



## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

1. Minutes of meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Minutes: Agreed**

2. **Matters arising**

A one page document was requested to explain what the Minister is proposing re. the “Draft Urban Development and Building Height: Guidelines for Planning Authorities”. Assistant Chief Executive mentioned that a briefing note will be presented to the City Council Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

3. **Basement Impact Assessment Policy**

Discussion followed. The SPC members welcomed this report and felt that it was very timely considering the development going on in the city at the moment. This policy has been modelled on London as we are now following similar trends. This policy will be adopted as part of the Development Management process as soon as possible.

**Agreed: To endorse this policy**

4. **Z 6/ Z 7 Lands Review**

Discussion followed. The SPC members welcomed this report and congratulated the Dublin City Planner and the Team for such a comprehensive report. Members asked that the full picture for communities be kept in mind. The urban and Placemaking design element is very important, together with a good mix of retail, industry, housing, social infrastructure and traffic planning.

**Agreed: Report Approved**

5. **Liffey Street Pedestrianisation**

### **Presentation given on Liffey Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme**

The project comprises the entire lengths of Liffey Street Lower, between Bachelors Walk and Middle Abbey Street, and Liffey Street Upper, between Middle Abbey Street and Henry

Street. This is a considerable transit route for over 35,000 pedestrianians every day but only 1000 vehicles. The main objective is to improve the public realm, introduce greening, introduce seating and enhance the experience for pedestrians and local business.

Discussion followed. The SPC members welcomed this report for information purposes.

#### **6. List of Acquisitions 01/07/2018- 31/12/2018**

Discussion followed.

**Agreed: List Noted**

#### **7. Vacant Sites Register ( 10 largest sites with a planning history )**

Discussion followed

**Agreed: Report Noted**

#### **8. Motions**

- **Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran O'Moore**

In light of the housing crisis situation and the vast number of temporary log cabins in gardens across Dublin. Can Dublin City Council request that the planning dept. demonstrate a degree of flexibility in the planning regulations and grant for example a five year licence to allow a cabin in the garden. This licence could only be applied for when a relative allows a son or daughter / immediate relative to place a temporary cabin in their garden. This will give families or individuals an opportunity to save for a deposit for a house. Currently the average house price in Dublin is 375,000, if people are paying excess of 2,000 euros a month rent they will never be able to save the deposit of 37,000 thousand euro.

This is a positive step forwarding in supporting people to save for a deposit to come out of the rental market.

**Agreed: Report on the matter to next Council Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Agreed: Motion noted**

- **Emergency Motion from Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan**

In light of the possible development of Player Wills that this area committee agrees that the addition of Player Wills to the record of protected structures is expedited as a matter of urgency and that this motion is forwarded to the Planning SPC and the full DCC council meeting for agreement.

**Motion deferred as Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan not present.**

- **Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests a Report from the Manager on how DCC is engaging with the HSE and the Department of Heritage and Culture to recognize and enhance the great historic value of these sites.

(This is a hugely important historic burial ground, it dates from the 1690s

It is currently neglected and dilapidated as you can see from attached photo.

It is owned by the HSE, as is the Weir Home adjoining a Protected Structure and on the NIAH.

Is it possible to engage with the HSE to get conservation led improvements to the burial ground, and carry out a study of its historic importance, who is buried there etc.?

The latter would be a significant contribution to Liberties and indeed national history, including on religious diversity, minorities, immigration, urban development and industrial initiatives.

There are links between the Dublin Quaker community at that time and with America so there is an international dimension.

Conservation led improvement schemes for St Luke's and St James burial grounds in the Liberties are a model.)

**Agreed: To write to the HSE and the Minister on behalf of this SPC and copy of letter to be circulated to the members.**

**9. A.O.B.**

**Agreed: April meeting to be deferred to June as Local Elections are to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Next meeting:** Scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 @ 3.30 in the Council Chamber, City Hall

**Councillor Andrew Montague**

**Chairperson**

**Co. Chaired** Áine Clancy

**Tuesday** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Andrew Montague  
(Chairperson)  
Dermot Lacey  
Odran Reid  
Graeme McQueen

**Members:**

Áine Clancy  
Daithí De Róiste  
Cathleen Carney Boud  
Gaye Fagan

**Members:**

Valerin O'Shea  
  
Ann Mulcrone  
John McGrane

**Officers**

Richard Shakespeare  
Paul Clegg  
John O'Hara

Deirdre Scully  
Siobhan Maher  
Helen McNamara

Conor O'Hanlon  
Aileen Mac Dermott

**Apologies:**

Janice Boylan  
Hazel De Nortúin

Patrick Costello  
Kieran Binchy

Rebecca Moynihan

**Non-Members:**

Ciarán O'Moore

Mannix Flynn

Carán Cuffe  
Críona Ní Dhálaigh