



MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SPC MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

ATTENDANCE:

SPC Members:

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson; Cllr Kieran Binchy; Cllr Tom Brabazon; Cllr Mannix Flynn; Cllr Paul Hand; Cllr Teresa Keegan, Cllr Frank Kennedy; Cllr Paddy McCartan; Cllr Ruairí McGinley; Cllr Ray McHugh; Cllr Ciarán O'Moore.

Ms Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland; Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Mr Barry Aldworth, AA Ireland Ltd; Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin City Business Improvement District t/a Dublin Town; Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association; Mr Frank Mulligan, Irish Road Haulage Association.

Apologies: -

Members of the City Council:

Cllr Deirdre Heney; Cllr Patrick Costello.

Dublin City Council Staff:

Mr Brendan O'Brien, Acting Executive Manager (Traffic); Mr Kevin Meade, a/Executive Manager; Ms Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer; Mr Dermot Stevenson, a/Senior Executive Engineer; Mr Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer

Mr Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer; Ms Mary Boyle, Staff Officer; Mr Michael Mann, Staff Officer; Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer.

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairperson referenced a letter he had received from the Chief Executive in relation to concerns which had been raised about the Parking Enforcement services in the city, and his reply to the Chief Executive. The Chairperson urged the Chief Executive to fill the vacant post of Parking Enforcement Officer. The Chairperson asked that parking enforcement be included as a standing item on the Agenda for future meetings of the Transportation SPC. He also asked to see a draft copy of the parking enforcement contract that is due for renewal. Councillor Mannix Flynn said that he had informed Dublin City Council executives previously of concerns brought to his attention in relation to parking enforcement. The Chairperson said that the matter of coaches parking on footpaths on Alfie Byrne Road during events for Croke Park, as raised by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, should be raised with the Garda Commissioner.

1 Minutes of meeting held on 4th July, 2018

Minutes agreed.

2 Electric vehicle charging for residents of terraced houses or apartments - verbal update.

Mr Kevin Meade, a/Executive Manager, said that a trial location for an electric vehicle charging point on Sir John Rogerson's Quay has been identified with the Public Lighting Section. It is hoped to start trialling that shortly. In tandem, an Energy Action Group comprising various stakeholders has been established. The first formal meeting is due to take place on 20th September, 2018. The idea is to fast-track looking at innovative solutions to provide charging points for electric vehicles.

Update noted.

3 HGV Management Strategy and 4-axle Vehicles

Mr Brendan O'Brien, a/Executive Manager, gave a presentation on the current HGV management strategy, and the issues to be considered regarding an extension of the cordon to 4 axle vehicles including how deliveries/collections from private residences would be dealt with. Mr O'Brien replied to Members' questions. In summary, Mr O'Brien recommended that an assessment is needed first to see if an extension of the HGV cordon to 4 axle vehicles is warranted. The number of 4 axle vehicles relative to 5 axle vehicles is quite low. Separately, the whole HGV management strategy warrants at this stage to be revisited and upgraded, regardless of whether the cordon is extended or not to 4 axle vehicles.

Verbal report noted.

4 Public Realm Strategy implementation - update on projects

Ms Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer, replied to Members' questions. Members expressed concerns about the lack of meetings of Dubline and how it makes decisions.

It was agreed that Ms Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer, Public Realm Office, would write to the South Central Area Committee to seek a meeting of Dubline and that an invitation be issued to Councillors.

5 Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 - report on public consultation

Mr Dermot Stevenson, a/Senior Executive Engineer, replied to issues raised by Members. The City Council has carried out a publicity campaign over the past couple of weeks to raise awareness of the 30 km/h speed limit. Enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí.

Report agreed - the Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 are recommended to the City Council for adoption.

6 Draft Dublin City Council Control of On-Street Sustainable Deliveries Eco Hub Bye-Laws 2018 - report on public consultation

Mr Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, replied to Members' issues. He said that the draft Bye-Laws have been kept deliberately broad to attract operators in to use them. In relation to the pilot hub at Wolfe Tone Square, Mr Ennis said that he would take on board Councillor Mannix Flynn's comments regarding the location, which is not ideal, and the look of the hub.

Report agreed - the Draft Dublin City Council Control of On-Street Delivery Hub Bye-Laws 2018 are recommended to the City Council for adoption.

