



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023 AT 8.00 AM**

AGENDA

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023

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Ruth Dowling
Senior Executive Officer

23rd June 2023

MINUTES OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April and matters arising.

Order: Agreed.

2 St. Patrick's Festival - Richard Shakespeare

The Members raised the following issues in relation to the St. Patrick's Festival:

- Access to the unredacted report on the governance of St. Patricks Festival
- Councillor representation on the Board
- Greater recognition of Dublin City Councils role in supporting the Festival both financially as a sponsor but also the infrastructure of the City.

Richard Shakespeare responded to these issues as follows:

- The Governance report is a government document and therefore it is not within the authority of Dublin City Council to release it. A request for its release is currently with the Information Commissioner who's decision will determine if it is made available to Councillors.
- The request for additional Councillor representation on the Board will be considered at the AGM of St. Patrick's Festival. Although the Lord Mayor already sits on the Board as a special Member. The executive of Dublin City Council made a decision to withdrawn its representative due a conflict of interest.
- The Manager confirmed that Dublin City Council is a significant sponsor of the Festival, providing €398,000 in funding in 2022. The Members can have an influence on the Festival through the Memorandum of Understanding which is agreed as part of the sponsorship process. The Arts Strategic Policy Committee could provide the Members with an appropriate forum to raise issues in relation to the Festival. The Manager was happy to take on-board any recommendations from the Members in terms of what other goals they wanted to achieve through involvement in the Festival.

Order: Noted.

3 Conference Reports

Order: Conference reports noted.

4 International Relations

- a) **Annual Report**
Order: Report Noted.
- b) **Quarterly Report on International Travel & Delegations**
Order: Report Noted.

5 **Minutes from the City Hall - Newcomen Bank Sub Committee from 30th January and 17th May 2023.**

Order: Minutes Noted.

6 **Motion in the name of Councillor Mannix Flynn:**
"That this meeting of the Protocol Committee call on the Chief Executive, Mr Owen Keegan, to clarify remarks he made publicly regarding an official forging a signature on a document."

The Manager clarified that the Chief Executive made the remarks as part of an aside during a speech at an event in the Mansion House. The events referred to took place 26 years ago and the Chief Executive was not a witness to them and the individuals involved are now both deceased. The Members were satisfied with the clarification provided by the Manager.

Order: Motion not agreed.

7 **Lighting Requests for City Hall:**

Order: Lighting requests agreed.

8 **Manager's Report**

- The Manager confirmed that the sculpture on the O'Connell Plinth had been removed. The Arts Officer had contacted the OPW, IMMA and the Hugh Lane Gallery and was informed that they had no art works which would be appropriate for the display on the O'Connell Plinth.
- The Manager informed Members that Minister Simon Harris's Office had received the Protocol Committees endorsement of the introduction of EU wide legislation to combat online abuse. He thanked the Members for bringing the motion to his attention and assured them that it has been shared with the relevant legislative officials within the Department for their consideration.

9 **A.O.B.**

- Cllr. Joe Costello informed Members that Sabina Higgins on behalf of the Sean O'Casey Committee had written to Dublin City Council asking the Council to investigate the commissioning of a public monument of Sean O'Casey to recognise his contribution to Irish literature.

The Manager advised that the request would be best progressed through the Arts SPC and the Commemorations and Naming Committee.

Order: The correspondence would be circulated to Members of the Protocol Committee.

- Cllr. Alison Gilliland asked that the Manager ensure that adequate recycling facilities are in place in City Hall and also that reusable kitchenware be provided.

Order: The Manager confirmed that the issue was being addressed and that reusable plates and cutlery had been purchased. Recycling facilities were being investigated.

- Members also expressed concern at the cleanliness level of the City and the decision to no longer collect green waste from residents who maintain their local areas.

Order: Noted.

10 **Proposed date of next meeting: 29th June at 8am.**

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Deirdre Heney
Chairperson
Thursday 1 June 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Deirdre Heney (Chairperson)
Racheal Batten
Donna Cooney
Dermot Lacey
Michael Pidgeon

Members:

Anthony Connaghan
Joe Costello
Naoise Ó Muirí
Noeleen Reilly

Members:

Caroline Conroy
Mannix Flynn
Cat O'Driscoll

Officers

Ruth Dowling
Richard Shakespeare

Michael Gallagher

Fanchea Gibson

Non-Members:

Alison Gilliland

**MINUTES OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023**

1 Lord Mayor Proposal for the awarding of The Freedom of the City

The Lord Mayor requested that the meeting be held in camera as they would be discussing private individuals. The Members agreed to this request.

The Lord Mayor proposed Duncan Stewart and Greta Thunberg for the Freedom of the City for their work on environmental issues, raising public awareness of the climate crisis and youth activism. They will be the first environmentalists nominated for the Freedom of the City award, which is a reflection of the significant contribution they have made.

The Members expressed their support for the two candidates proposed by the Lord Mayor and commended their contributions in promoting environmentalism, climate action and youth activism. Councillor Mannix Flynn abstained from supporting the nominations.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Members for their support and confirmed that the nominations would go for approval to the City Council meeting on 12th June 2023 and the Freedom of the City ceremony would take place on 21st June 2023 in the Round Room at the Mansion House.

The Chair suggested that the process for nominations for the Freedom of the City should be reviewed with regards to the timing of nominations and the number of candidates proposed. The Members supported the Chairs suggestion.

Order: The nomination of Duncan Stewart and Greta Thunberg for the Freedom of the City award were agreed and recommended to the City Council.

Councillor Deirdre Heney
Chairperson
Wednesday 7 June 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Deirdre Heney
(Chairperson)
Anthony Connaghan
Joe Costello
Janet Horner
Micheál MacDonncha
Michael Pidgeon

Members:

Caroline Conroy
Anne Feeney
Dermot Lacey
Briege MacOscar
Noeleen Reilly

Members:

Donna Cooney
Mannix Flynn
Darcy Lonergan
Cat O'Driscoll

Officers

Michael Gallagher

Natalie Leonard



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin
Caroline Conroy

23/06/2023

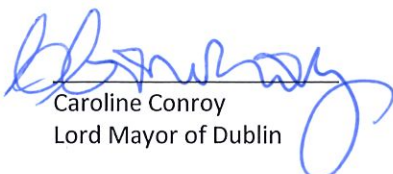
**Ms. Ruth Dowling,
Senior Executive Officer,
Chief Executive's Department**

Dear Ruth,

Please see below, list of functions, receptions and events in which I had a Deputy/Representative attend on my behalf from May 2023 to June 2023:

Date:	Function:	DLM/Cllr:
10/05/2023	Launch of YMCA Dublin's New Service	Cllr Claire Byrne
10/05/2023	Launch of Darndale/Priorswood Sláintecare Healthy Communities	Cllr Dearbhail Butler
10/05/2023	Women's World Cup Trophy Tour at Artane Beaumont FC	Cllr Dearbhail Butler
12/05/2023	Vincent Butler Reception Event	Cllr Janet Horner
13/05/2023	Clan Gathering of the Norman Family	Cllr Donna Cooney
14/05/2023	Clongriffin Community Association - Multicultural Fun Day	Cllr Dearbhail Butler
25/05/2023	Launch of Counterpunch Exhibition	Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan
25/05/2023	ENFUZE Finals 2023	Cllr Claire Byrne
26/05/2023	Open CDETB - Rialto Parish Annual Art Exhibition	Cllr Hazel Chu
29/05/2023	DCC Commemorative Plaque unveiling in honour of Seosamh Mac Grianna	Cllr Donna Cooney
10/06/2023	DCC Multicultural Event at St. Patrick's Athletic Football Club	Cllr Michael Pidgeon
16/06/2023	Ringsend & District Historical Society's 2nd Annual Bloomsday Event	Cllr Claire Byrne
19/06/2023	Neurodiverse Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street Evening Celebrating Inspirational Women	Cllr Claire Byrne
21.06/2023	Friends of the Elderly Community Group Visit	Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan
21/06/2023	Snug Counselling Service of Commemoration and Hope	Cllr Janet Horner
23/06/2023	Courtesy call from Navy Captain Andreas-Peter Graf Von Kielmansegg	Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan
23/06/2023	DCC Commemorative Plaque unveiling in honour of Shay Elliott	Cllr Carolyn Moore

Yours sincerely,


Caroline Conroy
Lord Mayor of Dublin

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Ms. Ruth Dowling
Acting Senior Executive Officer
Chief Executive's Department

Dear Ruth,

I would be obliged if you would bring the following receptions for the months of May 2023 to June 2023 to the attention of the Protocol Committee:

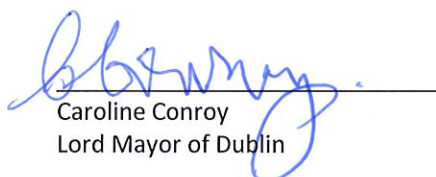
Date	Function	Nos
02/05/2023	Axis Ballymun - 'In My Own Words - See Me Now' Launch	80
02/05/2023	Community Co-Ops and Social Enterprises Panel Discussion	40
03/05/2023	Afternoon Tea	48
04/05/2023	North Circular Economy Hotspot	21
05/05/2023	Youth Forum Event	50
05/05/2023	Clothes Swap Event for Earth Day	70
09/05/2023	DCC ESPO Office - Europe Day - High Level Showcase Event – Room only	80
09/05/2023	Meeting with International Peace Run Participants	18
10/05/2023	Afternoon Tea	48
12/05/2023	Vincent Butler Reception Event	82
16/05/2023	Irish Kidney Association - Organ Donor Awareness Week Launch – Room only	80
16/05/2023	Rainwater/Garden Butts Panel Discussion	60
17/05/2023	'Creating an Ecosocial Welfare Future' Book Launch – Room only	80
18/05/2023	Panel Discussion on 'The Needs of Nature Restoration at Local National European Level' – Room only	80
19/05/2023	'Building Voices' Clondalkin Drug & Alcohol Taskforce Community Reps Forum - Handbook Launch	80
20/05/2023	Dublin Community Garden Cycle Event	40
22/05/2023	OSCE/ODIHR - Dublin City Interfaith Forum Event – Room only	40
23/05/2023	'City Sustainability Seminar' DublinTown Event	80
23/05/2023	Annual Sir John T. Gilbert Commemorative Lecture – Room only	80
24/05/2023	CDETB Latch On Programme Graduation Ceremony	80



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24/05/2023	DCC Retirement Function – Room only	60
25/05/2023	Belong To Annual Report Launch – Room only	80
29/05/2023	Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 Opening Ceremony – Room only	30
31/05/2023	Green Foundation Ireland Seminar	80
06/06/2023	North Down Branch Retired Police Officers Association Tour	22
06/06/2023	Talk About Youth Project Visit	37
07/06/2023	'Active Travel: Benefits for the Individual and Community' Panel Discussion	50
09/06/2023	Retired Primary Teachers Group Visit	30
09/06/2023	Community Biodiversity Thank You Reception	80
14/06/2023	Kim Cromwell Book Launch – Room only	50
20/06/2023	DCC World Refugee Day Lunch Reception – Room only	100
22/06/2023	DCC Cherry Orchard Community - Book of Stories Launch – Room only	80
23/06/2023	Afternoon Tea	48

Yours sincerely,


Caroline Conroy
Lord Mayor of Dublin



Friendship Agreement with City of Ramallah, Palestine – 29th June 2023

At the meeting of the Protocol Committee held on Thursday 26th January 2023, a Motion proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn was agreed “*Organising a delegation from Dublin City Council to Ramallah, Palestine*”. This was agreed by Dublin City Council at its monthly meeting held on 6th March.

In December 2022 Chief Executive Owen Keegan met with Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid to discuss potential for cooperation between the two cities. Following this meeting the Chief Executive wrote to Ramallah Municipality to ascertain the interest in developing the connection between Dublin City Council and the Municipality of Ramallah at both political and official level, based on sharing of knowledge / expertise in areas of mutual interest and benefit. The Chief Executive spoke to the Director of Ramallah Municipal Authority Mr. Ahmed K. Abulaban on 11th April and Mr Abulaban confirmed that Ramallah Municipal Authority were appreciative of the on-going political links with Dublin City Council, would be keen to develop the connection with Dublin City Council to cover areas of mutual interest and would be keen to enter into an agreement with Dublin City Council.

Areas of mutual interest discussed included:

- **Climate Action**
- **Sustainable Transport / Active Travel**
- **Municipal Services in particular waste management**
- **Smart Cities**

Consultation with senior staff within Dublin City Council was undertaken and it was agreed the areas identified above were suitable for collaboration to begin.

Other areas of potential collaboration may arise following more detailed conversations with Ramallah Municipal Authority. If the members have any suggestions of other areas which would be beneficial to Dublin City, I would welcome their comments.

A number of visits to Palestine by Councillors and staff from Dublin City Council have been held over the past ten years including in 2017 by Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, in 2018 by Ardmhéara Mícheál Mac Donncha and in 2022 by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland.

The Department of Foreign Affairs are supportive of the establishment of a Friendship Agreement as is the Embassy of the Palestinian Authority in Ireland.

Recommendation

Following consideration, any new Friendship Agreement would align with the Dublin City Council's Mission Statement *To drive the sustainable development of the City through strong civic leadership and delivery of effective services that promote the well-being and quality of life of citizens and communities.*

I would recommend the establishment of a Friendship Agreement between Dublin and the Ramallah Municipal Authority for a 4 year term. Areas of co-operation to include Climate Action, Sustainable Transport / Active Travel, Municipal Services and Smart Cities. Other areas may be considered following more in depth conversations with Ramallah Municipal Authority.

If the members of the Protocol Committee agree to the establishment of this Friendship Agreement, planning will commence on a visit by a delegation of Elected Members and staff from Dublin City Council to Ramallah in Autumn 2023. The delegation to be led by the Lord Mayor of Dublin (or nominated representative) and Chairs or nominated representatives of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC and Traffic and Transport SPC.

Fanchea Gibson

International Relations

Culture, Recreation and Economic Services

22nd June 2023