



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022**

- 1 **Presentation on SHD0015/22: Location Harold's Bridge Court' and No.s 1-3 Clare Villas, located at Harold's Cross Road & Greenmount Lane, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation on Planning Application Ref. No. : 4336/22 Location: The Swan Centre, Rathmines Road Lower/Castlewood Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, extending to Castlewood Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6**  
**Order: Planning application invalid. No presentation was given.**
- 3 **Presentation on TAG Matters regarding Bus stop infrastructure for BusConnects Network Redesign Routes**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 11th July 2022**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters taken with Motion 8**
  - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Office of City Recovery Public Domain Report**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal of 15 and rear 14 Richmond Street South, Dublin 8 to Gordon Properties Limited.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 8 **South East Area Matters**
  - i. Report of the Director of Services Central and South East.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Naming and numbering request for a development at 23-24, Mountain View Avenue, Dublin 6 & rear of Nos. 226-230 Harold's Cross Road: Eachlann Radharc an tSléibhe / Mountain View Mews.  
**Order: Agreed.**

- iii. Naming and numbering request for a development at Sandford Lodge, Sandford Close, Sandford Road, Dublin 6, Gairdíní Bewley / Bewley Gardens.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- iv. Naming and numbering proposal for a development at the former Irish Glass Bottle & Fabrizia sites, Poolbeg West, Dublin 4. An Mhonarcha Buidéal Gloine / Glass Bottle  
**Order: Agreed.**
- v. Discretionary Fund South East Area Status Report as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.  
**Order: Noted.**

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## **Motions**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved for report by Councillor Lacey**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager can he please provide a full list of and a response to following:

- Outstanding unfinished road and pathway resurfacing projects that are due to be fixed by utility companies in the South East Inner City
- What is the status of each of these projects?
- What are the barriers to completion?
- What is being done to speed these process up to improve road and footpath surfaces in the area?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 2 from Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to contact all the relevant utility companies and the relevant sections within Dublin City Council who carry out works and contract out works with a view to reminding them of their obligation to protect protected and heritage structures including public lighting and post boxes following the considerable damage caused to such a heritage post box in Sandymount during recent Irish Water works.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 3 from Dermot Lacey**

This Committee agrees to have an on-site meeting for interested Councillors in Herbert Park to discuss upkeep, future plans, use of buildings on the campus, use of the allotments and any other item submitted by Councillors.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

The Office of Public Works circulates Dublin City Council occasionally with list of unwanted state properties. It is agreed that all properties in the South East Area be notified to elected members in that area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Notification by a bin company of plan to increase bin charges will have serious implications for households, particularly people living alone. This committee agrees that DCC considers developing strategies to help people bin share. It's in the council's interest, as the hike in charges risks dumping and incorrect use of litter bins.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Now that Irish Water will be rebranded Uisce Éireann, which is in the spirit of the Official Language Act 2021, it's important that equal emphasis is given to devolved service delivery standards and communications to the customer.

This body will take over local authority water services from January 2023, which means it will be a national organisation, run centrally from their Cork Office.

Because of the lack of devolved service delivery structures in the proposed Bill, this Council agrees to call on the Minister for Housing to ensure that devolved accountability for service delivery is included in the Water Services (Amendment) No. 2 Bill 2022.

Currently the bill provides for revised accountability auditing to Public Accounts Committee in the Dáil. However, the EU principal of subsidiarity must be respected. We need to ensure that the bill includes a mechanism to provide service delivery standards and co-operation through elected bodies of local authorities, which are the bodies closest to the consumer.

Furthermore the communication structure of co-operation would work best through each local authority's local area committees.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this SEA meeting of DCC support, in recognition of the outstanding cultural contribution that Mr. Dickie Rock has made to the cultural life of this country since the 60s with his numerous show bands and musical extravaganza, calling on the present Lord Mayor of Dublin to consider honouring Mr. Rock with the Honorary Freedom of the City of Dublin.

**Order: Agreed to refer to Protocol Committee.**

### **Motion 8 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

The Area Committee recognises that the proposal is seeking to replace the public space which has been temporarily lost for the next 2 years at Portobello Square and to return some amenity space for young children and families. Portobello Tidy Towns estimate 70 young children live within the close neighbouring streets all with little to no private outdoor space.

The Area Committee also supports examining the inclusion of a filtered permeability measure at a location on Synge Street decided in consultation with residents of Synge Street to eliminate the potential for through traffic as part of the trial or a separate trial, or as part of a wider traffic study and plan for the entire neighbourhood.

The Area Committee acknowledges that Portobello Tidy towns is willing to commission and co-fund/fund any necessary traffic studies in conjunction with the City Council if that would ensure timely progress.

"A neighbourhood trial to create the 'Heart of Portobello' Hello neighbour, We are a group of neighbours living on and around Lennox Street in Portobello and we believe that one small change could make it an even more enjoyable and safer place to live. Acting on behalf of our Portobello & St Kevin's Tidy Towns, we would like to trial the creation of a small pedestrianised space on Lennox Street in front of the row of shops - for neighbours to stop and chat and for young children to play! Our vision is to: ● create a more vibrant 'village heart' for Portobello ● make Portobello even friendlier, quieter, cleaner and safer (for both young and old) ● reduce speeding on Lennox Street ● stop cars and trucks from using our neighbourhood as a short-cut to avoid traffic on the South Circular Road Our goal

is to trial this 'village space' in order to find out if it works, and how to improve it. We are seeking your support on this general proposal before we speak with Dublin City Council for their support. Please let us know what you think! (Please read overleaf...) Our plan is to create this 'village space' by initially using lightweight and low-cost materials so that we can learn and change the space as everyone gives feedback. As a first step we would put up temporary barriers (such as flower planters) on Lennox St just before the junctions with Lennox Place and Warren St. We would regularly review how it is working out, for example after 1 day, 1 week, 1 month and 1 year. If the space is as successful as we hope, we would then seek for it to be finished in high-quality materials at a point in the future. NOW - Lennox Street OUR VISION – Portobello Village. The Green Box shows the proposed Portobello 'Village Space'. Traffic: The proposal is to stop vehicular traffic from using a small section of Lennox St. So cars, trucks and motorbikes: ● would no longer drive (and speed!) down the full length of Lennox St ● would no longer turn left from Lennox Place onto Lennox St ● would no longer turn right from Warren St onto Lennox St. Pedestrians and cyclists would continue as normal. Parking: The aim is to design this new community space to maintain car parking for residents and spaces for deliveries to the businesses. Who we are: Maria, Chris, Emer and Shane, acting on behalf of our Portobello & St Kevin's Tidy Towns. Contact us by email: portobellotidytowns@gmail.com or by phone on 087-7835057."

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved for report by Councillor Lacey**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager for an update on the negotiations regarding the delivery of 900 social and affordable homes in the Poolbeg West SDZ. Can the Manager outline why works are commencing on the site without an agreement in place on these homes as this is a breach of the planning agreement?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved for report by Councillor Lacey**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to urgently replace the tarmac dumped at either end of Castle Street. This has further destroyed this street and its new surface.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That the Area Committee will request a formal, in person update on developing the Glass Bottle site from Housing, Planning, and the developer to outline the timeframes and explain ongoing delays, and in particular to seek assurance that the 900 affordable and social housing units will be developed on site, and to discuss ancillary matters.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That the Chief Executive will address this Area Committee on the College Green plaza project.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Emergency Motion Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to immediately review and reverse the recent decisions to remove outdoor furniture and outdoor seating licences for from local businesses in the Portobello Area in particular Lennox Street.

**Order: Falls.**

10      **Questions to the Chief Executive 12th September 2022**  
**Order: Noted.**

**Chairperson**  
**Monday 12 September 2022**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mary Freehill  
Carolyn Moore

**Members:**

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

**Members:**

Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
Mannix Flynn  
Paddy McCartan

**Officers**

Owen Keegan  
Darren Brereton  
Brian Hanney  
John MacEivilly  
Jennifer Wall

Frank Lambe  
Catherine Brophy Walsh  
Neil O Donoghue  
Ray Yeates  
Eileen Buck Harte  
Iva Geci

Helen McNamara  
Maggie O'Donnell,  
Zsolt Szombatfalvi  
Brian Kirk  
Mark Ginnety

**Apologies:**

Anne Feeney  
Claire Byrne

**Non-Members:**