



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2020

The members expressed their condolences to Leah Johnston and her family on the death of her father Des Johnston and to Michael O'Neill, former Area Manager and family on the death of his wife Mary.

- 1 Presentation and Report on Pigeon House Road Interim Traffic Measures**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Presentation on Gulistan Depot Site (Starting at 3.30pm approx.)**
Order: Noted.
- 3 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th October 2020**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 27th October 2020.
Order: Members did not wish to note the report and requested that the Chair write again to the Chief Executive expressing dissatisfaction with progress on non-Covid traffic matters.
- 5 Corporate Services and Transformation Department**
 - i. Report on Proposed Works: Part 8 Dublin City Council Crèche.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Rathmines Square lease of 7 car parking spaces to Aldi Stores Ireland Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 7 South East Area Office Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Discretionary Fund 2020.
Order: Noted.
- 8 Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to the establishment of a working group to begin to look at the possibilities of creating a sensory garden for the Dublin 12 community. This could involve other local area committees and should include community groups also.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to address the ongoing issues associated with the junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Aideen Avenue. Drivers are ignoring the 'no turn right sign' with little or no enforcement by the Gardaí. There have been several serious incidents at this junction, with a resident last week being knocked off her bike and the driver then absconded. Can we look at some type of additional measure? What is there is not sufficient.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy taken with Motion 6

That this committee agrees to support the need for school signage to reduce traffic speed and prevent illegal parking on footpaths outside Harold's Cross Educate Together School. A substantial information document has been submitted by school principal, Cian Gleeson and I have forwarded to our local area manager and Traffic Department.

The following issues are some they have identified which are currently causing potential danger to children as they travel to and from the school:

A) Lack of 'School' Traffic Signage:

There is currently nothing to indicate to through traffic that there is a school at this location. A School Zone speed limit sign is urgently needed. Possible Suggestions: Urgent installation of 'school' signage and a flashing School Zone speed limit sign. A reduced speed limit outside our school should be implemented.

B) Vehicles in the entrance to the school:

The entrance of the school is periodically blocked by cars and/or heavy vehicles working at the construction site adjacent to the school. Cars and vans are constantly parked on the footpath on the school side of the road both on the left and right side of the entrance gate.

Efforts to reduce parking in the entrance have displaced some school parking to Parkview Avenue where cars parking on the pavement are creating a danger for children who need to use the footpath. There may be other nearby streets experiencing this problem. Residential streets which may have previously had some on-street parking spaces available now do not, due to increases in working from home due to Covid 19.

As shown in the document images, there are several cars parked on the side of the road even at traffic peak times. This restricts passage for cyclists as the limited space in the occluded bus lane is shared also with buses and taxis. It has also to be noted that this road link is currently experiencing an increased volume of cyclists due to the changes in commuting mobility related to COVID. Despite the increased volumes of cyclists, the cycling infrastructure is completely inadequate as cyclists have to contend for space with buses, vans and cars.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree that the D12 area now be prioritised in the roll out of Covid Mobility Measures in particular cycling infrastructure in the coming weeks. There is an obvious lack of progress in this area for D12 and has been noted by many residents.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee wishes to acknowledge the very dedicated work that the street furniture section of Dublin City Council is doing at the present time during this dangerous pandemic and wish to thank Kevin Meade and his team for their dedication and courage in keeping sections of our city open and our businesses open through their administration of the street furniture policy.

Order: Falls.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Motion 3.

That with regard to the attached series of recommendations received from Educate Together Harold's Cross that an onsite meeting is arranged among the School, Traffic Dept. and local Councillors to find solutions to the more immediate safety and access issues for the school. On a more long term basis any recommend changes should include consultation with local residents and Community Village Council.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee requests the waste section to re-double their efforts in terms of street cleaning etc., in light of the Irish Business Against Litter findings and the importance of presenting Dublin in its best light.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 8 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee acknowledges that Kimmage is currently under-serviced with bike stands and calls on the area manager to increase the amount of bicycle parking available to cyclists in Kimmage. At present there is only one set of 8 Sheffield stands located at the Ashleaf Centre and users report they are frequently full.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 9 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee acknowledges the specific danger to children and animals of the dumping of household food waste in public spaces and calls on the area manager to add signage alerting the public to this danger at areas where the dumping of household food waste is now commonplace: Lorcan O'Toole Park, William Pearse Park, Clonmacnoise Greens, Lismore/Durrow, Cashel Road greens, Sundrive Semicircle Green, Rutland Grove Green Spaces and Derry Drive.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

There have been a number of complaints regarding the poor quality of pruning of hedges that is leading to destructive practises, when stems are split they are vulnerable to disease and rot. The deterioration in standards of this work has been noticeable since the Parks started to subcontract work. This applies to the maintenance standards of Parks in general and need for greater regard for biodiversity as well as respecting the standards needed to maintain historic gardens i.e. Palmerston Park. There have also been poor progress in implementing the Howley Hayes Conservation Management Plan of 2013 for Palmerston Park

The *Dublin City Strategy 2016-2020* has specific objectives which are stated as: Protect, Care, Plant more and Communicate

1 PROTECT

Palmerston Park is a historic landscape designed by William Sheppard.

