

---

## MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022.

---

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**Order: Agreed**

2. Matters Arising

The Chair advised that Councillor Brabazon has left the Committee and is being replaced by Councillor Claire O'Connor

Order: Noted

3. Correspondence - CNFE

**Order: Noted**

4. Chairpersons Business

- Future Meetings

There was a general discussion around future meetings and the consensus was that meetings being held remotely worked well.

**Order: Future meetings to be held remotely**

5. Review Posters Protocol (Protocol Attached)

The Chair advised the confusion arose recently over what is / is not a commercial event for the purposes of the Posters Protocol and invited a discussion on this matter as set out below.

- Is there a separate process for posters for a commercial event (CS)
- The posters for Circus etc. are generally illegal (MF)
- The event in the 3 Arena was a commercial event as there was a cover charge (MF)
- The genesis of the posters protocol was to control political postering between elections; it worked well (NOM)
- It is difficult to come up with a set of rules that will cover everything (NOM)
- Without a solid case I am reluctant to change the most recent protocol as it is doing what it was meant to do, .i.e. manage political postering (NOM)

- Notifications to Councillors of posters to be erected is helpful (MF)
- Commercial Posters should not be put on public utilities (JC)
- I am quite happy with the current protocol (JC)
- I don't believe commercial posters (circus) should be brought into the process (NOM)
- Could "events with a mandatory fee are not permitted" be included in the application(MP)

Liam Bergin added that the Executive is happy with current iteration of the Protocol and that it will serve the purpose required

**Order: Recommend to City Council that the Posters Protocol is adopted.**

6. Climate Action Update, Liam Bergin, Executive Manager

Members thanked Liam for the presentation and raised the following questions

- Can we have more information on the Public Sector Innovation Fund and the Shared Island Fund (SS)
- Are we part of the 100 Climate Neutral Cities (MP)
- Will we be working with Cork in relation to the 2100 Climate Neutral Cities

Liam Bergin responded

- DCC expressed in interest in being part of the 100 Climate Neutral Cities
- We believe that the expression of interest should be approved by the City Council
- Much will change in the next 8 years
- We are sharing experiences and partnering Cork for Government funding
- We might be partnering Frankfurt for EU funding

**Order: Presentation Noted**

7. Transportation Update – Brendan O'Brien Executive Manager (Presentation / report Attached)

Members thanked Brendan for his presentation and raised the following questions

- What is the position on the Pedestrianisation of O'Connell Bridge
- Will emission based parking charges be introduced.
- What is the position in relation to the implementation of Neighbourhood Area Schemes / Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes (NOM)
- In the long term one way systems will have to be considered for many road / streets(CS)
- Is there a plan to address the resourcing issue
- Can we have the status of School Zones Schemes implementation (CS)
- The College Green Project must maintain the Northside / Southside connectivity (CS)
- Does the current infrastructure cater adequately for cargo bikes (CS)

- What is your view on the use of Christmas Lights (JC)
- When will progress on the design of Capel Street and pedestrianisation of Parliament Street begin (JC)
- Will further works be carried out on Suffolk Street (CB)
- Has community based transport design been considered (TC)
- What are the plans to deal with displaced traffic owing to bus connects (TC)

Brendan O'Brien responded

- There are options for enhancing pedestrian facilities on O'Connell Bridge
- We want to review parking charges in their entirety that will last for 4 – 5 years
- We are looking at how charging should be structured, size, length, engine size, emissions etc.
- We are implementing Neighbourhood Schemes. Recent projects include, Belmont Ave, D.4., East Wall, Chapelizod and Marino.
- We intend to drive more schemes. Unfortunately there is a resourcing issue, by way of example the Schools Zones Unit Had 3 staff now 1. Staffing is a problem
- Will have the status of School Zone Schemes circulated.
- Part of the Bus Network re-design will ensure the Northside / Southside connectivity will be maintained
- Some of the older cycle lanes are narrow. New infrastructure have improved minimum standards
- Reluctant to see the Christmas Lights removed, perhaps the times can be changed
- It is our intention to keep public lighting on as normal
- A report on the Parliament Street pedestrianisation is going to the South East Area Committee for consideration
- A tendering competition for the redesign of Capel Street is complete
- There is a public realm scheme for Suffolk Street which will be going for Part 8 shortly
- We work with local communities, take submissions from community groups. We will give community based transport design consideration
- Displaced traffic owing to BusConnects will be addressed by the introduction of traffic calming measures where appropriate.

**Order: Presentation Noted**

8. Active travel Programme Office, Chris Manzira, Deputy Director, Active Travel Programme Office

Member thanked Chris for his presentation and wished him every success with implementing the plan. Members raised the following questions / issues

- Is there a plan for a system to assist cyclists navigate the cycling network (MP)
- There seems to little new infrastructure for the Ballyfermot Area (MP)
- Fully supportive of the project (NOM)

Chris Manzira responded

- The NTA is looking at standardised cycling signage for the Greater Dublin Area
- Some of the South Central infrastructure is linked to the BusConnects implementation
- Areas like Drimmagh for example are better suited to Neighbourhood Schemes.

Order: Presentation Noted

9. Motion in the name of Councillor Claire Byrne

*'That this Strategic Policy Committee agrees that Dublin City Council will, in advance of the City hosting Circular Hot Spot in 2023 and to help reach its climate targets, will a step up its efforts towards becoming a more Circular City by:*

- *Becoming a signatory of the EU Circular Cities Declaration*
- *Actively developing solutions to both commercial and domestic food waste in the City*
- *Increasing public recycling infrastructure across the City, including food waste*
- *Increase public drinking water fountains across the City*
- *Creating 'Reuse' points in our Bring Centres across the City*
- *Introducing 'Circular Sundays' in the City to promote the Circular Economy*

**Order: Agreed; it was agreed that Cllrs Pidgeon, Byrne, Stocker and Robert Moss would meet to discuss the motion further. All members of the Committee to be advised**

10. A.O.B.

Councillor Byrne advise that COP ON Climate Festival is taking Place this weekend at the TU Campus Grangegorman

**Order: Noted**

In attendance

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne

Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Trevor Clowry, Public Participation Network

Councillor Joe Costello

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Sally Starbuck, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland

Bernie Guinan, Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland

Councillor John Lyons

Robert Moss, Public Participation Network

Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí

Councillor Michael Pidgeon (Chair)  
Councillor Catherine Stocker  
Councillor Michael Watters

Absent  
Councillor Janice Boylan

Officials

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief executive  
Liam Bergin, Executive Manager  
Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager  
Chris Manzira, Deputy Director, Active Programme Office  
Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer  
Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

**Cllr Michael Pidgeon**  
**Chair, Climate Action**  
**Environment and Energy**  
**Strategic Policy Committee**  
**12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**