



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022

- 1 **Presentation by Little Museum of Dublin**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **For Information Purposes Only - Presentation and Report re Notification of initiation of Pre-Part 8 Circulation of Layout under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 of the proposed redevelopment of St Andrew's Court Flats and associated external works situated at the corner of Fenian Street and Sandwith Street, Dublin 2**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 9th May 2022**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 31st May 2022
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: proposed grant of a lease of the premises known as Retail Unit 1, York Street, Dublin 2 to MH & Co. Retail Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal: proposed grant of a further licence of the premises at No.5 Emor Street, Dublin 8 to DePaul Ireland.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on proposed disposal: Grant of lease – Rosary Park, Harold's Cross Sports ground and community building to Harold's Cross Youth & Football Club.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **Housing, Community and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Community Grants 2022 Information Note.
Order: Noted.

7 **Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**

- i. Report on works at Clonmacnoise Circle.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Landscaping Maintenance.
Order: Noted.

8 **Chief Executive Department Matters**

- i. Clarification of response given to Q19 to South East Area Committee Meeting 8th October 2018.
Order: Noted.

9 **South East Area Office Matters**

- i. Report of Director of Services Central and South East Areas.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over the laneway at rear of 32, 33 Dolphin Road, Dublin 12.
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.

10 **Motions**

Emergency Motion from Councillors Anne Feeney, Pat Dunne, Deirdre Conroy, Paddy Mc Cartan, Mannix Flynn and Mary Freehill.

> That this Committee:

> (1) calls on the Deputy CEO of the NTA to revise his decision not to attend a meeting of the South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council to discuss the rationale for the decision to locate the MetroLink Terminus at Charlemont instead of St. Stephen's Green.

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> (2) calls on the Minister for Transport, Environment, Climate and Communications to:

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> (A) require the NTA/TII to carry out a comprehensive, transparent and up to date feasibility study for continuing MetroLink to South West Dublin.

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> (B) require the NTA/TII to make a minimal change to the MetroLink proposal to bring to An Bord Pleanála i.e. the last terminus on the southernmost end of the MetroLink to be decided (St. Stephen's Green Vs Charlemont) when a comprehensive feasibility study is available to Government. NTA/TII will then apply to ABP for a Variation of the Railway Order.

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> This minimal change to the signing of a Railway Order for MetroLink would ensure that construction of MetroLink could start without any delay while awaiting the outcome of a more up to date and relevant feasibility study for the southern terminus and the potential for a Metro South West extension at a future time.

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> While the NTA/TII have made a case for locating the terminus at Charlemont instead of St. Stephen's Green, they are not making themselves available to be challenged on the basis for this decision and the data and assumptions that underpin it. This decision has significant implications for commuters and

residents in the South East Area and South West of the City and ends the possibility/feasibility of a Metro South West at some future date, leaving only the very limited increase in capacity proposed by Bus Connects as the only solution for commuters in an area of forecasted population growth.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee request the Manager to report on what measures could be taken to improve safety at this junction – possibly footpath build out at Leahy’s Terrace and Sandymount Road (just at Star of the Sea Church and school). A constituent reports that it’s a strange junction and not clearly marked. Cars regularly turn without indicating (as it’s not a very obvious turn) and it’s not clear where to stop when approaching the junction from Leahy’s Terrace.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to examine and report back on introducing a parking permit scheme which allows residents purchase a permit to either a) park their car OR b) install a four bike black recycled plastic <http://www.bikeshel.com/?> Average cars remain parked up to 95% of the time, while a bike shelter would be stationary 100% of the time - a negligible difference. The permit revenue for DCC would remain the same, while removing a car from the roads, providing people with secure bike storage for their families beside their homes, and improving health by promoting active lifestyles, all in line with DCC’s City Development Plan. The BikeBunker scheme does not work for families where a single household without rear, side or front space for bike storage needs secure on-street storage for multiple bikes if switching from driving to cycling is to be an option.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to provide a response to this call for audible crossings within the core Sandymount area as requested in this text submitted with this motion. I am a blind lady with a guide dog moving to live in Sandymount shortly. What concerns me greatly is the lack of audible crossings on Claremont Road, Seafort Avenue, Newgrove Avenue and Marine Drive. While I appreciate that the presence of traffic lights, audible or otherwise, can be a great frustration to motorists, for a pedestrian such as myself, blind, with a guide dog, having to negotiate an environment which is potentially dangerous and life-threatening, I am hoping that DCC Traffic Department can now assist in providing a safe means of crossing the road in these areas identified above.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That DCC activate the agreed and established standard for reinstatement of roads following underground works. This is especially relevant to the work carried out by Irish Water contractors and also applies to ESB, Bord Gais etc. These standards also need to be applied to temporary fixes immediately following work along with final reinstatement. The quality of work has deteriorated now that DCC is no longer carrying out the work. Also is there an option for the council to impose a fine on these organisations?

