

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018**

- 1 **Presentation on Planning Reference 4494/17.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation on consultation process with local school children re new nature play area in Herzog Park.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 13th December 2017**  
**Order: Motion 4 amended to read “Order: Agreed “. Agreed.**
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **South East Area Matters**
  - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Draft Discretionary Fund, as discussed at meeting on 15/12/2017, for agreeing.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 6 **Motions**  
  
**Motion 1 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this committee agrees that the names of Padraig Pearse, Willie Pearse, Thomas McDonagh and Con Colbert be placed on the three new granite bench seats being placed in position at the triangle in Ranelagh village in view of the fact that Pearse's first school, Cullenswood House, was top of Oakley Road (100 yards away) and the four were all teachers at the school and were executed for their part in the 1916 Rising (Padraig Pearse, Willie Pearse, Thomas McDonagh and Con Colbert), all of whom lived in Ranelagh.  
**Order: Motion withdrawn.**

  
**Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests a meeting with Irish Water to discuss the problems associated with potential flooding matters at St. Alban's Park in the context of the reply ( attached to this motion) issued by Irish Water to this councillor.

“Thank you for your recent queries in relation to the operation of the pumping station at St Albans Park, to which you will find the response from the relevant department outlined below.

The pump station in question is Ailesbury Gardens, which is a storm water overflow station that only comes on when the main sewer backs up in storm conditions. This discharges to Merrion Strand and is the responsibility of Irish Water, managed under the Service Level Agreement by DCC. The pump station is on telemetry, and is monitored on a daily basis. Planned maintenance takes place on a regular basis with the pumps started every two weeks.

There were a number of flooding incidents reported throughout the city on the morning of Wednesday, 22nd November 2017 due to the extremely high levels of rainfall between the hours of 3am and 6am, with 35mm of rainfall recorded. A combination of events contributed to the flooding of the gardens of St Albans Park, with this type of flooding event now considered unusual;

1. An electrical fault occurred on a relay panel within the pump station serving the storm overflow area. This resulted in the switches tripping whenever a second pump turned on. The pump station reset automatically and restarted every 10 minutes or so, effectively disguising the fact that there was a problem. This was discovered at around 7 am, and responded to immediately. This has now been repaired.

2. There is a longstanding issue in relation to the storage capacity of the pump station which does not provide sufficient storage to protect the area if there is an issue at the pump station. This is currently being examined by consultants working behalf of Irish Water.

3. Road gullies along St. Alban's Park were covered with leaves, preventing rainfall from entering. The initial responders to the pump station at 7am reported this, and two crews were dispatched to clear gullies. These were on site before 9am.

Irish Water has carried out a full investigation of the local network and a survey of the pump station. The deficiencies as noted above were mechanical/electrical, and capacity. Irish Water intends to upgrade this pump station in terms of minor mechanical and electrical upgrades next year, to improve the reliability of the station in a capital maintenance bundle upgrade.

The capacity of the station is causing a back up of the local network as during extreme storm conditions, the existing station is not large enough to accommodate flows. This capacity upgrade will be a larger project, and dependent on a full detailed design. The project will be subject to planning/site approvals with various stake holders. This work is currently not part of the current CIP.”

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 3 from Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can this committee agree to write to Dublin Bus to ask them to improve the bus service in Terenure; in particular route numbers 15 and 15a and also the 65, 65a? Specifically, could we request that an additional bus begin in Terenure between 7.40am and 8am when the buses on this route are passing by full and simply leaving commuters stranded at the bus stops in Terenure?

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to ensure that the old enamelled green street sign on Bull Alley Street remains in place. I understand that some street signage on the neighbouring streets has recently been replaced

by Dublin City Council, but the Bull Alley should remain as is, not be replaced.  
**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to please put in permanent pedestrian crossing signage indicating which direction for pedestrians to look when crossing at the junction of Richmond Street South, Camden Street Lower and Charlotte Way where the contra flow bus lane begins.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**7 Questions to Chief Executive 8th January 2018**  
**Order: Noted.**

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**Cllr. Sonya Stapleton**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 January 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Chris Andrews  
Anne Feeney  
Frank Kennedy  
Paddy Smyth

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Mannix Flynn  
Dermot Lacey  
Sonya Stapleton

