

# **Parks H&S Sub-Committee Meeting**

**Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 11am.**

**Conference Room, Eblana House.**

## ***MINUTES***

### **Attendance:**

Bruce Phillips – South Central Area (Dublin City Council)  
Ray McHugh - Councillor (Dublin City Council)  
Martin Murray – Crumlin/Walkinstown Forum  
Inspector Andy Tuite – Ballyfermot Garda Station  
Henry Harding – Markievicz Park/Le Fanu Park Management  
Eamonn Dunne – Parks Dept (Dublin City Council)  
Donal O’ Connor – Parks Dept (Dublin City Council)  
Patricia Colfer – Licensing Section (Dublin City Council)  
Dave O Donovan – Cherry Orchard Project Manager (Dublin City Council)

Minute Taker: Karen Clarke, South Central Area (Dublin City Council)

### **Apologies:**

Sean Redmond – (Dublin City Council)  
Hazel De Nortúin – Councillor (Dublin City Council)  
Liam Fitzgerald – (Drimnagh Residents Community Group)

#### **1. Minutes of previous meeting (17<sup>th</sup> October 2017)**

➤ Agreed

#### **2. Review of actions from last meeting.**

**Action: Karen to forward link to Sgt Tuite regarding government funding for CCTV that had been previously circulated.**

#### **3. Information briefing and update from Licensing Section.**

➤ Patricia Colfer, Administrative Officer gave some statistics for the South Central Area and overview of how complaints about stray horses are dealt with. Once a complaint is received it is passed onto the temporary contractor. Complaints can come from the public or Gardaí. The fee for retrieval of a horse is €700 and the horse needs to be chipped and licensed in order for the horse to be released from the pound. Its costs Dublin City Council in the region of €100,000 for the overall cost of collection, pound fees and contractor fees of the stray horses.

**Action: Patricia Colfer to send a further breakdown of seizure figures for the South Central Area. (see report below)**

## Reports from Local H&S Committees

- **Drimnagh Residents Community Group**

Liam Fitzgerald (apologies) emailed in a list of items he wanted to raise at the meeting which Bruce Phillips read out. Liam complimented the DCC staff and Gardaí for the Halloween activities and clean-up from the bonfires. Regarding Galtymore Park, the replacement of the tarmac/footpaths has taken place and new bench seats were put in place, the Gate on the canal side was refurbished and can now cater for wheelchairs access.

- **Crumlin/Walkinstown Forum**

Martin Murray enquired if its possible to get exercise equipment into Stanaway Park as Bunting Park was very successful and residents are very happy with the equipment there.

- **Markievicz Park/Le Fanu Park Committee**

Henry Harding enquired about getting someone from DCC to chair the monthly meeting of Markievicz Park/Le Fanu Committee.

**Action: Bruce to liaise with Henry on finding a Chairperson for the meeting.**

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### **Update on Horse Project and Scramblers in Cherry Orchard.**

- The last few months have been relatively quiet in Cherry Orchard for scramblers/quads although Gardaí did report some issues around Christmas time. Dave gave an update on the Horse Project.

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### **AOB**

- Dave O Donovan gave an update on the Stone Soup Project.
- Submission from Cllr Vincent Jackson from November South Central JPC *“What supports are available to community groups/citizens to rid our parks of both horses and alcohol consumption/anti-social behaviour. For years, we as a society have allowed a few take ownership of large parks within the City administrative area. In a democratic society this is unacceptable.”*
- **Action: to be sent to Sean Redmond for report for the next meeting.**
- *That An Garda Siochana with DCC staff prioritise one or two areas for a targeted intervention to displace/deter anti-social behaviour in our Parks. If the word gets out certain behaviours will no longer be accepted it will start to change the behaviour of a few who cause so much trouble.*

**Next meeting is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 11am**

**Report from Licensing Section with breakdown of figures for 2017 seizures:**

- When the horses are seized they are generally in good condition. The DSPCA are called for horses in bad condition.
- The cost of a licence is €31.74. I haven't got the cost of chipping but some charities chip free of cost.
- In 2017 49 horses were seized in the Ballyfermot area. The breakdown is:
  - 3 Kylemore
  - 4 Killeen
  - 1 West County Hotel
  - 9 Cherry Orchard Road/Drive
  - 1 Barnville
  - 15 California Hills
  - 2 City West
  - 4 Park West
  - 3 Labre Park
  - 2 Ballyfermot Parade
  - 4 Wheatfield
  - 1 Cleggan

A daytime seizure can be arranged with the co-operation of the Gardai.