

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
8th May 2023**

Motion 1 from Councillor Claire O'Connor and Dermot Lacey

What are we going to do about Sandymount?

Sandymount village and especially Serpentine / Tritonville road and Sydney Parade Avenue have had to deal with excessive traffic in the last few months. No traffic management plan is in place other than diverting traffic through these completely unsuitable roads.

The Dart line creates a particular boundary for Sandymount and in itself has led to extensive traffic queues at each crossing. The impact of traffic standing still waiting to move is unsafe as it creates rat running, Serpentine Avenue being particularly badly effected due to the extended closures on this junction. Drivers trying to beat the lights are regularly crashing here.

These roads are now being used by heavy vehicles, including 8 wheeler dump trucks and double decker buses because there is no control of access. Tritonville Road is now dealing with the impact of this. There has been at least 7 burst pipe events on the road since October with water flowing freely overnight.

Sandymount roads are unsafe to use for pedestrians, cyclists and residents. Traffic jams from Strand Road to St. Vincent's are now featuring on traffic reports in the morning. St. Vincent's is now becoming a rat run, as are other roads in the Ballsbridge area to allow access to Sandymount that eliminates Serpentine from journeys.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC deplores any attempts by approved housing bodies or indeed the council to evict household pets from their tenants. Further, that a full comprehensive policy and due process be afforded to this issue. Many residents and tenants rely on their pets for a myriad of reasons. Man and animal have been close companions since the dawn of time. Many animal welfare organisations are actively involved in protecting animals and one of the greatest ways of doing that is to have pets in your home. Indeed there are huge campaigns about adopting dogs. Indeed before there was a bill of human rights there was a bill of animal rights by the great advocate Humanity Dick (Richard Martin).

With the recent outcry from the public political groupings and tenants around the reactivation of eviction notices surely now this issue of pets being evicted by approved housing bodies deserves the same attention.

Many of those housed by approved housing bodies and the like are tenants of DCC and come through DCC housing and allocations services. Dublin City Council needs to take the lead on this in order to give confidence to the many individuals who live in approved housing bodies and the like who are in dreadful fear that their pets will be evicted. This is a wrong approach.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Dublin Cycling Campaign and other such pro cycling groups to actively promote and endorse the wearing of helmets for cyclists and e-scooter users and the like. It is unacceptable that such bodies would not endorse the absolute safety of all cyclists and scooter users on our roads. In a recent report regarding single cyclists who had accidents on the Luas line, head injuries were the most serious cause for concern in the report as many of those individual cyclists had not been wearing a safety helmet. While we hand out bicycle lights in the middle of winter and rightly so, the Dublin Cycling Campaign and others need now to endorse and support the mandatory wearing of helmets for those cyclists and scooter users using the roads. At a recent meeting of the

subcommittee of the walking and cycling it was revealed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) that the Dublin Cycling Campaign and others did not support calls for the mandatory wearing of helmets. We know from surveys that were done in the past that there is this hair brained idea that if people have to wear helmets they won't go cycling? Well this needs to be rubbished and stopped. If one was to take the example of the smoking ban or indeed if one was to look at mandatory wearing of safety belts in cars and the foreboding around those issues but we now know they are the norm saving many people's lives and many from catastrophic injury.

Motion 4 from Councillor Pat Dunne, Tara Deacy, Carolyn Moore, Daithí Doolan, Daniel Ceitinn

That this area committee is committed to the development of the Brickfield Park dressing rooms in line with the plans drafted by DCC and calls on Dublin City Council to prioritise it in the current Capital Programme of Work; we also call on Dublin City Council to consult with local residents through a Citizen Hub engagement and commence the Part 8 planning process as soon as possible.

Motion 5 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee welcomes the installation of a new pedestrian traffic light on Armagh Road in Crumlin. We also welcome the resurfacing with new tarmacadam of the roadway.

In order to maintain the road safety for pedestrians and school children we ask for the speedbumps to be reinstated where previously they were at four locations on the roadway. In addition, can we reinstate the colourful red and yellow road markings to highlight awareness of the presence of the schools?

Motion 6 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to write to the Gardaí to address the ongoing issue of anti-social behaviour on Long Lane.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install drinking water fountains in all the parks in the South East Area.

Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please arrange a meeting with the residents of Magennis Square to discuss possible improvements and maintenance plans for the public space there.

Motion 9 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agrees in some way to mark the life of James "Jimmy" Nicholl, who lost his life in an attempt to save the life of another man in the River Liffey on the morning of Saturday 8th April 2023.

Motion 10 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee writes to the Chief Executive of Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE) seeking an outline of their plans for the cleaning and refurbishment of their rail bridges, which in many locations within the city are externally in a state of disrepair or covered in unsightly graffiti tags.