



**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND URBAN FORM SPC MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**1. Minutes of Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

**Minutes: Agreed**

**2. Matters arising**

The Chair welcomed New Member, Professor Diarmuid Hegarty, President of Griffith College who is replacing Fergus Sharpe representing Dublin Chamber of Commerce

• **O'Connell Street**

**Agreed** Members to send on thoughts, ideas by e-mail to Odran Reid. Then hope to collate all reports on O'Connell Street prior to next meeting. A working Group may be set up.

• **Inchicore Retail Strategy**

**Agreed:** Copy of letters to be sent to Members which were sent on behalf of the Chair Cllr. Ray McAdam.

A letter was sent to Mr. Jim Conway, Director of The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, reply received from Jim Conway.

A letter was also sent to Mr. Paul Hogan, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

• **Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere Discovery Centre (Update)**

A final round of consultations with local stakeholders has been undertaken, including input from DCC's Access Officer and DCC's Equality Officer. Robbie Sinnott made the point that Disabled Persons Organisations should be closely consulted at every stage.

**Agreed:** Richard Shakespeare to contact City Parks Superintendent regarding interaction with Robbie Sinnott.

• **Heritage Forum (Update)**

Charles Duggan is to agree on the terms of reference and this to go to the CPG in November.

**3. O'Connell Street**

Report postponed till next meeting.

**4. Housing Taskforce Q1 &Q2 Returns.**

Report circulated prior to meeting. Deirdre Scully, Deputy City Planning Officer, went through the report and answered questions raised by the Members.

**Key points:**

The figures only count sites that are 10 units or higher and do not count social housing.

The total number of grants in the City stands at 30,000 approx. at the moment.

There has been an 11% increase in the number of active sites between Q1 last year and Q1 this year.

The 4 Local Authorities are going to track more data and have more information. This information is collated manually.

**Agreed:** To give an update after every Q.

**Report Noted.**

**5. Analysis on the use of the Derelict Sites Act 1990**

Report circulated prior to meeting. Nial Dully, Administrative officer gave a brief presentation on the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and answered questions raised by the Members. The members were informed that The Planning Policy and Legislation Section in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has recently established a Derelict Sites Act Working Group to look at the functioning of the Derelict Sites Act in combatting dereliction.

**Agreed:** PowerPoint presentation to be sent to Members.

Working Group will report back on top 3 recommendations.

**Report Noted.**

**6. A.O.B.**

Robbie Sinnott wanted to make the point that all plans whether for Traffic /Housing should be in an accessible format to include word documents and description of images.

**Agreed:** Chair will follow up with the CPG in November.

**7. Date of next meeting:**

7<sup>th</sup> December 10am 2022

**Councillor Ray McAdam  
Chairperson  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)  
John Lyons  
Anthony Connaghan

**Members:**

Declan Meenagh  
Robbie Sinnott

**Members:**

Odran Reid  
Prof. Diarmuid Heagarty  
Sophie Nicoulaud

**Officers:**

Richard Shakespeare  
John O'Hara  
Deirdre Scully

**Officers:**

Nial Dully  
Kathy McHugh

**Officers:**

Aileen Mac Dermott  
Jonathan Fallon

**Apologies:**

Daithí De Róiste  
Tom Brabazon  
Alison Gilliland  
Anna Devlin  
Jonny McKenna

**Apologies:**

Dearbháil Butler  
Patricia Roe