- 7 Dublin City Council Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws - verbal update

Mr Kevin Meade, a/Executive Manager, advised Members that a legal impediment prevents him from bringing draft Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws to the SPC. Mr Meade asked Members for their forbearance to allow him to address the issue so as not to leave a legal lacuna.

Report noted.

- 8 Smart Phone usage in public (deferred from April/July 2018 meetings)

Mr Kevin Meade, a/Executive Manager, referred to the web insert proposed in his report to highlight the issue of smart phone use while walking. The City Council's web site is being overhauled at present. Once the web site has been re-designed, the web insert will be arranged, and advertised.

Report noted

- 9 Review of papal transport/travel arrangements - presentation

Mr Brendan O'Brien, a/Executive Manager, outlined the transport arrangements put in place by the City Council and other agencies for the papal visit. Councillor Paddy McCartan thanked all those involved, including Dublin Bus, the Gardaí, the NTA and the City Council. Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin Town, raised concerns about the impact on trading in the city over the weekend. The acting Chairperson, Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, endorsed Councillor's McCartan's expression of thanks to all those involved in the arrangements for the papal visit.

Report noted.

- 10 Minutes of Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee meeting held on 7th March, 2018 (deferred from July 2018 meeting)

Minutes noted. Mr Kevin Meade, a/Executive Manager, updated Members on the stationless bicycle hire scheme and the on-going roll-out of cycle parking facilities.

- 11 Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell: That this Transport SPC agrees that all DCC 'Parking Tag' charging anomalies should be fixed as a matter of urgency and a report brought back to the next Transport SPC."

Agreed to defer the Motion to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC

- 12 Motion in the name of Councillor Patrick Costello: "That this committee agrees to undertake a pilot study, including broad public consultation, of "School Streets" where the streets around a school temporarily become pedestrians and cycles only at set times in the morning and afternoon around opening and closing of the school. Vehicles, with some exemptions, are not permitted to enter the street

between these times. Such School streets have been trialed in other countries and would help ensure safe and sustainable routes to schools."

Motion agreed.

- 13 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán Cuffe: "That the 'green man' period at pedestrian signals throughout the city centre be increased by one second in order to better facilitate more vulnerable road users who would benefit from additional crossing time."

Motion deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC.

- 14 Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney (regarding part 1): "Following a recent successful prosecution by Gardaí in a court case involving animal cruelty against a carriage horse owner in Dublin, and in order to reduce/eliminate cruelty to horses in our city, that Dublin City Council: 1. Review its Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws 2. Work with An Garda Síochána, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the DSPCA, the Control of Horses Act 1996, Dublin City Council's Control of Horses Bye-laws 2014 in order to bring about greater enforcement of existing legislation and 3. Arrange the introduction of routine welfare checks of horses (including checks on harnessing etc) by a qualified equine veterinarian or suitably qualified authorised officer." (The Motion was referred to the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC in relation to parts 2 and 3.

Following discussion, and in light of the a/Executive Manager Mr Kevin Meade's update to Members, Councillor Deirdre Heney agreed to defer her Motion to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC awaiting legal advice in relation to the legal impediment preventing the bringing of draft Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws to the SPC.

- 15 Motion in the name of Councillor Paddy Smyth: "This committee calls on the Minister for Transport to amend the Road Traffic Act to allow for the introduction of 'Living Streets' i.e. traffic restrictions on urban residential streets similar to those used in Germany (Spielstraße) and the Netherlands (Woonerf) in which pedestrians/cyclists are prioritised over motor vehicles."

“(Background: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living_street
A living street is a street designed primarily with the interests of pedestrians and cyclists in mind and as a social space where people can meet and where children may also be able to play legally and safely. These roads are still available for use by motor vehicles, however their design aims to reduce both the speed and dominance of motorised transport. This is often achieved using the shared space approach, with greatly reduced demarcations between vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Vehicle parking may also be restricted to designated bays.



Motion deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC

- 16 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McHugh "This Committee agree, to write to the NTA or whoever is responsible to address the signing on Motorways entering Dublin directing motorists to the ferry in Dun Laoghaire, There is no ferry service in Dun Laoghaire and is causing difficulties for tourists and motorists."

Motion agreed.

Councillor Ciarán Cuffe

Chairperson

Wednesday 12th September 2018