The Howley Hayes Report refers to the following article which is contained within the ICOMOS Florence Charter (published 21 May 1981) and it addresses the conservation of gardens:

*Art 1: An historic garden is an architectural and **horticultural composition** of interest to the public from the historical or artistic point of view. As such, it is to be considered as **a monument**.*

2 CARE

*Art 11: **Continuous maintenance** of historic gardens is of paramount importance. Since the principal material is vegetal, the preservation of the garden in an unchanged condition requires **both prompt replacements when required and a long-term programme of periodic renewal**.*

Art 21: The work of maintenance and conservation, the timing of which is determined by season, and brief operations which serve to restore the garden's authenticity, must always take precedence over the requirements of public use.

It is therefore agreed that the Parks Dept. ensure that only Contractors that employ people who have appropriate training in horticultural practise and respect biodiversity principles work on behalf of the Council

With regard to Palmerston Park that we receive a report on the following points and it is also agreed that necessary funding to carry out this work is included in 2020

1 The Arborists Report and Map from 2013. This highlighted works in order of priority IE Priority 1, 1A, 2 & 3.

We are not aware that any of the priority works have been carried out in the last 7 years.

We need a specific updated Arborists Report which refers to the 2013 Report & accompanying Map and confirms whether any of the works proposed in 2013 have been carried out.

There are other long term planting issues noted in the Howley Hayes Conservation Management Plan of 2013 which should be planned for.

It is agreed that the Parks Dept. ensure that only contractors that employ people who have appropriate training in horticultural practice and respect biodiversity principles work on behalf of the council. That the recommendations in the Howley Hayes Conservation Management Plan of 2013 be implemented. Therefore it is also agreed that the necessary funding required for the foregoing is included in the estimates for next year.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 11 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee support the idea for the Crumlin/Kimmage area to be considered for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme. The area is used highly for rat-running and speeding and was not considered in the first round of changes (see

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18shdEcEOxB2sRN8gzKwbs1W69U6OU M1rE3FQtABqOyU/edit#slide=id.p2>

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne

In recognition of the historical importance of the late politician, doctor and author, Dr Noel Brown and his connection with Dublin South East this area committee seeks to have him remembered with a statute or memorial in the area.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee reconfirms its commitment to deliver the 900 social and affordable homes in Poolbeg West SDZ and calls on the Area Manager to provide a full report on where things stand in relation to this, including discussions Dept. of Housing, Nama the appointed developer, and to outline what needs to happen next to ensure that we can deliver on this commitment.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the area Manager to install better lighting at St Kevin's Parade, Portobello. This street suffers from regular incidents such as car vandalism, bike theft and drug dealing, and better lighting might help address this issue.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to consider the pedestrianisation of Merrion Row, or at the very least consider extending the footpaths here which are too narrow to allow the hospitality businesses facilitate outdoor seating.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 16 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the Belmont Avenue Neighbourhood Transport Scheme, which is ranked number one, continue its development as a Covid Mobility measure considering the continued and ongoing danger to schoolchildren, pedestrians and cyclists from the two-way traffic.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 17 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the urban villages of Rathmines, Terenure, Rathgar, Ranelagh, Donnybrook, Ballsbridge and Sandymount along with others in the South East Area be supported through a major combined effort of DCC's community, enterprise, traffic and parks section, working together, to enable outdoor winter eating and shopping over the Christmas period and help support businesses that can re-open as well as providing safe platforms for artists and musicians to perform.

Order: Report to Councillor

9 Questions to the Chief Executive 9th November 2020

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 9th November 2020

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

Attendance:

Members:

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

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Claire O'Connor

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan
Paddy McCartan

Officers

Brian Hanney
Andrew Duff
William Mangan
Neil O'Donoghue

Brian Kirk
Mary Taylor
Michael Noonan
Brian Keaney

John MacEvilly
Jennifer Wall
John O'Hara

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Helge Koester EML