



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021

- 1 **Presentation on Strategic Housing Development SHD0010/21: Location: Maxol Filling Station and a vacant motor sales/service garage (formerly Michael Grant Motors), Beach Road, Dublin 4.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation regarding D12 Bike Bus**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 10th May 2021**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South East Area Committee held on 25th May 2021**
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 25th May 2021.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Verbal update on Traffic Matters by Brendan O'Brien.
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Grant of licence plot adjacent to 1 Strand Terrace, Milltown.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal: Grant of licence all-weather pitch Brickfields Park, Drimnagh to St. John Bosco FC.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on proposal to initiate the process to add 152 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W to the Record of Protected Structures.
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.
 - iv. Report on proposal to initiate the process to add Garland House, 28 – 30 Rathmines Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to the Record of Protected Structures.

Order: Agreed to initiate the process.

7 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Nominate a member to replace Cllr. Patrick Costello on the Dodder Greenway Steering Committee.
Order: Cllr. Carolyn Moore nominated to the Dodder Greenway Steering Committee.
- ii. Report of the Director of Services South City.
Order: Noted.

8 Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters

- i. Report on South East Area Trees and Planting in 2021.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Ringsend Park Playground
Order: Noted.

9 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that a working group be established to review future use of the former School of Music building now vacated by the CDETB which could include cultural use such as artists' studios, exhibition space, music celebration and much more and requests the Chief Executive to ensure that no proposal for a disposal of this building be brought to council prior to such a working group making a recommendation to council.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That the South East Area Committee welcome the proposed Ringsend District Heating System which will use hot water produced by the incinerator to pump heat directly to homes. Given that the incinerator has the potential to heat 60% more homes than originally proposed, that Sandymount and its environs be added to the areas already included of Poolbeg, Ringsend, Irishtown and Docklands.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department examines the pedestrian crossing beside Harold's Cross Park. The new school on Harold's Cross Road has considerably increased the child pedestrian traffic to the park, so the positioning of the crossing along with the issue of traffic emerging from the slip road at the top of the park coming from Lower Kimmage Road adds to safety issues and raises the question of whether the current crossing is fit for purpose.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That we receive a report on grass cutting practices. Since grass cutting has been contracted out, it seems that grass is cut with a machine that cannot deal with edges corners. It is agreed therefore by this committee that DCC revisits its maintenance standards in this regard which will bring about an improvement in grass maintenance.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

I refer to a motion I tabled to this committee over a year ago asking that the public seating be updated at the Swan Leisure Centre. So far nothing has been done furthermore it is important that the current seating is positioned in a way that it allows for tables and chairs outside the Leisure Centre, especially in the current climate. It is again agreed that the council act on our already agreed motion in this regard.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee agrees to offer Kimmage Rathmines as a pilot area for Wi-Fi to be installed in all public parks (HX Park already agreed) and public areas i.e. the Swan Plaza and that we work with Smart Cities to install notice boards that can update residents of services and events. It may be necessary to set up a working group to monitor the process of this pilot.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Carolyn Moore, Pat Dunne and Tara Deacy

That this Committee requires the Head of Traffic and Transport and the Head of Parks to provide Councillors representing the Kimmage Rathmines LEA, to present clear parking and traffic management options for trialling in Rathdown, Terenure, as a matter of urgency.

This issue has been raised on numerous occasions with the Traffic Department by Councillors and local residents and a meeting took place on 3rd February with DCC traffic engineers, with no further meaningful engagement or recommendations since then. A motion was passed at the SEAC meeting on 10th May where a commitment was given that the traffic engineers would present their findings back to Councillors by 21/5/21, following which a consultation meeting would be arranged with residents. This has still not happened and the delay is unacceptable.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Carolyn Moore and Tara Deacy

That this Committee requests that Dublin City Council commence an assessment and review of ongoing drainage issues at the laneway and lands at the rear of Brighton Square East and Garville Avenue, Rathgar. This review should happen as soon as possible, with a view to having this long standing issue resolved prior to any new significant planning applications being approved in the vicinity of the lane.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Carolyn Moore, Pat Dunne and Tara Deacy