**Members:**

Patrick Costello  
Mary Freehill  
Claire O'Connor

**Officers**

Rossana Camargo  
Declan Hayden  
Brian Kirk  
Jennifer Wall  
Oliver Douglas

Mark Ginnetty  
Leah Johnston  
Eileen Martin  
Helen Smirnova  
Elaine Sullivan

Brian Hanney  
Rose Kenny  
Fiona O'Brien  
Neil O'Donohue

**Apologies:**

Paddy McCartan

**Non-Members:**

**Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will include the painting of the lamp posts on Sydney Parade Avenue (from railway gate to Stand Road junction) & on Ailesbury Gardens in the works programme. (When they last asked about two years ago money was in short supply but that the situation has changed & the cul-de-sac part of Sydney Parade had their lamp posts painted recently.)

**Reply:**

We will examine the lighting columns on Sydney Parade Avenue and Ailesbury Gardens, and if painting is required and the poles are suitable, they will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances. Please note there is no Public Lighting Minor Works Improvements Programme for 2018.

Subject to the approval of the South East Area Discretionary Budget the South East Area Office will include painting of these lampposts for consideration within that budget.

**Q2. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issues:

Residents have asked for some trees in green areas in Milltown to be pruned by Dublin City Council. The first photo is of the green area beside Ramleh Close. The height of the trees blocks light to the rear of the houses in Ramleh Park. The second photo is of the green area beside Palmerston Grove. They frequently win awards for this area. It would be appreciated if the trees could be pruned. See picture 1 and 2.

**Reply:**

Selected trees at this location have been included in our tree pruning programme for this area. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken in January 2018.

**Q3. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the necessary forms sent to \*details supplied where he can apply for a grant for a downstairs toilet that he needs on health grounds.

**Reply:**

An application for adaptations under our Scheme for Persons with Disabilities has been forwarded to this tenant. The application form should be completed by the tenant, the tenant's doctor and supported by all relevant medical information in order to demonstrate the requirement / need for the adaptation, and returned to Housing Maintenance Section, Block 2, Floor 3, Housing and Residential Services, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

The application will be assessed, the dwelling surveyed and the tenant informed in writing of the outcome.

**Q4. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager send out forms to \*details supplied, which cover housing adaptation grant applications as he is looking to make his home more liveable for his partner who is unwell.

**Reply:**

A Housing Adaptation Grant application form has been forwarded to \*details supplied.

**Q5. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report and updates with regards the Peace Park at Christchurch?

**Reply:**

A report on the Peace Park will be brought to the February area committee meeting.

**Q6. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report of the progress and the delivery of infrastructural projects in the South East Area of the previous Dublin City Council Development Plan? This to include social housing projects, roads, parks, drainage, etc.

A full appraisal of the entire development to date, as per the development plan 2014 - 2017.

**Reply:**

The policies and objectives of the previous Development Plan 2011 - 2017 relating to infrastructural projects, including social housing projects, roads, parks, drainage etc., are delivered through a number of departments and agencies, and as such this process is ongoing.

The Development Plan also clarifies that the numerous strategies, policies and objectives in the city development plan cannot be delivered by the city council alone; rather as part of the shared vision and responsibilities, the plan is to be implemented by a number of agencies at the city, city region and national level.

The new 2016 - 2022 City Development Plan is now in operation. The Development Plan will be reviewed and a two-year progress report will be prepared on achievements in securing the objectives of the plan. This progress report will be presented to the city council in Q4 of this year (2018).

SI47-50 and SIO77 of the last Development Plan are being complied with. Flood Alleviation on the Lower Dodder from Ringsend Bridge to Donnybrook is continuing; €30m has been spent to date. The €5m South Campshires Scheme is now substantially completed protecting a further 750 buildings (375 residential and 375 commercial) to the National Standard of flood protection. Small schemes at Merrion Gates and opposite Marine Drive in Sandymount have increased the level of flood protection in these areas.

**Infrastructure Projects**

New public lighting schemes were installed and completed as part of the following projects in the South East Area:

- Dodder Walk Flood Defence project
- Grafton Street Regeneration
- Luas Cross City

**Villages**

A new lighting scheme was designed and installed in the following villages in the South East Area:

- Rathgar Village - completed

- Ringsend Village - completed
- Terenure Village – ongoing

#### Public Lighting Infrastructure Upgrades

The renewal of Public lighting infrastructure has been completed in the following areas in the South East Area, under the Public Lighting Pole Replacement Programme:

- Ailesbury Road
- City Quay
- Eglington Road
- Northbrook Road
- Sir John Rogerson's Quay
- Townsend Street
- Wellington Road
- Winetavern Street

This work involved the replacement of public lighting columns that were in a bad condition and changing the lights to LED lights.

A new lighting scheme was also installed on Bride Street. There are some works outstanding to complete the scheme here at the side of Kevin Street Garda Station

We are planning to continue our renewal of the Public lighting infrastructure where it is required, throughout the council's area over the coming years, subject to the necessary finances being made available.

The public lighting infrastructure renewal includes the replacement of columns, brackets, lanterns and cabling.

#### Public Lighting LED Replacement Programme

In March 2016, Public Lighting Services started a programme to replace all the existing Low Pressure Sodium lights (i.e. the orange coloured lights) lights throughout the city council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the course of the next number of years.

The changing of the existing lights in public lighting installations to energy efficient LED light sources is assisting the Council in meeting its obligation under the European 2020 carbon reduction targets, by reducing its energy consumption and its carbon emissions footprint in its' Public Lighting infrastructure.

Where the lights have been changed to LED, the wattages for these lights have been reduced to at least half the wattage of the old Low Pressure Sodium (orange coloured) lights, while still achieving the required light levels on the roadways and footpaths in these areas. The amount of spill light and light pollution has also been reduced where the lights have been changed to LED.

Below is a list of the roads in the South East Area that have been changed to LED under the LED replacement programme in 2016 and in 2017. Also included is a list of roads that have been marked for replacement to LED under the LED replacement programme, where the required works are either currently in progress or scheduled to be done.

<b>Roads changed to LED in 2016 under the LED Replacement Programme</b>		
Beech Hill Avenue	Beech Hill Crescent	Beech Hill Drive
Beech Hill Terrace	Byrnes Lane	Cedar Court
Clarence Place Great	Dermot O'Hurley Avenue	Garville Drive
Glenmalure Square	Maple Drive	Palmerston Grove
Pembroke Row	Philomena Terrace	Portobello Plaza
Ramleh Close	Ramleh Park	The Cloisters
Vavasour Square		

<b>Roads changed to LED in 2017 under the LED Replacement Programme</b>		
Baggot Lane	Camden Row	Claremont Park
Cowper Downs	Cowper Mews	Cremorne Terenure
Derravaragh Road	Donnybrook Close	Donnybrook Manor
Eastmoreland Lane	Herbert Lane	Nutley Avenue
Stephens Lane	Stephens Place	Vavasour Square
Verschoyle Place	Verschoyle Court (Place)	

<b>Roads where works are currently in progress or are scheduled to be changed to LED under the LED Replacement Programme</b>
Grove Road
Havelock Place
Havelock Square
Parnell Road
Rathgar Place
Serpentine Avenue

We are planning to continue our roll-out of replacing all the existing Low Pressure Sodium lights to LED lights throughout the council's area over the coming years, subject to the necessary finances being made available.

The following street improvement schemes have been undertaken to meet the needs and aspirations of the citizens of Dublin and take into account the strategies, policies and objectives set out in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

- a) Fade Street Improvement Scheme completed in April 2012.
- b) Palace Street Improvement Scheme completed in August 2012.
- c) Grafton Street Improvement Scheme completed in September 2014.
- d) Wicklow Street / Johnson Court Improvement Scheme completed in September 2015.
- e) Chatham Street / Harry Street Area Improvement Scheme commenced construction in September 2017 and is expected to be completed by November 2018.
- f) Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row Improvement Scheme – Part 8 Planning Approval was granted in October 2017 and the scheme is about to proceed to the detailed design stage with a view to commencing works on site in spring 2019.

A summary report on progress and delivery of infrastructure projects in the South East Area under the CDP 2011-2017 will be prepared for issue by end February 2018 and issued directly to the Councillor.

**Q7. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the procedure for the renaming of the bridge at Charlemont Street (Charlemont Bridge) to Dr. Kathleen Lynn Bridge?

**Reply:**

Proposals for the naming of infrastructure and dedication of memorials and plaques must be formally submitted through an agreed process. The Commemorative Naming Committee will consider all applications deemed to be valid under the terms of this policy:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/Documents/Policy%20Document%20revised%20May%202017.pdf>

An official application form must be submitted to the Commemorative Naming Committee for consideration:

[http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/Documents/Comm\\_NameApplicationForm.pdf](http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/Documents/Comm_NameApplicationForm.pdf)

**Q8. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager give an update report on the replacement of street names in the South East area and the cost to date?