Irish Water works on the Terenure Road between Mount Tallant Avenue junction and Kenilworth junction (five points): the work on Leinster Road. There have been ongoing works here, but the standard of the temporary fix applied to the footpath is very poor. It is bumpy and uneven and is a hazard to young and old people who use that pathway on that side of the road as it is wider than the pathway on the

other side.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the bike railings at the Spar shop at the Kenilworth Junction be repaired. Some of the bike stands there are bent over and should be replaced. Furthermore may I have a report on bike railing maintenance on the city in general?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That Dublin City Council will arrange for the resurfacing of the astro pitch at Digges Street as it is very worn and in need of repair.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That Dublin City Council will undertake planning and works to rearrange and make better use of the ample space at the Digges Street/Cuffe Street flats complex which is currently cluttered and effectively all roadway, to reduce tarmac, open up the green space to resident use, install effective fencing or walls around the complex, install a playground for the children of the complex and nearby complexes, and provide more space efficient compact parking solutions for the minority of residents who do require parking spaces.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That Dublin City Council and the South East Area Office will ensure that the Parks Department and Irishtown Stadium work together to increase the playing and training capacity for young people and adults seeking to engage in sporting activities locally.

Further, that the Parks Department and the stadium will outline to the Area Committee in detail the plans they currently have for addressing the acute capacity shortage and expanding capacity in advance of the high density development of the Glass Bottle Site which will heap more pressure on capacity in Ringsend, which also serves much of the inner city.

Order: Deferred to July 2022 meeting.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area, call on Dublin City Council and the Department of Environment to ban the use of leaf blowers in residential areas. These leaf blowers are an absolute dreadful noise pollutant. They can completely disturb the peace and have a negative impact on wildlife and nesting birds etc. and can make life rather miserable for residents. They are unnecessary and need legislation to ban them under the Noise Pollutant Act.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Daniel Ceitinn, Danny Byrne and Claire Byrne

This committee agrees to pursue the establishment of the Oversight Committee of the Poolbeg SDZ as set out in the SDZ. The Committee further agrees that local residents will be engaged from early on in the established of the oversight committee. The Committee also requests that the area manager outline to councillors the standard process for the establishment of such a Committee.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

This committee requests Parking Enforcement to resolve the lack of parking for residents living on Winton Avenue. It is a parking problem I am notified has gone

on for 3 years.

6 homes on the road have pedestrian gate entrance, no vehicular entrance. 25 permits are provided to Winton Avenue and 28 outside Winton Avenue.

Parking layout on the road is not in length for two cars, so 41 cars are not capable to park.

Single yellow line along the road to Rathgar Avenue refuses parking from 9am to noon. The residents secured agreement to return the single yellow lines to pay and display spaces last year, however, I am notified it was left as is by DCC parking.

The entire residents living on the road have brought up a major issue, and their letter is sent to Dublin City Council, with each resident signature.

The main issue is parking permits have been provided to residents outside Winton Avenue, causing the road to be fully over parked and residents on Winton Avenue having to park elsewhere.

In summary, I am notified that DCC designated Winton Avenue as an overflow road for Wesley Road, Rathgar Avenue, Rathgar Road and Coulson. There are 41 pay and display spaces and c 10 parking spaces on the yellow line. 53 parking permits are provided. 28 outside Winton Avenue. Therefore, 12 extra parking, where there is no space even for 41.

The residents on Winton Avenue have requested that Dublin City Council only provide permit parking for the residents living on the road. As 4 parking permits can be given to each home elsewhere which will increase parking well beyond 53 permits.

Massive parking spaces have been removed throughout the city and villages for cycle lanes, however, on a residential road such as Winton Avenue, appropriate parking for those living there is essentially required for families. One resident stated that he has had to park elsewhere and walk small children to their home in dark winter, because drivers elsewhere park outside his house, including GoCar being left for several weeks outside the house.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

With regard to motion No. 5 on May agenda pointing out that ESB agreed with Planning Dept. that the refurbishment of the house between ESB and Larry Murphy's pub would be carried out in conjunction with the Planning Dept. The objective of this exercise is to iron out the challenges Georgian house owners have when turning these houses into self-contained apartments and also to accommodate lift facilities for disabled people.