That this Committee calls on the City Parks Superintendent to implement temporary/permanent public toilet facilities in Bushy Park for the summer months of June, July and August. The padel and tennis courts have toilets, but they are only open to customers, not the general public using the park. There are two football changing room buildings with toilets, but they too, are not available to the public. DCC's provision of toilets at Terenure Library is not adequate, given the library is some distance away. Tymon Park, Marlay Park, St. Enda's Park and other parks in adjacent council areas are well catered for with public toilet facilities, but this is not the case in our beautiful parks in the Dublin City Council area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would seek to fit all our parks and playgrounds with wheelchair swings. These swings would increase inclusiveness for children using wheelchairs and would bring them great joy.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee will undertake to demonstrate its commitment to making our parks more welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable to all by identifying a suitable accessible playground in each of the South East Area's local electoral areas for the installation of ability swings which can be enjoyed by children who use wheelchairs.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Aware that a considerable number of people in the Rathmines area suffered severe isolation due to Covid shutdown; that the council facilitate through the library or any other venue an opportunity for people to express their experience and observations through various artistic media i.e. visual art, stories etc. Also that this work is done in collaboration with local organisations such as Gateway.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillors James Geoghegan and Anne Feeney

That the South East Area Committee agrees that an underground car park should form part of the Gulistan Depot Site Development Plans.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillors James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee requests that additional bike parking be installed in Bushy Park as a matter of priority.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees that the waste department and the parks department would set out in writing to the committee exactly what additional resources they believe their departments require to meet the demands of intermittent increases in outdoor activity in parks and public spaces on good weather days and weekends.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree to establish a sub group to begin the work and discussion needed for the implementation of a sensory garden for the Crumlin/Kimmage area as was agreed last year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this Area Committee agrees to write to local off licences and request the cessation of alcohol sales after 9 pm as a means of curbing anti-social behaviour.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage confirming our support for real time water quality monitoring and systematic sampling testing of 10 locations in Dublin Bay 365 days of the year for a period of at least 24 months. We also support the implementation of the continual operation of the Ultraviolet (UV) treatment facility

in the Dublin Waste Water Treatment Facility in Ringsend throughout the year. We ask that these measures be actively pursued as means to improve water quality for marine life and real time information for recreational users.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This committee requests the Area Manager to have our Transport Advisory Group put in place pedestrian and cycling safety measures such as pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of the post office at the corner of Old County Road and Clonard Road, Dublin 12.

Constant traffic and poor parking makes access to the post office dangerous for pedestrians, particularly elderly people.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This committee requests the Area Manager to have our Transport Advisory Group put in place traffic calming, cycling and pedestrian safety measures on Herberton Road, Dublin 12.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 21 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This committee requests the Area Manager to seek to have future Development Levies from the proposed SHDs in Drimnagh ring fenced as a funding source for community infrastructure in the Local area.

In the meantime to begin taking actions as outlined in the Drimnagh Area Plan as presented in April 2021 and to work in unison with the Dublin South Central Area Committee to achieve its implementation.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion from Councillors Claire Byrne, James Geoghegan, Kevin Donoghue, Pat Dunne, Dermot Lacey, Tara Deacy, Danny Byrne, Carolyn Moore and Deirdre Conroy

That this Area Committee agrees to installing a Rainbow Walk across the junction of Dame Street and Georges Street as part of the Dublin Pride Festival and for it to be place for Pride Day on 26th June.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillors Paddy McCartan, Dermot Lacey, James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write to the National Transport Agency (NTA) in support of the Ballsbridge Traders' concerns in relation to the NTA letter they received about possible significant changes to public spaces outside of their premises currently occupied for outdoor hospitality services, and also disabled parking seeking a meeting with the NTA and presentation prior to any suggested changes being made and wider consultation in engaged in.

Order: Agreed.

10 Questions for the Chief Executive 14th June 2021

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 14 June 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Officers

Brian Hanney
Neil O'Donoghue
John Beattie
Karima McKeller
Dominic Hession
Patricia Reidy
Brendan O'Brien

Leah Johnston
Mary Taylor
Iva Geci
Paraic Fallon
Leah Johnston
Paul McCann

John MacEilly
Jennifer Wall
Gerard McEntaggart
Claire Sheehan
Brid Brosnan
Debbie Clarke

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Non-Members:

Aodhan King D12 bike bus
Margaret Burke Riverside
Educate Together