



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 10 MAY 2021

The committee extended its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Cora Roche, formerly of the South Central Area Office of Dublin City Council.

The committee extended its condolences to the McDermott family on the death of Enda McDermott.

1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South East Area Committee held on 6th April 2021

Order: Agreed.

2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th April 2021

Order: Agreed.

3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters

- i. Report on D12 bike bus.

Order: Deferred.

- ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 27th April, 2021 taken with motions 4, 6, 8 and 19.

Order: Noted.

- iii. Verbal update from Brendan O'Brien.

Order: Deferred.

4 Planning and Property Management Department Matters

- i. Report on proposed disposal: 133 Upper Rathmines Road to HAIL Housing Association.

Order: Deferred.

- ii. Report on proposed disposal grant of lease of lands at Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4 to the IRFU Leinster Branch in connection with the Dodder Greenway Cycle Route.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

- iii. Report on proposed disposal: grant of further licence Tea rooms at Herbert Park to Lolly and Cook.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

5 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters

- i. Report on proposed container café and public toilet at Sean Moore Park.

Order: Noted.

6 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.

7 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill

In relation to the development of the Gulistan site, it is agreed that 1% (1% for Art scheme on publicly funded capital contracts since 1997) of the contract sums of all construction and development on the Gulistan site be devoted to public art which would be located on the civic space on the Gulistan site. Furthermore that the council encourages discussion locally on how this art will be created.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC call on the Governors and those responsible for St. Bartholomew's Church on Clyde Road, Ballsbridge to immediately address the issue of noise pollution from the ringing of their bells every hour throughout the night. This issue was raised some time back and since then it has become an ongoing issue over the past year I have received many complaints from residents in the area that they cannot sleep and are being constantly woken up from the noise from the bells throughout the night.

In recent years Ballsbridge area has had an influx of new residents and the ringing of these bells in the middle of the night is now tantamount to unacceptable social behaviour and is a major noise nuisance in the area.

I am aware of the heritage issues here with these bells as are many residents and the manner in which these bells are constructed but this is no excuse in this day and age for the kind of disturbance the ringing of the bells causes. The residents in this area are a mix of very elderly and families and I call on my fellow councillors to support this motion and find solutions to enable this quiet neighbourhood to get a good night's sleep.

It is important to note that this sleep disturbance has a really negative impact on peoples' mental health and overall health and because of the consistent ringing of the bell it could be construed as a form of torture. What's needed here is a bit of Christianity.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take immediate action to solve the following on going issues in Glovers Court:

- Rat infestation - traps, baiting
- Build a secure bin enclosure
- Cut back the greenery where the rats are nesting
- Replace the old windows
- Deal with the ongoing damp issues
- Cut back the greenery where the rats are nesting
- Address the drainage issues
- Address the bad odours each flat experiences when using the washing machines
- Address the low water pressure in the mornings
- Prune the trees
- Actively pursue funding to either deep retrofit and renovate or rebuild

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 6, 18 and 19

To ask the Manager to provide an update to this committee on options for relieving the traffic congestion in Rathdown, particularly at weekends given the popularity of Bushy Park, a park with no parking for visitors. A meeting took place on 3/2/21 at which the traffic engineers undertook to get back to councillors and residents with options. With an increase in activity in the park and longer brighter evenings, the situation has worsened and is a cause for concern with residents, Gardaí and local councillors. A resolution to this issue (which is outstanding for a number of years) needs to be recommended and implemented by the traffic engineers as a matter of urgency.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Motions 7, 8 and 17

While we welcome the opening of public toilets in libraries and other city centre locations, we ask the city recovery team to urgently make available more public toilets for longer than 4pm at weekends and 8pm weekdays. The lack of public toilets in our city, particularly during Covid lockdown has resulted in areas of the city having to endure the filth and stink of defecation and urination and this cannot be allowed to continue. Rathmines and Portobello and other areas where crowds are gathering outdoors in urban villages and needing to use toilet facilities, are becoming completely intolerable for residents and putting unreasonable demands on our waste management staff. Temporary toilets need to be installed and maintained in certain locations and/or premises selling take away drinks allowed and requested to provide access to the toilets on their premises.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Tara Deacy, Pat Dunne, Carolyn Moore and Deirdre Conroy taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 4, 18 and 19

That this Committee calls on the Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer with responsibility for Environment and Transportation to write to the NTA requesting the following in relation to the four Bus Corridors proposed for the Kimmage Rathmines area (9, 10, 11, 12).

(A) agree that Bus Corridor applications for the Kimmage Rathmines area will be submitted to ABP together to facilitate a comprehensive assessment of the benefits, impacts and conditions which ABP need to consider in their decision making process.

(B) a commitment to review (before the application goes to ABP) the need for [24/7](#) Bus Gates for Lower Kimmage Road, Templeogue Road and Crumlin Road based on traffic volumes (buses and other traffic) and on the significance of the time savings that would be achieved outside of peak commuting times.

(C) a commitment to providing integrated traffic modelling data to DCC Traffic Department, local Councillors, local residents associations and local business associations by middle of May 2021.

(D) a commitment to distribute to every house in the Kimmage Rathmines area a leaflet outlining (i) the proposals for the four bus corridors in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA; (ii) plans in relation to diverted traffic and proposals to mitigate congestion on the diverted residential roads; (iii) planned public realm enhancements; (iv) clarity on the timing and process for making free submissions

to ABP. This is necessary as many people were not aware of the NTA's third phase of consultation during Covid 19 (end of 2020)"

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with Motions 5, 8 and 17

That this committee agrees to review the extent of public toilet provision in the Kimmage/Rathmines ward. With the summer months fast approaching, all our public parks/spaces will be under considerable pressure and the lack of public toilets will add to this. Can we agree that those that are in place are opened as soon as possible and that we look at potential new facilities if only for the summer months?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Pat Dunne taken with Motions 5, 7 and 17

This Area Committee in recognition of the Government's policy that outdoors will be the theme of the summer, calls upon all the relevant sections of this council to work together to provide the necessary services to ensure the safe and enjoyable usage of our local amenities. In particular we need to install public toilets and litter bins along the canal, in our parks, beaches and other popular locations. These facilities require constant maintenance and our staff should be rostered to work weekends and evenings to attend to these. Savings made from the budgets of major events such as the St. Patrick's Festival and the now cancelled Euro 2020 soccer tournament should be used to pay the extra overtime and shift allowances and other related costs.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee calls for the provision of summer three tier flower planters once again in Crumlin Village and environs and for an expansion of the scheme this year to include Kimmage Village and environs.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney

That the area office engage with all DCC appropriate departments to find a way of providing a Wi Fi public connection to Harold's Cross Park. It's an important service that should be rolled out by the Parks Dept. and requires the full support and help from all the council's departments. Installing Wi-Fi in Harold's Park will enable dramatic improvements in communications through the installation of electronic public notice boards for use by the council and community as envisaged by the local Age Friendly Village and Vision 2025 groups.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Because of the acute shortage of public playing fields in the Dublin 6 area, this committee calls on the council to open discussions with St Mary's College to ask if they would be prepared to share their playing fields in Kenilworth Square with the council's Sports Section. Furthermore that the council investigate the possibility of sharing space with any other privately owned playing fields in the area and that the Council gives a report on the response to my earlier motion requesting the Dept. of Sports to implement a condition that privately owned clubs who are in receipt of a grant shares their facilities with local groups.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

This country has the worst housing crisis since the Land War days in the late 1800's and because of the huge increase in foreign investment in private rented apartment block sector, to bring us in line with other EU countries who many

decades ago enacted legislation setting fair rent and security of tenure. This council calls on the Government to urgently enact legislation to protect tenants by setting fair rent and security of tenure to protect people who are destined to live out their lives in privately owned apartments and who are at the mercy of the market economy.

Order: Agreed and agreed to refer the matter to the Housing SPC.

Motion 13 from Councillors Pat Dunne and Mary Freehill

This Area Committee requests that the Director of Services South City and the Area Manager Kimmage/Rathmines arrange a further meeting with the Harold's Cross Village Community Council representatives to discuss the proposals for the "taking back into charge" a portion of the lane way at Shamrock Villas. This request follows the still unresolved issues arising from the correspondence to the HXVCC, dated 8th April 2021. It is also requested that local councillors would be invited to this meeting.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That Dublin City Council, having raised these matters in the past and being unsatisfied with lacklustre arrangements to stem pollution of Dublin Bay, encourages Irish Water to devise a short term engineering solution to address ongoing issues relating to the discharge of raw sewage into Dublin Bay from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Further, that the City Council is of the view that an audit should be undertaken of heavy industry discharging wastewater into Dublin Bay and that a taskforce be set up to ensure that the water quality is being maintained to the highest possible standards.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this Area Committee resolves to write to the Ministers for Finance, Tourism, and Local Government regarding the need for public toilets at hotspots across the capital to seek that they consider providing additional funding into the summer months to address the lack of public facilities which inconveniences families trying to enjoy public spaces.

