



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 **Presentation on the Duke Street Anne Street South Public Realm Scheme**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Temple Bar**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 10th October 2022**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. South East Area Traffic Advisory Group Meeting Minutes 25/10/2022.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Fishamble Street and Parliament Street Proposals.
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Nomination of a Councillor from the South East Area to be a member of the selection panel in the commissioning process for the new sculpture in Dartmouth Square.
Order: Deferred to the December meeting of the South East Area Committee. Any Councillors interested in being on this panel should notify the Chairperson before the December meeting.
- 6 **Housing and Community Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Community Grants Scheme 2022.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 7 **Planning & Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of strip of land in front of 20 Pigeon House Road.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of a plot of land at 1C Dartry Road.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

South East Area Matters

- i. Nomination of a member of the South East Area Committee to replace Cllr. Kevin Donoghue on the South East Inner City Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.
Order: Deferred to December South East Area Committee meeting.
- ii. Nomination of a member of the South East Area Committee to the Eirgrid Community Forum.
Order: Cllr. Lacey was nominated by Cllr. Freehill and approved by the committee members.
- iii. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.

Motions 14th November 2022

Motion 1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to arrange for a presentation to Councillors on this plan for Major Flood Defence Proposals along the Dodder to Councillors as outlined in the extract from an article submitted with this Motion.

MAJOR FLOOD DEFENCE PROPOSALS

Dublin City Council is advancing plans to enhance flood protection on the River Dodder from Waldron's Bridge, Churchtown, to Clonskeagh Bridge.

Contractorshave presented the Council with proposals for this flood protection which has been in the offing for decades.

Scully's Field, the wild plot of land which stretches from Strand Terrace in Milltown to Farmer Brown's in Clonskeagh has been largely left alone to act as a "flood plain" as an undeveloped site.

A flood defence wall to protect Shanagarry Apartments, just beyond the Packhorse Bridge on the city side of the river, is now set around the apartments rather than between the river and the riverside path.

New flood walls are proposed for several sites: to protect the car park at Farmer Browns beside Clonskeagh Bridge where "glass panels" are to be installed so we can see the river as the wall could be up to 3.1 metre high; between the river and the path at Strand Terrace in Milltown there will be a wall up to 2.2 metres high (at the entrance to the Scully's Field walk), which will end in a large embankment along the side of Milltown car park; new walls up to 1.5 metres high are proposed to enclose Milltown Green opposite Milltown Church, being built between the road and the park and between the river and the park - New or enhanced walls travelling upriver do seem to follow the line of existing walls on the Milltown Road and at the Dropping Well Pub there is a new wall between the pub car park and the river but at least not between the river and the river walk. The flood defence walls to protect the houses on the hill between the Dye Works and Dartry Park seem to run along the river bank and are up to 1.6 metres high.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Given the impact of the Belmont Avenue Traffic Calming scheme this Committee requests the Traffic Department to begin to examine an appropriate scheme for the parallel Marlborough Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 Councillor Claire Byrne formerly Mot 19 October 2022 deferred

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to outline what measures are being undertaken to address the ongoing issue of the misuse of tarmac being

dumped on the footpaths around the South East Inner City as an interim fix which is unsightly and a trip hazard. Can the Area Manager please outline why this is seems to be the preferred practice of Dublin City Council rather than proper fixing of footpaths and when what can be done to put an end to this and to fix the footpaths in the area properly to make it safer and more attractive.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 Councillor Mary Freehill

That an examination as to suitability of Hazel trees located on Kenilworth Road be carried out. The adjoining area of Grosvenor Place and Effra Road which is a low lying area and is the location of the Swan underground river junction has been vulnerable to flooding in the past to the extent that basements on Grosvenor Place have been flooded. These trees produce large nuts that clog up the gullies which is very dangerous in this area. We agree that an examination be carried out by both the Drainage Division and the Parks Dept. and to report back to December meeting with recommendations.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 Councillor Mary Freehill

That DCC arranges a meeting with Irish Water to discuss support systems that need to be established in the event of water supply outage. Recently families were left without water supply for a number of days (in the Bushy Park Road / Rathgar / Terenure area). No initiative was taken to help with water tanks, clearly a protocol needs to be put in place to deal with these events.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 Councillors Tara Deacy and Carolyn Moore

That this committee agrees to discuss and agree upon workable solutions to the ongoing issues we are experiencing with illegal parking in cycle lanes in Harold's Cross, Rathmines Road among other areas, particularly at morning and afternoon rush hours / school runs.

That this committee agrees to write directly to the relevant Chief Supers in the area to assist us with enforcement.

That this committee at a minimum agrees deliveries should happen before 8am and that vehicles stop outside the cycle lane.





Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Parks Department reports on why these trees have been pruned in such a lopsided way which seriously impacts on safety of pedestrians. Furthermore it is agreed by this committee that the Department let us know when work will be done to properly prune these trees on Bushy Park Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to put in place a zebra crossing at the junction of Camden Row and Camden Street.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to develop a public realm plan for Dame Lane.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee agrees that Dublin City Council will include funding for the redesign of Portobello Plaza in the Dublin City Council budget 2023.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to examine the very serious situation of large delivery vehicles accessing the new supermarket on South Lotts Road and the safety risk this poses to pedestrians in the area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee recognises the importance of the former convent on Armagh Road, Crumlin as an active community facility within the scope of its Z15 zoning. The current usage by the Hope Centre allows and includes wider community usage. There is also a demand by other community groups who would gladly use this facility if it was available.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 Councillor Mary Freehill

This local area committee calls on the Minister for Social & Family Affairs to use her influence to reverse the Citizens' Information Board's decision to close the very busy Rathmines Citizens' Information Service (CIS). The closure went ahead despite this committee's efforts, along with other local groups, to keep it open. This service has been present in Rathmines for the past 46 years. The consequence of this is the loss of outreach service to St Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park and Hospice in Harold's Cross.

In a report prepared by Department of Social Protection "Periodic Critical Review of the Citizens Information Board May 2022". It states on page 18 that there was a 46% decline in the use of in-person CIC services between 2019 and 2021. This statistic seriously distorts reality as all CIS centre were closed for the vast amount of this period because of COVID"

The general diminution of face to face drop in CIS state service nationally is a serious breach of citizens' rights and the mission of the Citizens' Information Board. It impacts on people who need help to access and explain information along with form filling, people who do not have access to IT especially older people and people who have poor language competency.

This problem is further exacerbated by the diminished drop in service from 5 day to 3 day and by prior appointment only in Crumlin Sundrive Road Centre, the closure of the very busy CIS in Tallaght Shopping Centre and City Centre O'Connell Street premises. The national CIS phone service now has a very long wait time to access their service.

This committee would welcome an opportunity to meet you to explain the impact the loss of this face to face state service is having on vulnerable people and to express our serious concern at the way it is being run down.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee agrees to roll out a 'park warden pilot' in the Dublin 12 area, modelled on the pilot scheme currently underway in Dublin 8 which has seen the appointment of a park warden to service three parks in the Dublin 8 area. This committee agrees with the many stakeholders who have contributed to discussions around the need for wardens in Dublin 12 parks and proposes that Eamonn Ceannt Park, Brickfields Park and Pearse Park and their users would be well served by the presence of a warden and are geographically well placed to participate in such a pilot, which would provide an opportunity to measure the success and impact on the operation, management and safety of these parks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee calls on the area manager to ensure that the four bicycle stands removed from the village of Harold's Cross to facilitate construction site hoarding are urgently reinstated in a suitable location. The village is already under-served with bicycle parking and the prolonged loss of four Sheffield stands for an unspecified period of time is unacceptable.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee acknowledges the work of parents in voluntarily marshalling and managing the traffic caused by school and crèche drop offs at St. Louis infant school and primary school in Rathmines, and is concerned by recent developments, including traffic incidents and abusive and intimidating behaviour

towards parents, which has required the presence of the Gardaí in the mornings to steward the area and ensure the safe passage of children into the schools.

This committee calls on traffic engineers to engage with the St. Louis Parents' Association to find an appropriate traffic solution to trial at this location which would restrict or otherwise prevent traffic from turning left off the roundabout at the junction of Williams Park and Ardee Road between the hours of 8.15 and 8.45, while maintaining access to this section of Williams Park for residents. This could be some kind of retractable bollard that would filter permeability during school drop off times; signage that would give the volunteer marshals some authority to prevent drop offs in this zone; or an enhanced school zone treatment for the infant school which would make it a car free zone during drop off times.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would agree to write to all community tidy towns groups in the south east area to thank them for their most helpful work throughout the year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to allow the Chestnut Bazaar on Clanbrassil Street remain in place until the site is ready to be developed. This is an excellent meanwhile use of a space that had been vacant or underutilised for years and is a real asset to the local community while supporting local entrepreneurs. This is something we as a council should be supporting at every opportunity not closing prematurely.

Order: Report to Councillor.

10 **Questions for the Chief Executive 14th November 2022.**

Note re error in the questions listed in the agenda: Questions 76 and 77 should have been credited to Councillor Deirdre Conroy.

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 14 November 2022

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

Mark Ginnetty
Karl Mitchell
Paul McCann
Iva Geci
Blathnaid Conlon

Brian Hanney
Fiona O'Brien
Jill McGovern
Neil O'Donoghue
Ruairí Ó Cúiv

John MacEville
Neil O'Donoghue
Marie Gavin
Zsolt Zsombatfalvi
Claire French

Non-Members:

Martin Harte, Temple Bar
Company

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