**Reply:**

The street name plate erection contract being carried out in 2017 / 2018 involves the erection of 265 signs in the south east and south central areas at a cost of €66,879.88 incl. VAT. The signs cost €39,750.00 incl. VAT to purchase. Therefore the total cost is €106,669.88 incl. VAT. The contract is a fixed price contract and there is not a south east / south central breakdown.

**Q9. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager give an update on the proposed new bye-laws that relate to horses and carriages and their use within the city?

**Reply:**

The proposed bye-laws are still under review and a report will issue to the councillor in due course.

**Q10. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards to any incidents of drug dealing and any incidents of road accidents involving rickshaws on the streets of Dublin? Also, what stage are we at in relation to legislation governing the use of rickshaws on our roads?

**Reply:**

The council does not have any records relating to incidents of drug dealing or road accidents relating to rickshaws. Queries of this nature should be addressed to An Garda Síochána. The National Transport Authority (NTA) held a public consultation in 2017 with a view to drawing up legislation for the regulation of rickshaw operations. The council will write to the NTA seeking an update and will inform the councillor of the outcome.



**Q11. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have a full clean up and fumigation of the Bring Centre at Milltown Road Car Park? This area has become prone to dumping, see enclosed photographs. Also, would there be any possibility that this area would be fenced in, in order to mitigate the noise of the cans and bottles being deposited while we wait for this facility to be relocated to a much more suitable location?

**Reply:**

A deep clean of the bottle bank site at Milltown by Dublin City Council and Glassco staff will be organised for early January 2018. This will remove any older litter / dumping in the immediate vicinity of the banks.

Waste Management will investigate the possibility of erecting fencing at this site.

**Q12. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager issue an update on the progress of bye-laws and national legislation relating to 'chuggers' (street charity collectors)? It is now almost impossible to get down many city streets without being accosted by groups of these individuals in branded high-vis clothing. They literally block your passage and impede your movement by standing in the middle of the pavement jumping up and down and waving their arms. This is a form of anti-social behaviour and borderline aggression in the public domain. Many citizens have to avoid certain streets now in order not to be accosted by these groups and this practice.

**Reply:**

A detailed reply was issued to the councillor in July 2016 in relation to a similar question (question 29 submitted to the South East Area Committee). There have been no further updates since that reply. The Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA) have advised that if street charity collectors are causing concern that it is advised that you contact the charity directly to discuss the matter.

As all permits for street collections are issued by the Garda Division which has jurisdiction over the place of the collection under the Street and House to House Collections Act, 1962, as updated by the Charities Act 2009, it is advised that the Gardaí are informed when it is deemed that street charity collectors are causing concern as this may be useful information if the same charity or collector applies for a permit in the future. Please note that Dublin City Council has no authority or bye-laws in respect of the management of street charity collectors.

**Q13. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager ensure that all of the heating apparatus, gas and electric and utilities are all working in the senior citizens complex at Verschoyle Court?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance Section is not aware of any outstanding issues with the central heating or electrical utilities in this complex. A number of units are currently being refurbished in this complex and contractors are currently on site. Due to the nature of these works electrical supply may be interrupted for short periods of time, however notice is given to the residents affected and the timeframe is kept to a minimum.

If the councillor wishes to identify a specific dwelling where the tenant is experiencing problems contact will be made with this tenant to check and resolve where possible the issue.

**Q14. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager ensure that the broken light at the junction of Mercer Street and York Street beside the York Street apartments is fixed immediately?

**Reply:**

The light on pole no. 5 Mercer Street Upper is currently not working due to an ESB service fault, a report has been sent to ESB Networks requesting to have the cable repaired.

**Q15. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager ensure that the entire area from Cathedral View including New Street right up to Clanbrassil Street, taking in the Cabbage Patch and Long Lane are given a thorough cleaning, weeding and tree pruning and that this maintenance is kept up on a regular basis?

This area has suffered from appalling neglect which has led to dilapidation of many of the public walkways, streets and amenities within the area. Trees are overgrown pavements are cracked and there is a general sense of abandonment which urgently needs to be addressed. Also, can the manager organise a site area visit of the entire estate in collaboration with local groups, Dublin City Council staff including parks, and those who are engaged in local development such as the Maldron Hotel in Kevin Street and Kevin Street residents?

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office has asked the Parks Division to facilitate an onsite meeting at the Cabbage Patch between Parks and the Gardaí and councillors will be advised when a date is arranged.

Waste Management cleaned the area on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and they have been asked to monitor the area going forward.

**Q16. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager give a detailed report on the status of the plans to redevelop Woodstock Court and allay residents' fears that any disruption on them will be minimal?

**Reply:**

The Housing Department are currently carrying out a general review of Dublin City Council's housing complexes across the city. This review will be completed over the next few months and will form the basis of any general refurbishment programme that may be established regarding the regeneration of such complexes. Specific details or outline plans have not yet been prepared.

**Q17. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager have two car parking spaces in the car park at the rear of Mulberry Land converted in to bike stands? This is to facilitate businesses along the front row of shops on Donnybrook Road who are using bikes to get into work with no spaces to secure bikes. They are using lamp poles which are not ideal, nor safe towards pedestrians. There are over 50 people working in Mola Architects and practically no bicycle parking spaces on that (East) side of the road. All the bike spaces are on the west side of Donnybrook Road. The car park is underutilised during the day"

**Reply:**

This request will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the area traffic engineer. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q18. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Could the manager arrange for the street lighting on Annesley Park to be improved in circumstances where there are safety issues that go with dimly lit streets?

**Reply:**

There is no public lighting improvements programme for 2018. However, in 2016, Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services started a programme to replace all the existing low pressure sodium lights (i.e. the orange coloured lights) throughout the council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the course of the next few years. The existing lighting on Annesley Park will be included in this replacement programme.

Until such time as the lights on Annesley Park are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

**Q19. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Could the manager arrange for the planting on Dunville Avenue opposite Mortons to be improved?

**Reply:**

The 3 No. trees (*Corylus colurna*) at this location have been added to our tree pruning list for work in early 2018. There is not sufficient space to plant additional trees at this location.

**Q20. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Could the manager arrange for the street lighting on Lavarna Grove to be improved in circumstances where there were a number of burglaries recently and residents were unable to see their CCTV?

**Reply:**

We will examine the lighting here and any improvements that may be considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances.

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2018.

**Q21. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can an amenity space for a playground be considered on the green space at Whitton Road and Terenure Road North?

**Reply:**

There are no plans for a playground on the green space at Whitton Road and Terenure Road North.

The site in question is not owned by Dublin City Council. It is not registered in the Land Registry, so who actually owns it is not known, but it may be under the control of JC Decaux as there have been four large advertising signs on it for as long as I can remember (I pass it every day).

**Q22. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the manager provide an update on the possibility of providing benches in Rathmines Avenue flats?

**Reply:**

Arrangements are currently been made with a contractor to supply benches to Rathmines Avenue flats, and if required, to install the benches in this complex.

**Q23. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the manager provide an update on the meeting with the law agent which was the subject matter of debate at the South East Area Committee meeting in December re double yellow lines on St. Enda's Road?

**Reply:**

As legal proceedings have issued against the city council in respect of this matter, it is sub judice and therefore we are unable to comment.

**Q24. Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the manager confirm if a traffic camera has been installed as per my motion below from a few months ago?

**Motion from Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the manager put CCTV cameras on the main junction in Rathgar Village, between Orwell Road / Rathgar Road and R114, in circumstances where residents have expressed grave concerns regarding their safety being compromised by drivers who are effectively evading the existence of a red traffic light notwithstanding that pedestrians have the benefit of a 'green man'?

Rathgar is an area in which there are a large number of young children; there are four crèches and a number of schools within a short distance of the junction in issue. There is also a large elderly local population.

**Reply from South East Area Manager**

I can confirm that a traffic camera is to be installed at junction Orwell Road / Rathgar Road within the next 2 - 3 months. This camera is a traffic camera that will be used, by Dublin City Council's Traffic Control Centre to manage traffic movements in the area (e.g. facilitating the changing of traffic signaling to ease traffic congestion). Traffic cameras are not used to enforce road traffic legislation.

**Reply:**

The new wrap around pedestrian operation was installed at this location on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December and the traffic camera is now operational.