Further, to write to the Minister for Justice to stress the severe discomfort and fear in local communities, particularly along the grand canal, given the extreme surge in anti-social behaviour in the area, and set out the need for her intervention to address on-going anti-social behaviour; and to stress that this intervention may take the form of additional Garda resources in the south inner city and that if no additional resources are forthcoming that her Department should provide additional funding along with the aforementioned Departments for alternative measures such as toilets for tackling anti-social behaviour.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this Area Committee:

Notes:

- the proposed sale of the YMCA Claremont Road site as a vacant possession, advertised as a residential development opportunity,
- the treatment and proposed eviction of the successful and ambitious Cricket Club,
- the potential for great and detrimental loss of amenity due to the consequent closure of the club, and the loss this poses for not only the South East Area and the City, but on Leinster and Irish sporting and community involvement potential. Schools, Colleges, and Pensioners are all currently served by the facilities at YMCA Claremont Road and they have great plans to enhance this.

- the generous state funding for the YMCA and investment in the grants offered to the facility regarding its redevelopment.

Affirms:

- its commitment to maintaining the current Z9 zoning of the greenfield site,
- its intention to re-examine the Z1 zoning on part of the site, to ensure the continuation of the current amenities provided for on the site, and

Resolves:

- to fully support the Cricket Club in its hopes for retaining access to the site,
- to aid, insofar as it may, the Cricket Club in widening access to and advancing sporting success as the home of women's international cricket and one of only 4 grounds capable of hosting international cricket in Dublin South East coupled with the widening of community activity.
- to write to the Board of the YMCA to outline our disappointment, concerns for the loss of amenity, and intentions to support the current tenant, and request that the YMCA justify to this Committee its treatment of the Club,
- to write to the Minister for Sport to request that they intervene and ensure the protection of this amenity,
- that the City Council should examine, in conjunction with the Minister for Sport, the options available to them for ensuring the retention and protection of this amenity.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Motions 5, 7 and 8

This committee notes the dramatic intensification in the use of our parks and public spaces in recent weeks; the change in use of public spaces to places where people gather to eat and drink; and the huge potential for outdoor gatherings to lead to anti-social behaviour such as littering and public urination where insufficient facilities are available. In noting this, this committee commits to producing individual management plans for the south east area's parks and plazas, with a view to implementing pro-social solutions to curb or prevent the potential for anti-social behaviour, including the urgent provision of temporary public toilets, the urgent provision or distribution of temporary bins / council refuse sacks at peak social hours, increased frequency of litter collection and visibility of wardens, provision of staff to adequately manage parks and public spaces, including after hours, and increased visibility and patrols by Gardaí.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 4, 6 and 19

This committee will undertake a consultation on the design and delivery of a South Dublin Quietway with a view to engaging with the National Transport Authority to seek funding for the planning, design and implementation of the scheme.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 4, 6, and 18

This committee agrees to install a pedestrian crossing, filter light, or other appropriate traffic mechanism to facilitate the safe cross of pedestrians at the dangerous junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Ravensdale.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to improve the public realm at the triangular space at the junction Peters Row and Aungier Street as part of the outdoor summer plans. This space could be greatly improved with some replacement planting of the felled trees and some public seating.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 21 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area Committee calls on the Area Manager to consider path build outs on Upper Dame Street to facilitate outdoor dining for the hospitality businesses along that stretch.

Order: Report to Councillor.

8 Questions to the Chief Executive 10th May 2021

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 10 May 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
John MacEivilly
Mary Taylor
Les Moore
Christina Todd

Leah Johnston
Neil O'Donoghue
Jennifer Wall
Laura Dowdall

Brian Kirk
Karima McKeller
Gerald McEntaggart
Claire French

Apologies:

Non-Members: