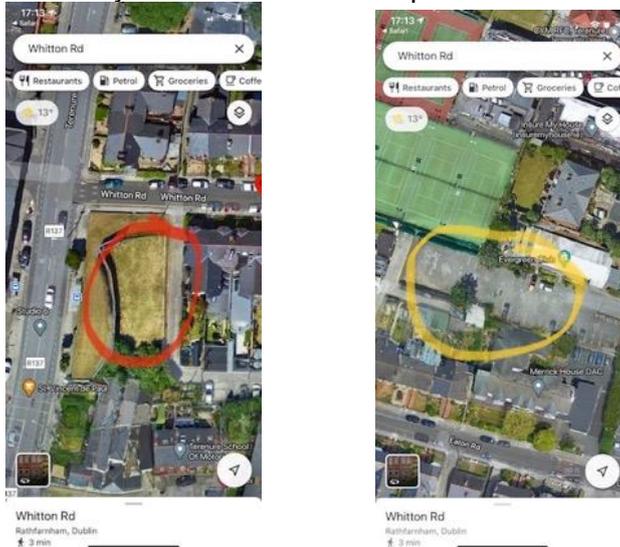
Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Planning Enforcement Department gives us an update on the request to take enforcement action against the developers of Mount Argus Mill who are erecting gates which would close off the public area of the grounds, furthermore that the planning enforcement officer for the area attend the meeting to take us up to date on what action has been taken.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask if this committee would agree to a playground in Terenure village, where there are surrounding narrow residential roads where children cannot play on the roads, due to the heavy traffic nearby. I am advised that the images attached in Terenure Village, in particular Evergreen, had playgrounds planned by Dublin City Council in the past, but did not go ahead. In that regard, it is a more urgent necessity now for children and parents to walk to a safe play area.



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this Area Committee contacts the ESB to get an update on the refurbishment of Georgian houses in the South Georgian Core into residential units as committed to in 2014.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the South East Office pursues the addition of a WEE electrical waste facility in one of the Bring Centres in the Rathmines Kimmage area. Currently there are only 3 centres in the city and none of these are on the west side of the city.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree that Dublin City Council (DCC) offers technical and financial support to community-led greening projects like "Bloomin' Crumlin". All of the greening projects in DCC to date are based within the canal and it is important that areas outside of the canal can develop and benefit from greening strategies.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee supports the re-introduction of last year's successful South Central Area Drimnagh trial where residents were provided with a communal skip for a 5 hour period prior to Halloween to allow residents to discard household objects. This had a significant reduction of hazardous waste being burnt on bonfires.

Taken with Motion 9. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Following up from last month's meeting that this committee agree that a thorough clean-up of all bonfire sites are completed within a short period after Halloween, that burnt soil is removed and grass is reseeded, possibly using the funding we would have ordinarily used for Halloween activities.

Taken with Motion 8. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee supports the funding of a Local Environment Improvement Plan for the Crumlin/Kimmage area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of SEA call on Dublin City Council and the board of the BID company - We are Dublin Town, to ensure that the traditional signage associated with Christmas festivities in and around the city centre is reinstated this year and that there is no attempt at rebranding these neighbourhoods in the city for commercial gain. E.g. the signage put up last year announcing a welcome to the "Grafton Quarter" or indeed the other advertising display that was strung across Henry Street welcoming shoppers to Dublin 1.

Last year there was a massive public outcry in relation to this blatant commercialisation. With the vast amount of public wanting their traditional signage, 'Nollag Shona Dhuit' reinstated in both areas.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC call on the CEO Owen Keegan and Mr. Leslie Moore of Parks Dept. to reinstate as a matter of urgency the park gate keeper for the Cabbage Patch park. There has been many issues here of vandalism and anti-social behaviour as well as criminal activity at this location. Many residents and councillors have fought hard to bring this particular location under proper management. Recently, the Parks Gate Keeper was removed. This action has led to a lot of fear in the area that the gangs are coming back and that the hard work and the achievements that were won here regarding health and safety will be quickly eroded particularly now coming up to the Halloween period.

It is unacceptable that public and residential safety would be undermined yet again at this location. It is important to note that this staff member was removed without any consultation with local councillors or local resident groups or the community at large.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee receives a report in relation to the income received from hiring parking spaces in Swan Leisure Centre apartment block, how this money is used, access for residents to parking and sustainability in relation to storage for residents of this block.

Taken with Item 7.1. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Pat Dunne

Given the success of tea rooms in some of our parks we ask the Parks Section to consider extending this type of facility to other parks in the area and in particular Eamonn Ceannt and Willie Pearse Parks. The possibility of local sports clubs and not for profit community groups to be involved in providing this type of service should also be considered.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to seek funding from the relevant Government Departments for the redevelopment and the deep retrofit of Pearse House.

Taken with Item 3. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to plant trees on Synge Street Lower (the canal end) as part of the 2021 tree-planting programme for the area. This is one of the few streets in the Portobello area without trees.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to replace the surface of the public space and play area in Powers Court, Dublin 2, as it is currently very slippery and dangerous, Can the Area Manager work with the local community to improve this space and enhance it as a community resource for all the residents to enjoy?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to help protect The Icon Factory and other cultural institutions in Temple Bar that are under threat from commercial activity.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this South East Area Committee agrees to write to the Board of Management of Dominican College, Muckross Park requesting they reverse their recent decision to remove girls who are pupils of Donnybrook parish national school, St Mary's as a selection criteria to the priority categories of applicants for the school.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor James Geoghegan WITHDRAWN

That this South East Area committee agrees that the Parks Department in Dublin City Council should make available playing pitches to Ranelagh Gaels on a Saturday and Sunday in light of the decision to unilaterally withdraw their allocation from Bushy Park because of clerical error.

Motion 21 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this South East Area Committee directs the chief executive of Dublin City Council to ask the Joint Task Force established at the end of December 2019 for our bathing waters to report to this area committee about how it intends to address the varied causes of contamination of our bathing waters and contributing factors to no-bathing notices, recognising the 13,000 people who have signed the petition to save our sea in Dublin Bay and the huge increase in sea swimmers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this South East Area Committee supports Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School's application for a School Zone intervention to be designed and implemented and asks that funding to support safety high vis vests similar to the picture attached.



Order: Report to Councillor.

10 **Questions to the Chief Executive 12th October 2020**
Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 12 October 2020

Due to Covid restrictions some staff and members attended remotely on Zoom.

Attendance:

Members:

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

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

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

Officers

Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Darach O'Connor
Donncha O'Dulaing
Seamus Coyle

Brian Kirk
Mary Taylor
Cecilia Naughton
Claire French
Brendan O'Brien

John MacEilly
Jennifer Wall
Padraig Doyle
Niall Armstrong
Patricia Reidy

Apologies:

Non-Members: