



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
ON MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 2.30 PM**

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7 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Traffic Department to review what measures could be introduced to improve safety on Charleston Road, Ranelagh including pedestrian lights, ramps, speed limits, cycle routes etc. and to improve the pedestrian experience by upgrading the footpaths which are in quite a bad state.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That in relation to Pearse Square Park this Committee requests the Manager to:

Allocate a dedicated gardener at a minimum of one day a week. Noting that according to various professionals two days a week is what is really required in order to maintain a standard that is in line with the Dublin City Parks Strategy.

Develop a strategy and plan, incorporating creativity and innovation from a design, biodiversity or usability perspective – building on the plan previously agreed for this Park.

The Plan to provide for:

- The upgrade of the pavements around the internal circumference of the square. Presently they are covered in weeds and look unsightly.
- A consistency to the four sides of the square in terms of growth and design. Some areas are dense, some are sparse, of differing heights and density.
- Tidying and better managing of the growth around the internal parameters of the park which are inconsistent and neglected.
- Upgrade the central island that houses the monument which is badly overgrown and has no clear design
- Develop a biodiversity plan for the park and seek to establish a Friends of Green Spaces group for same.
- A serious intervention towards eliminating the over the presence of which has resulted in its usage for individuals injecting drugs on multiple occasions as they are able to hide behind the bushes.
- Noting the reference in the Parks Strategy to Christmas lights – consider locating same in the Park.

Finally to make available to residents a copy of the Plan previously agreed for the park.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee notes the response issued by the Manager following the query raised at the October Area Committee and the letter submitted with this motion and requests the Manager to reply to the issues contained therein.”

“The real issue is that sewage is enriching the waters of Dublin bay.

This has allowed the brown-coloured opportunist algae – Ectocarpus – to invade the ecosystem. It reduces light and impairs the ability of other important plants such as seagrass to thrive and generate oxygen.

Enrichment of the water due to run-off from the land and sewage discharges is

upsetting the biological balance as it causes dense growth of plant life of the wrong kind.

The real issue here is sewage.

Far from allowing the Ectocarpus to flourish this should be addressed quickly before the very ecosystem of Dublin bay is affected.

This issue affects humans through water quality and health and safety issues. It affects animals such as pets who inadvertently eat the material. It affects the very important wild life including the protected Brent geese who feed on eel grass in the bay.”

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to undertake a review of the management structure of Heskin Court and to report back to this committee. In the meantime, could he request the Management Company to empty the bins on a regular basis and not leave the basement car park in its ongoing untidy condition?

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the bollards removed from Wynnfield Road, Rathmines be urgently reinstated. The impact of the absence of these bollards is that large delivery vehicles are parked up on the footpath which seriously damages the paths and deprives pedestrians of access.

Motion 6 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee agrees that Traffic Department will provide necessary pedestrian crossings, considering more people are walking and bringing children to schools.

In particular, on Kimmage Road West en route to Kimmage Crossroads [KCR] which has been addressed by local residents to two local authorities for several years and on 14 October a child was hit on the road, as I was advised. The road has residents in Brookfield to the south section in Dublin City Council and St Anne's, to the north side of the road in South Dublin County Council.

Stannaway Road and Sundrive Road also has a large junction without pedestrian crossing and has been requested from residents for over two years.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

There are a number of traffic problems in Leinster Square, Rathmines which rather than being descriptive in this motion would be better served by a site visit with a few representatives of residents, the Traffic Engineer and Councillors. This meeting therefore agrees that the site visit takes place in the next few weeks.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this area committee works with Waste Management to start finding alternative Bring Centre locations to serve Rathmines and its hinterland before the development of Gulistan commences.

Motion 9 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call on this Committee to support the installation of pedestrian crossings at the following locations and at all major junctions in the city. These junctions have heavy traffic all day long together with school children needing to dodge traffic to cross at them. Dublin City Council have agreed that the order of priority in the city should be pedestrians first, followed by cyclists, public transport and then other vehicles. If this is the case and in the interest of safety at major junctions,

pedestrian crossings must be prioritised at major junctions and close to schools.

KCR junction – crossing from KCR shops to Kimmage Road West
Terenure village – crossing from Vaughan’s Pub to Doyle Auctioneers

Motion 10 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call on this Committee to support Kimmage Grove residents in seeking a solution to address the congestion and illegal parking in the area as a result of a significant number of cars illegally parking while football training/matches are on in the adjacent Dublin City football grounds. The problem is particularly bad between 6pm-9pm on weeknights. Clamping by parking enforcement is only part of the answer as they can’t be at this location every night. A more pro-active solution is needed by the Traffic Department.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee agrees to rename the ‘Cabbage Patch Garden’ to the ‘Cabbage Patch Garden Park’. Reason: This renaming will ensure that the public are welcome here and can use this area as a public park.

Motion 12 from Councillors Claire Byrne, Danny Byrne and Daniel Ceitinn

That this Area Committee Calls on the Area Manager to provide a full update on the Poolbeg West Development, to include this a rolling agenda item on the SEAC agenda and to establish a working group or a sub-committee so that Councillors can be kept fully up to date in relation to this significant development.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to carry out a feasibility study on the viability of the commercial development aspect of the current zoning on Block 19 / The Graving in the Docklands North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Scheme given the impact of the pandemic on the demand for office space and other commercial activity in the area.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to stop granting planning permission for hotels in the City Centre until the new City Development Plan is in place.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to repair or replace the drains in Long Lane. The residents are experiencing a rat infestation in the houses as a result of the decaying sewage drains that run beneath their gardens. As I am sure you can appreciate this is causing significant stress to the residents and I ask the Area Manager to take immediate action to resolve this issue.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to write to the owners of Weatherspoons, Camden Street, to ask them to take immediate action to address the ongoing issues in the neighbourhood:

- Customer queuing across the footpaths and cycle paths outside the premises -
- Customers gathering outside the premises with take away drinks late at night after closing time making significant noise and carrying out anti-social behaviour
- Late night noise from the beer garden at the rear
- Incorrect permanent storage of the bins on the street out the back of the premises
- Constant obstruction by delivery vehicles on Grantham Street at the

junction of Grantham Street and Synge Street.

Motion 17 from Councillor Mary Freehill

A number of bollards have been removed from the footpath on Wynnfield Road, Rathmines which results in footpath parking. It is agreed therefore that these bollards are replaced forthwith.

Motion 18 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Quite some time ago I got agreement that the sole remaining bollard marking the Swan, now under-ground river, be designated a protected structure. May I have an up to date report on progress and plans to erect a plaque at the site which is on the corner of Rathmines Road and Rathgar Road?

Motion 19 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee agrees to reinstate the playground at Rathmines Avenue or otherwise improve the amenity value of the site of the former playground by making it suitable for play or for sports with appropriate surfaces and provision of play or other equipment.

Motion 20 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agrees that 25% of both social and affordable house will be set aside for families with a strong family link to the areas of Grand Canal, Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount, City Quay, Donnybrook, Pearse Street and the rest of Dublin 2.

This Committee notes that over the coming years 900 social & affordable houses will become available on the Glass Bottle site. This council notes that it has been a considerable time since such a sizable quantity of public housing has been available to be allocated within the South East Inner City. The committee also notes that this community has accepted the burden of huge private housing developments while their sons & daughters have had to move out of the area.

The Council notes that such houses should be allocated to those qualifying for Council housing waiting list as stands at the time of the houses being available in the normal way and to those who in the past have been allocated homes elsewhere in the city and wish to return.

That we agree to write to the minister to make this happen.

Motion 21 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would agree to write to all the Tidy Towns Groups in the south east area thanking them for their valuable work in their communities, keeping streets tidy and presentable and making their communities more pleasant places to live.

Motion 22 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this committee agrees to request that a stay is put on works on Sean Moore Road until such times that residents' legitimate fears and concerns are allayed.