**Q25. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The drains at St. Alban's Park, Dublin 4, have for many years posed a serious risk of flooding of houses. In November 2017 residents reported that, on heavy rainfall, water levels began to build up in the drains faster than they could empty and sewage was being forced back through the drains into the front and back gardens of a number of houses in St. Alban's Park. There were several inches of sewage in the gardens of several houses before this fault was rectified when, it appears, the pumps in Ailesbury Gardens came on. This should not have happened, as the pumps in Ailesbury Gardens should have kicked in to clear the overflow. The residents have been told there was a fault in the pumping station and this is why they did not kick in.

Residents had previously been told that the flooding problem that occurred in 2011 had been solved by bigger pipes and more pumps. However, yet again their houses are in danger of flooding by a fault in the pumping station. To ask the manager (a) for a report on what precisely the fault was, and (b) to ensure that the position is rectified as a matter of urgency so that this cannot happen again.

**Reply:**

This is a matter for Irish Water, who may be contacted at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or 1890 278 278.

**Q26. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In circumstances where at Fitzwilliam Quay, Ringsend in late November fire trucks had to visit on at least two nights to put out large wheelie bins which had been set on fire to ask the manager (a) to provide a report as to the steps that the council is taking to ensure that this behaviour is eradicated, (b) to remove the melted remains if this has not been done already and (c) to provide the name and contact details of the official that councillors should contact if it is necessary that in the future such remains be removed as a matter of urgency.

**Reply:**

The anti-social behaviour described should be reported directly to the Gardaí at Irishtown, tel.: 666 9600.

Waste Management Services Division will ensure that the melted remains of the burnt out wheelie bins have been removed from Fitzwilliam Quay. Dublin City Council's after hours emergency service can be contacted on 01 679 6186.

**Q27. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In light of the response provided to Q.42 at the South East Area Committee December 2017, to ask the manager to agree to grant a permit for Marlborough Road to the resident of \*details supplied who, is in an impossible position at present given the circumstances in which he tries to access parking, for reasons which have been comprehensively identified to the council.

**Reply:**

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate all Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes including entitlement and eligibility to Resident Parking Permits. The bye-laws make provision for a permit to be issued for use on a permit parking road where the resident's "normal dwelling place" is located on that road or, where the resident's "normal dwelling place" is located on an adjacent road where the parking of vehicles on the applicant's road is significantly restricted by parking controls, e.g. Double Yellow Lines, Bus Lanes, Clearways etc. installed by Dublin City Council thereby preventing the resident from parking.

The resident (details supplied) resides on a section of road that is not a public road and is therefore not in charge of Dublin City Council. Neither the section of road on which the resident resides or the section of road that is in charge of Dublin City Council is subject to parking controls. The resident therefore does not satisfy any of the conditions in the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws for a resident to be considered eligible for a Resident Parking Permit.

**Q28. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to the answer provided to Q.59 of the November 2017 SEAC, to ask the manager when the next nameplate erection contract is scheduled to take place? Please note that the correct details for the resident in question are \*details supplied.

**Reply:**

Clarification noted. Arrangements will be made to erect sign on details supplied.

**Q29. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to provide a response to my email of \*details supplied.

**Reply:**

This issue was listed on the TAG Agenda for the South East Area since 2016.

Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017, reported that due to the narrowness of the carriageway at the above location, it is recommended to introduce double yellow lines on both sides of the road, to improve traffic flow and prioritise access of emergency vehicles and fire brigade, as follows:

- From the junction of details supplied 2 with details supplied 1, extend double yellow lines on details supplied 1 on the east side for 55 metres eastwards and on the west side for 60 metres eastwards.
- From the junction of details supplied 3 with details supplied 1, on the west side of details supplied 1, install 140 metres of double yellow line extending northwards.

These measures will be implemented subject to the completion of the necessary statutory consultation process with An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council does not consult with local residents on all traffic surveys as was the case in this instance.

**Q30. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to the answer provided to Question 66, submitted to the South East Area Committee meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and the email sent to me under ref. 7000494/SH/CK, to thank the Traffic Department for the positive response and to ask when this disabled parking space will be implemented.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017, recommended a Disabled Parking Bay from the point in line with the entrance to details supplied, extending north-eastwards for a distance of 6 metres.

This measure will be implemented subject to the completion of the necessary statutory consultation process with the Gardaí. This process will be initiated in the next two weeks.

