



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021

1 Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 14th December 2020

Order: Agreed.

2 Environment and Transportation Department Matters

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 15th December 2020.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Verbal update on Strand Road Interim Cycle Route. Taken with Emergency Motion.

Order: Noted.

3 South East Area Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.

Order: Noted.

4 Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillors Geoghegan, Lacey, McCartan, O'Connor, Flynn, Freehill and Conroy. Taken with Item 2.ii.

That the South East Area Committee;

- Acknowledges the depth of community feeling expressed towards the proposed Strand Cycle Route Trial as represented in the online public meeting organised by the 'STC Community Group' attended by over 300 Sandymount residents on the 4th of January 2021.
- notes the statement by STC on 7th of January 2021 detailing;
 - their decision to instruct their professional advisers to prepare a S.5 referral to An Bord Pleanála [Pursuant to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000/2017] to adjudicate on whether the Strand Road Trial requires planning permission;
 - that this decision is supported by SAMRA, Park Avenue residents association, Sydney Parade Avenue residents association, Gilford Road residents association, BADRA,

- Ballsbridge residents association, Brabazon House, Sandymount Avenue residents association, Seafort Avenue residents association and Merrion Road residents association; and
 - their request that Dublin City Council, the National Transport Agency and Dublin Bus wait for the result of this decision before any works are commenced including Bus route changes to Gilford Road; and
 - their request that the business of the Strand Road Interim Cycleway Community Forum should be paused until their referral has been adjudicated;
- writes to the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan and the National Transport Agency to revisit the 'Feasibility Study and Options Assessment Report on the Sandymount / Merrion to Blackrock Cycle Route Corridor Study – September 2015' with a view to constructing a promenade along Sandymount Strand and delivering a long term cycleway on the seaward side of the Strand Road;
 - writes to the National Transport Agency to immediately conduct a feasibility study on all measures available to urgently reduce/remove the 1,000 trucks that currently use the Strand Road daily in transporting goods; and
 - resolves to reduce the current community divisions that have arisen as a consequence of the proposed trial by whatever means necessary.

Order: Motion amended to include writing to Dublin City Council.

Vote taken.

Those in favour 11: Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Claire O'Connor, Cllr. Daniel Céitinn, Cllr. Danny Byrne ,Cllr. Deirdre Conroy, Cllr. James Geoghegan, Cllr. Kevin Donoghue, Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Mary Freehill and Cllr. Paddy McCartan

Those Against 5:

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu (**No objection to letters being sent**), Cllr. Carolyn Moore, Cllr. Claire Byrne (**No objection to letters being sent**), Cllr. Pat Dunne and Cllr. Tara Deacy

No absences or abstentions.

Agreed.

Motion 1 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to include a Greening Strategy for Fitzwilliam Street as part of the implementation of the official Fitzwilliam Cycle Route next year. This would include working with the residents, the design team, the biodiversity officer, parks and public realm to create attractive greenery along the route. Can the Area Committee ensure funding is allocated for such a project?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area Committee Calls on the Area manager to allocate funds to plant trees on Synge Street as part of the 2021 tree planting programme for the South East Inner City.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to improve planning

enforcement and the communications with both councillors, residents and developers in the South East Area when it comes to complaints about breaches in working hours, safety concerns, noise pollution, traffic issues.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with Motion 5

That this Area Committee:

Recognises that social housing tenants should be afforded the same rights as other tenants or owners in mixed-tenure estates,

Acknowledges that, in some estates and complexes, management fees can be excessive and would afford social housing tenants access to service not generally provided by the City Council to its tenants at an exorbitant cost,

Deplores instances of equality of service access being denied on the basis of tenure to social housing tenants,

Calls on Dublin City Council to ensure that all social housing tenants resident in units where full management fees are not paid are afforded the opportunity to pay the difference for access to services not covered by the council or APB's management fee contribution, or to otherwise purchase access to services.

Order: Agreed. Refer to SPC.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn taken with Motion 4

That this meeting of the SEA call on the CEO and the executive management of Dublin City Council to ensure that when acquiring properties and homes under Part 5, particularly in relation to apartment blocks that social housing tenants, i.e. DCC tenants, and tenants of approved housing bodies, that such tenants are entitled to the full amenities of those developments i.e. swimming pools, car parking, and any other services and that they are not socially victimized, socially segregated and discriminated against and that they be given full equality and parity of esteem on equal terms to other tenants. If this anomaly in Part 5 process needs to be amended or adjusted to incorporate this cause of inclusion for all tenants to participate in such amenities, we further call on DCC to amend such policy documents as a matter of urgency.

The state, the local authority and the elected members have an obligation to ensure that nobody is discriminated against in this fashion and that we must never be party to or give comfort to any such lower standard or othering of our tenants.

Order: Agreed. Refer to SPC.

Motion 6 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

Regarding an Enforcement Notice that was issued by the Planning Section of Dublin City Council under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 on December 10th, 2020, concerning works at 122 Rathfarnham Road, case ref E0799/19 in which significant damage was done to a Z9 mature riparian woodland on the banks of the river Dodder, this committee requests that the Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council:

makes available to councillors the report of the planning enforcement officer from the site visit that took place on Wednesday 28th of October following complaints by residents that the works being undertaken were in breach of planning conditions;

and, in person or in writing, offers this committee a comprehensive explanation as to why the planning officer found the work being undertaken on that date was not a breach of planning permission and there was no enforceable case in that instance

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Motion 8

That this committee calls on the area manager to include on the agenda of the next meeting of the Friends of Eamonn Ceannt Park the establishment of a working group to coordinate with the biodiversity officer in developing a planting strategy for areas of the park where conditions are appropriate for mixed wildflowers and bulb planting, with a view to having a strategy complete by winter 2021; and that for the purposes of improving the public realm at Rutland Grove and creating cohesion with the park, this working group should look to include the green areas en-route to the entrance at Clogher Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Motion 7

That in recognising the importance of biodiversity in our urban villages and our city, this committee calls on the area manager to facilitate a presentation to the local area committee by the social enterprise 'Pocket Forests' (www.pocketforests.ie), with a view to identifying suitable spaces in our local area where such an initiative could be accommodated, and allocating funding accordingly.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee recognises that the use of kissing gates limits the accessibility of our parks and public spaces; that they limit access in a manner which discriminates against disabled people, the elderly, or users of mobility aids; and that a working group should be established to examine alternatives that provide fair and equal access to our parks and public spaces for all citizens.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That a meeting is setup with interested members of the South East Area Committee and the working group which comprises NTA and Dublin City Council officials who are responsible for considering the traffic impact on roads not included in BusConnects but effected by BusConnects, to discuss possible traffic mitigation plans for Castlewood Avenue, Belgrave Square North, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Charleston Road, Charleston Avenue.

Order: Report to Councillor.

5 Questions to the Chief Executive 11th January 2021

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 11 January 2021

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
Mary Taylor
Claire French
Gerard McEntaggart

John MacEilly
Jennifer Wall
Brendan O'Brien
Deirdre Kelly

Neil O'Donoghue
Antonia Martin
David Quearney

Apologies:

Non-Members: