



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021**

- 1 **Presentation and Report on Proposed Part 8 Works at Irishtown Stadium (Refurbishment). For information purposes only.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. Report on Proposed Part 8 Works: Tearooms/café and public WCs at former parks depot in Palmerston Park. For information purposes only.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Report on Creative Climate Action Change Crumlin.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - iii. Report on Providing Play Facilities for Children with Diverse Needs.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on Proposed Disposal: Fee simple plot to rear of 40 Clareville Road.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 6 **South East Area Office Matters**
  - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.”

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Defeated.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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?

**Order: Agreed and agreed to refer the motion to the Arts SPC.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**

8 **Questions to the Chief Executive 8th November 2021**  
**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 November 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)  
Claire Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Paddy McCartan  
Pat Dunne

**Members:**

Claire O'Connor  
Danny Byrne  
Mary Freehill  
Carolyn Moore  
Mannix Flynn

**Members:**

Kevin Donoghue  
Deirdre Conroy  
James Geoghegan  
Anne Feeney  
Tara Deacy

**Officers**

Brian Hanney  
John MacEville  
Michael Noonan  
Iva Geci  
Debbie Clarke

Derek Kelly  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Bernard Brady  
Dearbhla McClean

Brian Kirk  
Jennifer Wall  
Gerry McEntaggart  
Ray Yeates

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**