**Q31. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager for an update on the housing list status of \*details supplied i.e. to answer my email to Housing Allocations of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10:05.

**Reply:**

The applicant (details supplied), is currently on the older persons' transfer list, Band 3, with the following position:

- 81<sup>st</sup> for older persons accommodation in Area M (Pearse Street/Ringsend)

Dublin City Council is allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an

offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant has previously made an application under the Exceptional Medical Grounds Scheme, but was unsuccessful. The applicant was housed by an Approved Housing Body in 2015 at her current address and has subsequently made reference to the unsuitability of the bathroom at her current accommodation.

**Q32. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager for an update on the housing list status of \*details supplied i.e. to answer my email to Housing Allocations of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10.08.

**Reply:**

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the Housing List, Band 2, the date of application being 22/06/07 and current position is as follows:

- 12<sup>th</sup> for four bedroom accommodation in Area M (Pearse Street / Ringsend)
- 24<sup>th</sup> for three bedroom accommodation in Area M (Pearse Street / Ringsend)

Dublin City Council is allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

According to our records, the applicant accessed emergency accommodation for one night in December 2017. The applicant should be advised to contact Housing Allocations Section to update details of her current address.

**Q33. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to the answer provided to question 68 of the September 2017 South East Area Committee meeting, to ask the manager when this repair will be effected and to do so as a matter of urgency. It is extremely dangerous. Please see attached very recent photo of the locus. There is (a) broken footpath, and (b) an extremely dangerous lip on the footpath which could result in catastrophic falls.

**Reply:**

This defect is logged in our Asset Management System and will be repaired when a crew is available.

**Q34. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

Question 56 of the SEAC meeting November 2017 was as follows:

**Q56. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In light of the wholly unsatisfactory state of traffic arrangements and flow on Belmont Avenue, Dublin 4, as well as the severe risk of injury to pedestrians and cyclists arising from the status quo, to ask the manager to conduct a full survey of this road and to implement a solution as a matter of urgency.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will assess Belmont Avenue on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November at school drop off time 8:00am to 9:00 am, and recommendations will be made in order to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

**Contact:**

Rossana Camargo, Area Engineer, Traffic Management Section, tel.: 222 6453, email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

To ask the manager for (a) a report on the assessment which took place on Belmont Avenue on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November at school drop off time 8:00am to 9:00am, and (b) to state what recommendations have been made on foot the inspection in order to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

**Reply:**

The survey took place on Belmont Avenue on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November at school drop off time 8:00am to 9:00am. The report has yet to be completed. The councillor will be notified when the report has been submitted to the Traffic Advisory Group and they agree a recommendation.

**Q35. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to question 62 at the South East Area Committee meeting November 2017, to state (a) whether action has been taken and if not (b) when such action will be taken.

**Reply:**

Arrangements are being made to procure a contractor to carry out this work.

**Q36. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will have road surface repairs carried out as a matter of urgency at this location and to further ask the manager if action can be taken to have the flush rubberized covers as suggested in the email submitted with this question to be installed as a matter of safety.

Last Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, on my way home through Donnybrook, I cycled over a manhole cover in the middle of the cycle lane where Mulberry Lane joins Donnybrook Road. It blew both my tyres immediately and almost sent me under a car.

When I had calmed down, (for I spent several minutes shouting expletives!) I walked back and took the following photo which clearly shows how badly placed and dangerous this trap door is.

[Inline image 1]

With all the tarmac worn away from one side, the leading edge and the 5 "teeth" protrude 2 inches out of the street.

This is a deadly accident waiting to happen.

While reporting the manhole on the DCC website this evening, I used Google street view to pinpoint the location.

I noticed that the picture dating from April 2017 shows the manhole in the same state of dis-repair since at least that time.

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=qvW42tFSeICcEIZ46SALHkqQ26YOF7-n9WUe0mszCw&s=342&u=https%3a%2f%2fqoo%2egl%2fmaps%2fXEoCA2HPLbz>

The only difference between Google's picture and mine, is that in mine the white lines of the cycle lane have been renewed.

This means that someone from the council repainted the white lines, which the shoddy placement of this monster had partly obliterated but did not bother to repair what is a gross hazard to life and limb.



This is in the middle of the cycle lane. With buses and cars along side and in darkness, a cyclist has no way of avoiding it. Someone could be killed but only the lines are repaired!

Sadly this is no isolated case. This is typical of the attention and service given to cycling in this country.

Whoever placed this manhole should be fined. Why is it not mandatory to have flush, rubberized manhole covers as are used on the continent? (These would benefit cars as much as cyclists but as cycle lanes are where manholes are placed, we tend to have to contend with more than our fair share.)

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's Infrastructure Management Unit has written to and contacted Virgin Media Ireland Limited and instructed them to prioritise the defective manhole cover and frame repair at the junction of Donnybrook Road and Mulberry Lane on the cycleway.

**Q37. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she could please request the Planning Enforcement Section to investigate the following planning issue details supplied.

The developer built two-storey extension higher than allowed in his planning permission. It was reported by residents at the time and it was stopped. He then applied for retention permission and was refused. He then took it to Bord Pleanála but his appeal was rejected. However, the developer has done nothing since to reduce the height and Dublin City Council's Planning Enforcement Section do not seem to be pursuing it. Can the Area Manager please follow up on this?

**Reply:**

An Enforcement Notice under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2015 issued on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 requiring:

The removal of the unauthorised two storey extension that has been erected to the rear of details supplied 1, which is not in compliance with submitted planning reference (details supplied 2).

Or

To carry out alterations to the unauthorised two storey extension to the rear of details supplied 1 so to comply with the plans, documentation and specifications as granted by planning reference (details supplied 2). Save as maybe required by the conditions attached to the approved planning decision order.

The notice is to be complied with by the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. If the notice is not complied with by that time legal action will be initiated against the owner of the property.

**Q38. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she could please provide a full list of works carried out on Glovers Court since 2014, and to provide a list of the planned / outstanding works and when it is anticipated that these will be completed and if funding has been secured for these works.

**Reply:**

The following works have been carried out in this complex:-

The installation of play equipment with soft play surface and landscaping around this area.

The installation of closed circuit television.

The installation of warning strips on every step in all stairwells.

The painting of the exterior of all blocks and all stairwells in this complex.

There are currently no other works planned for this complex in 2018.

**Q39. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager can she please provide an update on the redevelopment of the pram sheds in Vincent Street South apartments and the provision of secure bin cages for the residents?

**Reply:**

There are currently no proposals to redevelop the pram sheds or install bin cages in this complex. However, I am prepared to examine this and if there is a need for these works and buy in from the residents of the complex, I will bring forward proposals to have these works carried out in 2019.

**Q40. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager for an update on the redevelopment of Longfields Hotel and when can expect this facility to be operational.

**Reply:**

The property at 9/10 Fitzwilliam Street Lower (formerly Longfields Hotel) became operational the week of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, with a phased opening to ensure smooth delivery of the service and then become fully operational over the Christmas period. The facility is being operated by Dublin Simon who has responsibility for onsite operation and day to day management of the service. The premises will provide Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) for up to 30 singles / couples.

**Q41. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the issue of gates at Ropewalk Place to Ringsend Park. Over the past few weeks the gates have frequently been unlocked at night, resulting in anti-social behaviour and recently a window to an apartment just opposite the gates was broken. The issue has been reported a number of times via the Dublin City Council Self Service Portal but the issue continues to arise. This has not been a problem in the past - it has developed only over the past couple of months or so.

**Reply:**

The park gates in Ringsend Park are locked each evening by relief ranging staff. As this operation is undertaken on overtime it is dependent on staff availability and staff are not always available to undertake the gate closing. On such occasions we have no alternative but to leave the gates in the open position.

We would be happy to discuss alternative arrangements if suggestions are put forward.

**Q42. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the concerns of residents as outlined in the following email. The apartments are located at the Pump House London Bridge Road.

These apartments are 9 years old and every year in winter we suffer the consequences of a serious lack of insulation and enormous heating costs making life very uncomfortable and also very expensive. We have also asked on several

occasions for a BER rating for the apartments but have been informed by Dublin City Council that as the planning permission was granted before 2007 they do not have to provide one, yet it would seem the law does not support this argument. It is now beyond a joke that in this day and age in a relatively new development that we should have to keep the heating on nearly 24/7 and still have to wear housecoats and blankets and pay a hefty price for the privilege.

There are 6 apartments which have this problem as they are located in the old building which was redeveloped, it's now quite clear that some shortcuts were made when it came to the insulation as it is the same problem every winter.

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance Section will investigate the issues raised and report to the councillor within the next two weeks.