
**MINUTES OF CLIMATE ACTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1st JULY 2020**

1. Minute of the meeting held on 29th January 2020

Order: Minutes Agreed, Chair to examine if Cllr. Lyons can become a member of the Waste Re-municipalisation Subcommittee.

2. Matters Arising

Costello raised the introduction of a new Climate Action bill and that it is imperative that DCC takes a lead in this area. The SPC should make a submission to the Minister on the proposed legislation.

Order: Noted. It was agreed that the Climate Action Subcommittee should make a submission on the proposed legislation.

3. Correspondence

Order: Correspondence from Cities Campaign for a nuclear free Europe noted.

4. Chairpersons Business

- (i) **Climate Action Subcommittee** – It was agreed that the members of the subcommittee (Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Costello, Robert Moss & Michael Goan meet to agree meeting dates.
- (ii) **Litter Management Plan 2020 – 2022** – Owing to the volume of submissions from the public consultation the report and revised plan is not complete. It was agreed to hold a meeting on 22nd July 2020 to deal with this item
- (iii) **Oliver Bond House Bin Stores** – The report that was circulated was noted. Cllr. Flynn raised concern regarding the time lag between when the Housing Department receives a complaint and when it is actioned by the HSE in relation to vermin in flat complexes. Cllr. Flynn (seconded by Cllr. Costello) requested that the HSE be incited to present to a future meeting this Committee on vermin control.

Order: Noted

5. Status of Motions

- (i) Robert Moss – Glyphosate - Ciaran McGoldrick explained that when the new Council was elected motions that were not reached by the previous Council they are no longer valid and will not be considered by the new Council. As glyphosate is no longer used by DCC the spirit of the motion is being met.
- (ii) Cllr. Claire Byrne & Cllr Patrick Costello – Dog Fouling – It was agreed to resubmit the Motion to Minister Ryan for consideration

Order: Noted

6. Transportation Climate Action Presentations

- (i) Introduction Céline Reilly, Executive Manager
 - Celine introduced Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator, Dublin City Council to the Committee; Cliona Kelliher will be administrative support. It's hoped to add to the team in the future.
 - Over 8,000 units have been retrofitted.
 - DCC has been consistently ahead of meeting targets on energy and CO2 emission reduction.
 - We are partnering the other Dublin Local Authorities and a consultant has been appointed to look at Electric Vehicle charging in the region.
 - Remote working is and will continue to support traffic reduction.
 - CODEMA, CARO & Smart Dublin are examining research and development in the Climate area.
 - CARO in collaboration with the IPA and Climate Ireland a developing a Climate training programme for Local Authority Members and Staff which will be rolled out over the next few years.

Order: Noted

- (ii) Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic)

Members thanked Brendan for the presentation and raised the following question

- Will there be a masterplan for pedestrianisation, safe walking and safe cycling (MF)
- Pedestrianisation can lead to a proliferation of drinking on the

streets (MF)

- Who produces the traffic statistics (MF)
- The introduction of the contra flow cycle lane on Nassau Street is welcomed (CB)
- As vehicles can drive over the traffic wands and park it impedes cyclists and can make it unsafe (Westland Row), was this considered when the wands were installed (CB)
- Will more permanent measures be introduced to segregate cycle lanes (CB)
- What is the position in relation to the street Pedestrianisation trials (CB)
- Does the NTA have input into these measures (JC)
- What is the status of the last mile delivery hubs (JC)
- Will bike bunkers be provided in the inner city (JC)
- Do we have a register of employers that supply staff car parking (JL)
- What can be done to encourage people out of their cars to another transport mode (JL)
- How will be decided on which measures will stay or taken out (CB)
- How are we dealing with traffic changes in the Phoenix Park (MP)

Brendan O'Brien responded

- The statistics are produced by DCC
- We are trying to respond to an unprecedented emergency
- The measure are to assist people returning to work.
- The modes of a transport with the greatest growth potential are walking & cycling
- Most measure are temporary which can be removed easily
- The measure were developed in agreement with the NTA
- NTA are funding the Covid mobility measures
- Westland row has many private landings rendering difficult to introduce parking restrictions
- There are last mile delivery hubs in the City and we are looking to increase the numbers.
- Between 12 & 14 bike bunkers have been installed and we are going to tender for the supply and management future bunkers
- Pedestrianisation will be trialled over weekends, if they work we will look at more permanent measures
- We will continue to roll out the Covid mobility programme over the next 6 – 12 months
- The permanency of the measure will be determined by executive ore reserved function depending on the measure
- We don't have a staff car parking register
- We have been in consultation with the OPW in relation to traffic in the Phoenix Park with a view to mitigating traffic queuing.

Order: Presentation noted

(iii) Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Order: It was agreed that it is appropriate for this report to be considered by the Air Quality Subcommittee

7. A.O.B.

- Robert Moss referred to questions raised in relation to heat pumps – Ciaran McGoldrick replied that he will forward to Robert and the Committee as requested
- Naoise Ó'Muirí raised the issue of herbicide / glyphosate usage and advised the committee that the previous SPC met with Les Moore and put a policy together on the phasing out of glyphosate / herbicide usage. This Policy was adopted by the SPC in September 2018 which went as a breviat to the City Council to the November 2018 meeting of the City Council.
- Quoting from the Minutes of the November 2018 City Council Meeting, “the Breviate was noted and the Chair of the SPC, Cllr Naoise Ó'Muirí drew members attention to the herbicide item on the breviat and the City Council approved that policy”

Order: Noted

In attendance

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne
Councillor Joe Costello
Councillor Mannix Flynn
Councillor John Lyons
Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí
Councillor Michael Pidgeon
Councillor Catherine Stokker
Robert Moss, PPN
Michael Goan, RIAI
Trevor Clowry, PPN
Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber

Apologies

Bernie Guinan, I.C.E.E

Officials

Céline Reilly, Executive Manager
Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic)
Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator
Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer
Ian Boggans, Assistant Staff Officer

Councillor Michael Pidgeon
Chairperson, 8th July 2020