

Minutes of Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee Meeting held on 31st May 2017 ,

Richard O'Carrol Room, City Hall, Dublin 2, at 2.30pm

Attendance

Members

Cllr Ciaran Cuffe, Chairperson
Orlaith Maguire, Road Safety Authority
Barbara Connolly, Cycling Ireland
Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign
Edel Kelly Senior Executive Traffic Planner

Non Members

Cllr Paddy Smith, DCC
Dermot Stephenson Executive Engineer, Transport Operations
Alec Dundon Executive Engineer, Sustainable Transport Unit

Apologies

Alita Rivero, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Admin

Marian Cheevers, Dublin City Council
Jenny Sweeney, Dublin City Council

1. Minutes of Cycling & Walking Sub- Committee held on 1st March 2017-06-02

Minutes of last meeting accepted by chair.

2. Project List

Updated project list given to committee and relayed by Alec Dundon. Main areas of discussion:

The Canal Way. Both 90% completed, both going to E tender this year. Cllr Cuffe feels that a wider engagement is needed before the SPC in the autumn.

S2S. Discussion over the Matt Cooper radio conversation about a child on tricycle and threatening behaviour of cyclists on cycle routes. Colm Ryder asks could we put a camera on critical points on the S2S route. Alec Dundon mentioned that there were poles in situ and possibly it was the intention to install CCTV. Cllr Cuffe suggests we need a new slogan regarding cyclists respecting other users and it will be revisited in the autumn.

Alec Dundon to find out if the revised budget of 5.5 million mentioned by Colm Ryder includes for the reduction of the flood defence wall should that work go ahead. (Post meeting comment- the budget does not include for the lowering of a section of the wall should that work proceed)

Liffey Cycle Route. Was reported on at the SPC last month. Currently Aecom are conducting a multi criteria assessment on Options 7 & 8 and it is intended to bring the results of this assessment to the SPC Meeting on June 28th. Two main concerns are local residents perceive there will be an increase of traffic and the cyclists concerned that the cycle route will be unfit for purpose. Modelling will be complete to present at the end of July. Cllr Cuffe says we need to have meaningful communication with the community and a wider engagement forum before the SPC, possibly a Town hall format with satellite maps etc at the meeting. June is too early and the project shouldn't be pushed as it's not ready.

Clontarf to City Centre 192 submissions mostly looking for a 2 way cycle path, (DCC want a one way). DCC is about to employ consultants for detailed design, its out for consultation to the North Central Committee. Cllr Cuffe wonders if the North Central Committee is aware of cyclist issues and the internal conflicts regarding this. This needs to be brought up in the September City Council meeting. It's to be noted that it is difficult to carry forward a scheme that has no support from the Dublin Cycling Campaign.

Dodder Greenway – South Dublin Council working on their own stretch. Cllr Paddy Smith inquired about the status of the proposal to advance works in the vicinity of Milltown Golf Club. Alec Dundon explained that the traffic section needed to consult with both the planning department and the parks department regarding the feasibility of advancing this work. Alec Dundon agreed to keep Cllr Smith updated.

South Dublin Quietways – Cllr paddy Smith asked where does the funding come from. The feasibility report was funded from the DCC Area Allocations, South East Area.- (Chris Manzira)

Santry River Greenway - Request a report for the next meeting from North Central, Andrew Montague (Coolock/Darndale Office) **Request for Chris Manzira to attend next committee meeting regarding this.**

St Stephens Green Area Traffic Management. Cllr Cuffe asks how much does signalling cost and how much does engineering cost? Edel Kelly suggested that it is around 90K for a pedestrian crossing that is linked to SCATS etc. Cllr Cuffe asks is there a cheaper alternative using wifi or similar? Colm Ryder welcomed the new arrangements at the south-east corner of Stephen's Green that allowed for cyclists to

cross onto Leeson Street Lower. However it is difficult for cyclists on the park side to cross traffic to access the cycle route to Lesson Street Lower. Colm Ryder suggested that a yellow box is also needed at this junction. Alec Dundon said he'd refer the matter to the engineer in charge of the project.

Cllr Cuffe wants '**Temporary Stands**' to be put on the agenda as a recurring item, We need a progress report on Bike Parking. Cllr Cuffe asks that a link to Bike Parking be circulated. Alec Dundon explained that the database was not up to date as a significant amount of cycle parking had been lost due to Luas Cross City works. It was also suggested that Smithfield needs Bike Parking; there is currently none on the plaza.

3. Stationless Bikes – Edel Kelly Senior Executive Traffic Planner

We have no bye laws at the moment to deal with this new phenomenon! The companies are looking for designated space from DCC. San Francisco has a permit system and China is also starting to regulate it. The Law Agent says that the bye laws are ok regarding managing nuisance and parking of bikes in the public realm. DCC can currently use the legal structures already in place to remove any bike that is locked to a railing, i.e. if it is illegally parked. The NCBI may be concerned about bikes standing on the footpath. Cllr Cuffe says that we need regulation on this matter.

4. Walking Groups – Edel Kelly Senior Executive Planner

Potentially a code of practise could be introduced, where tour operators would have to sign up. Training could also be provided for tour operators.

Note by chair Cllr Cuffe will discuss this issue with DCC regarding 'Code of Practice'.

5. 30K - Dermot Stevenson Executive Engineer

The second phase is to be introduced currently to suburban areas inside the canals. DCC launched ad campaigns, social media links, and Andy Walsh Senior Engineer did radio interviews. There hasn't been much of a negative response from the public. The project will be re visited in September when traffic volumes are back to normal after summer breaks etc. A report will be prepared at the end of the year and then other areas will be introduced in the future. The Transport Operations department will be looking at getting more agencies involved like the Gardai and RSA. Most stakeholders are very happy with the project. Colm Ryder of Dublin Cycling Campaign sent UK reports to Cllr Cuffe and DCC, they will be reviewing them over the summer.

Dermot Stevenson will be monitoring how effective the project is, Monk Place in Phibsboro was monitored for an hour for speed checks. We don't have cameras in critical areas. Dermot suggested that maybe a 'speed radar sign' will be placed in critical areas as these are very effective at lowering speed. Speed surveys and the pollution monitoring will be undertaken as part of the September review. They will be included in the report to the Council / SPC all as one report rather than separate reports.

Cllr Cuffe says we need constant Garda Speed checks and he wrote to the Garda Sergeant requesting this. He says we have to engage with the Gardai and get a clear message out from an Garda Siochana. It was mentioned that apparently coaches were being told yesterday to speed up in town by the Gardai. Dermot and Cllr Cuffe agreed that they will meet the Gardai for discussions.

Cllr Cuffe requested that a new map be put up on line by DCC with clearer information on it, Dermot told the committee that the map on line was the map requested to be put up and the communications department says colour block maps are better than road maps.

The map up on line for 'Speed Limit in Your Area' including the new 30K areas link went out to all Councillors, it can be zoomed in to see required information.

Cllr Cuffe suggests that the page needs to be updated that there is a lot of old stuff still on it and the speed review needs to be taken down so that the old one can open up.

The RSA and the Gardai are doing a launch and photo call during 'Bike week' emphasising the new 30K areas.

Note by Chair – Cllr Cuffe is seeking a review of web pages to ensure they are up to date and to consider improved mapping.

6. Bike Week 2017 and Public Realm Master Plan

Edel Kelly gave a verbal briefing on the Public Realm Master Plan to the committee. There has been a lot of work on Temple Bar Square; the design team are looking at accessibility and a cycle route through Temple Bar. Businesses are asking to pedestrianize Crown Alley.

Wolfe Tone Square has part 8 granted.

The Peace Garden (opposite Christ Church, beside Jury's Inn) is to be brought to part 8. The level of the park is to be raised to street level. It is currently sunken. This will make it more accessible to the public.

Castle Street/Cork Hill has part 8 lodged to improve accessibility to City Hall. i.e. to better delineate the route for cars, define the crossing for pedestrians and level out the steps etc for improved accessibility to City Hall.

LUAS Associated Projects streets on the 'north side' between the LUAS line will be improved as the LUAS lines are still under construction.

Cathal Brugha Street – Part 8 is in preparation.

Note by Chair – Cllr Cuffe says Public Realm is worthy of discussion. It's useful to have an implementation on the Public Realm Master plan at SPC. Cllr Cuffe to write to Dick Brady to put it on the SPC Agenda.

Grafton Street Quarter trialling new types of tree pit on Chatham Street – 'Green Leaf' they are made of inter connecting crates.

Parnell Square Library Project –Owen O’Doherty reported to the Public Realm committee.

Weaver Park is due to be completed this summer.

Bridgefoot Street is up for discussions – DCC has housing overlooking it.

Note by Chair – Edel Kelly offered to do a project list regarding Public Realm to be on the Agenda of the Walking & Cycling Sub Committee.

7. Pedestrian Crossing/ITS

Karen Hosie sent in report to committee to read/discuss.

‘Green Schools’ audits let us know pedestrian difficulties/barriers and traffic planning unit follow through issues that are reported with the ITS section.

It’s very difficult to get funding for Green Schools as there is no specific pot of money; it’s a shame as we can often deliver these projects without spending much.

Edel Kelly agreed to send Cllr Paddy Smith audit reports by area of the Green School Audits.

8. Yield Signs for Cyclists on Footpaths where there is a Bus Stop

Discussion regarding the ‘Respect Campaign’ where this would be of benefit, the campaign has been mothballed as there is no funding from the RSA, only the NTA support the project, and not Dublin Bus. At the RSA conference tomorrow Cllr Cuffe will ask Liz O’Donnell can we have funding for the campaign.

Orlaith Maguire from the RSA says that they already promote ‘Respect’ when going out to the schools to inform children about safety on the roads etc.

It was suggested that there is an over emphasis on Big Budget Projects and we should be able to have smaller effective projects like the Respect Campaign.

Cllr Cuffe to bring it to the Corporate Policy Group and Edel Kelly will give Cllr Cuffe a proposal regarding ‘softer’ projects.

It was also noted that there are currently **18** Sports Development Officers in DCC as opposed to **1** Walking & Cycling Promotions Officer (Sarah Scannell).

9. Cordon Counts

Cllr Cuffe queried if the City Centre Cordon Count for May 2016 report is available. Dick Brady to be asked to allocate resources to analyse the figures.

10. Short Term Actions ‘Quick Wins’

Update is not available in time for meeting. To be requested again from Christopher Manzira and kept on the agenda.

11. Velo City

ECF (European Cycling Federation) coming over end of June for a 2 day workshop on the 28th and 29th June. The ECF get to decide on 50% of the programme content for Velo City here in 2019. A contingency of DCC staff, the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive Owen Keegan are travelling to Velo City 2017 in Arnheim and Nimjen in Holland in June 2017.

12. Cycle Right

The Road Safety Team used to be responsible for the Cycle Training but do not do it anymore, the budget is still with that unit. Edel Kelly will request that the training/budget be brought into Sarah Scannel's remit. It has been a very successful project in the past three years and two and a half thousand children were trained. DCC did not get involved in it this year so Cllr Cuffe requests that a letter be written by the subcommittee as a matter of urgency that the budget be recommended for the coming school year. And that the budget is also under the 'Cycling' remit.

It was noted by Barbara Connolly that Green Schools will only use the Cycle Right tutors. It is to be kept on the agenda.

Barbara to write to committee admin with synopsis of Cycle Right issues so that a letter can be drafted to Dick Brady requesting change of budget responsibility.