If the Planning Dept. still consider that there is no need for this exercise, then it is agreed that we have a meeting with Planning Dept. and South Georgian Core Residents' Association who report considerable difficulty in adaptation of these listed houses. This area of the city has one of the lowest population densities, so it incumbent on all of us to find solutions to different dwelling needs.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill tabled to May meeting

With regard to the details of previous motions below in relation to ESB and Georgian buildings in the Fitzwilliam area. It is agreed that the council make contact with ESB to commence work on the restoration of the house between ESB offices and Larry Murphy's pub. It was agreed that this pilot project would work in co-operation with the Planning Department to find practical solutions to interpretation of our conservation laws. The occupancy level remains low in our Georgian area of the city and this project is urgently needed to address the declining population in this area

Back in 2013/14 there was a considerable exodus from Georgian Dublin and the council was concerned about making these houses habitable and

accessible for 21st century living which is a challenge to our conservation laws. At that time ESB agreed to co-operate with DCC to return these houses from offices to dwellings and that the process would act as a prototype and an opportunity to apply best practise to the interpretation of our conservation laws.”

Report: Reply from Executive

As part of the redevelopment of the ESB site at Lower Fitzwilliam Street/Mount Street Upper and Baggot Street, planning permission was granted for the refurbishment and change of use of nos. 58-61 Mount Street Upper to 8 residential apartments and nos. 30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower and 62 Mount Street Upper to 3 residential apartments Plan No. 3052/14). These works / change of use are now nearing completion, delivering 11 residential apartments in total.

As part of the same planning application, due to expire on the 16th May 2022, permission was granted for protective works to No. 12 Lower Fitzwilliam Street during the demolition and redevelopment of the adjoining buildings and for the change of use of the lower ground and ground floors to commercial/office. All internal works and use of the upper floors were excluded from the permission.

There has been no recent planning applications for no. 12. However, in light of the completion of the redevelopment of the adjoining site, the ESB will be contacted to establish their current proposals for no. 12.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agrees to convene a special meeting of all stakeholders to try to prevent further emergency rescues on Sandymount Stand. The meeting should include Coast Guard, RNLI, Dublin Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Gardaí. Such a meeting should also hear from local people with local knowledge re tides etc.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agrees to request officials from each department to attend our South East Area Monthly Meeting to respond to relevant motions, e.g. Housing.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That The Active Travel programme provide us with details of standards for maintenance of footpaths and road crossings for walkers that would be considered safe for people with restricted mobility. Also that this department provide us with the criteria to assess safe walking for the “Walkability surveys” carried out locally by age friendly groups.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to upgrade the Pride Rainbow Walks on Dame Street to make them more vibrant and longer and that this be done in time for Pride 2022.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to actively progress the complete pedestrianisation plans for Suffolk Street.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install a contra flow cycle lane on Molesworth Street as far as Dame Street. Currently cyclists have to head directly into oncoming traffic.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to accelerate the installation of the coffee Dock and toilet at Sean Moore Park playground.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee calls for improved visibility design at pedestrian traffic light crossings. At present these crossings are only marked with two rather thin white lines indicating the safe walk through at the lights. This light markings can make it difficult for motorists to see them.

This motion calls for these to be enhanced and be similar to the way zebra pedestrian crossing are marked with thick painted black and white markings.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 21 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee calls for improvements in grass cuttings from contractors assigned to the various greens and grassed areas in the city. The contractors often use only tractors and give the grass a quick run over, leaving edges and tree surrounds uncut and mulch uncollected on the greens. Residents living in areas where the contractors are employed complain of a sub-standard service.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor Pat Dunne

Given the ending of Covid staff working restrictions can we now return to normal public access to our offices and public counters? We particularly ask that the Crumlin Area Office be sufficiently staffed to allow the public counter cater for walk in engagements.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 23 from Councillors Tara Deacy and Anne Feeney

The Kimmage/Rathmines ward have experienced a deficit in the availability of dog wardens locally, can this committee agree to support the employment or re deployment of staff to focus on this area for the coming months. A dog warden would alleviate the issues we experience in terms of dog fouling, dogs off the leash etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 24 from Councillor James Geoghegan

The South East Area Committee supports the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals, and endorses the Independent Living Movement Ireland campaign in their objective of obtaining additional statutory rights.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 13 June 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)

Claire Byrne

Daniel Céitinn

Pat Dunne

Mary Freehill

Carolyn Moore

Members:

Danny Byrne

Tara Deacy

Anne Feeney

James Geoghegan

Claire O'Connor

Members:

Deirdre Conroy

Kevin Donoghue

Mannix Flynn

Paddy McCartan

Apologies:

Cllr. Hazel Chu

Officers

Brian Hanney

Karl Mitchell

Nicola Finegan

Zsolt Szombatfalvi

Brid Brosnan

Deri Flood

Paul O' Halloran

Jennifer Wall

Paul McCann

Eileen Martin

Alice Simington

Colette Egan

Don Daly

Owen Keegan

John MacEilly

Mark Ginnetty

Stefan Lowe

Neil O'Donoghue

Prajwal Krishnashetty Annibabu

Patrick Conway

Non-Members:

Sarah Clancy

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