



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023

- 1 **Presentation on Temple Bar Square Area Improvement Scheme**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Report on John's Lane East Open Space Refurbishment Proposal**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 11 September 2023**
Order: Agreed. The committee congratulated Cllr. Claire Byrne on her recent marriage.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 26th September 2023.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning & Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of Fee Simple interest in 114 Sundrive Road.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **Housing & Community Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Community Grants Scheme and informal Adult Education Scheme 2023.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 7 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of Executive Manager.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at Chapel Avenue as 1 - 2 Hamilton Row.
Order: Agreed.
- 8 **Motions 9 October 2023**
Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey
This committee requests the manager to revert to the situation in which Dartmouth Square is closed at night time.
Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an update on all current proposals for the Gulistan site and further requests the manager to initiate a bi-monthly meeting between members and the Health Services Executive in order to expedite the overall development of the site.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee;

- agrees to support improved safety measures at the Church Avenue and Rathmines Road Upper junction for safe crossings to be made for pedestrians and cyclist including and limited to, every available measure within Dublin City Council's tool book including zebra crossings which are now being piloted in areas of the city;
- acknowledges the significant flow of children and parents with children who are crossing at this junction on the way or leaving the significant number of schools and pre-schools in the adjacent area, including, but not limited to Kildare Place School,
- recognises that parents have already submitted an application for measures to be introduced bearing reference number (TRF 544567607); and

requests that after an inspection has been carried out during relevant peak hours of the morning, a meeting take place between relevant persons in the schools and pre-schools as well as parents to discuss what can be implemented at this junction.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee seeks to have the following issues in Heskin Court addressed and to be updated on how the ongoing estate management problems there can be addressed:

Issues at Heskin Court are as follows:

- Gate to car park broke five weeks.
- Rubbish in car park mounting up every day and has been reported every week for the last six months or more.
- Pathways need to be power washed to make the place look respectable.
- Waste bins need to be replaced or cleaned as they are stinking and have not been cleaned since they were installed 15 years ago.
- Windows and doors need to be painted; when we requested this before we were told that they were PVC they are not they are wooden and they are disgraceful.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on the board of the Saint Patrick's Day Festival in the interest of accountability and transparency, and public interest, to release all documents regarding two recent reports into governance and administration of the festival, and these documents not be censored or redacted in anyway.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the Southeast Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council Audit Committee to carry out a full appraisal and investigation and overview of all monies, financial assistance and properties that were given to the Peter McVerry Trust by Dublin City Council over the past number of years.

Order: Refer to Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

Motion 7 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees, further to Motion 11 on February 2023 that the School Zone / Safe Route to School is advanced for St. Mary's National School in Donnybrook.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees, in accordance with the planning objective of CSO4 of the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2022 - 2028, to proceed with the preparation for a Local Area Plan / Village Improvement Plan for Donnybrook.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

That this committee writes again to the Minister for Social and Family Affairs reminding her of the serious problem the closure of the Citizens' Information Centre continues to cause to the citizens of Rathmines. When a service is terminated it doesn't mean that the need for the service disappears. People in the area now have to go to the Garda station to get help with filling in forms, we as on City Council are very much aware of the huge demand on Garda time and it's inappropriate that they have to take on this type of work. Older people who don't have computer competencies are very much isolated and unable to access services. Rathmines has a large population of older people who live alone and are dependent on face to face services as many don't have extended family support. In the past the Minister has told us that this is an issue for the CI Board, this committee reminds the Minister that she has bottom line responsibility for delivery of this service and calls on her yet again to have the face to face Citizens Information Service reinstated in Rathmines.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

That the Libraries Department update us on progress on commemoration plaques on the following, on foot of motions agreed early in 2023 to the Commemoration Committee:

- A plaque to commemorate the Writer James Plunkett Kelly (author of Strumpet City and many other publications) at 25 Richmond Hill, Rathmines.
- The Swan River Pier on Rathgar Road. A conservation plan was put in place to protect this only surviving pier and a visual presentation of the story of the river to be erected in the window of the neighbouring restaurant.

This committee agrees that we receive early notice of these presentations and that the department keeps in contact with proposer on progress.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

This committee agreed in the past that a "Don't feed the birds" sign with explanation about the dangers of feeding birds be erected in a prominent place and easy to read format on the Swan Leisure Plaza. To date this hasn't happened and it continues to be a problem for people sitting around the plaza and a danger to birds. This committee reiterates the earlier decision and agrees that we receive a report stating when this sign will be erected.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

I would like to propose a motion that the Traffic Department examines the no right turn from the Lower Kimmage Road onto Aideen Avenue, as it is posing a danger to residents in particular children who are playing out as drivers use the illegal turn as a rat run. Could the Traffic Department consider interventions that would create a safer space for all residents of Aideen Avenue and Aideen Drive? This illegal turn impacts on many adjacent roads in the area as the cars continue east bound through the estate onto the Harold's Cross Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee notes that there are numerous traffic, cycling, pedestrian, parking, and infrastructural issues along Sundrive Road and its side roads. We also note that recent developments with the installation of new and upgraded traffic lights is a genuine attempt to improve safety but acknowledge that some of these are creating unintended problems.

We wish to ask the manager to engage with local residents and to urgently develop a comprehensive plan to tackle road safety, traffic and accessibility problems along Sundrive Road by involving the relevant DCC departments (Traffic / Planning), Gardaí and the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Residents themselves have listed in their own words some of the issues and we ask for these to be addressed and considered in the report to this motion.

Junction of Clogher Road and Sundrive Road

The filter light for turning right from Sundrive Road (coming from Centra shop direction) onto Clogher Road is covered over. It looks like the filter is still active but is not visible, so cyclists and motorists taking the right turn don't know who has right of way. It is an accident waiting to happen.

Pedestrian Crossing at Crumlin Road to Sundrive Road

Can you have the timing on the pedestrian crossing / traffic lights adjusted outbound on the Crumlin Road please? I cross here in the late afternoon with my child and time and time again the pedestrian light goes green and a car makes a dash through the lights. It is very unsafe for children crossing, particularly so close to the schools.

Outside 292 Sundrive Road

The workers of Crèche Kiddies Korner (292 Sundrive Road) are constantly parking their cars outside the gardens of residents' houses.

They are parking on the path, obstructing the path. It is listed in their planning that staff must park to the rear of the premises. Dublin City Council are apathetic to the issue and will not investigate.

It is impacting the view of school children crossing the road. Also, a cyclist collided with a pedestrian on the 19th September, as the pedestrian could not see past the car obstructing their view.

Could we please have some enforcement on this business, who are ignoring the planning agreement that they signed. Staff parking to the rear of the premises is listed as an explicit condition they must abide by.

Between 53 - 87 Sundrive Road

I am a resident on Sundrive Road and have been in touch with Martina Halpin from DCC previously Ref No: 7013348.

There are continual issues with accessing our homes from Sundrive Road home and vice versa. This is largely to do with people double parking their cars, largely to access the park, the mechanics, hair shop, cafes etc. I understand businesses need to operate, however the double parking blocks us residents from accessing our homes. One occasion, I had to call the Garda to highlight that I couldn't get to work as I was blocked in. When they arrived they informed me they could not do anything as there were no road markings (no parking sign or double yellow line).

There is only one set of double yellow lines for this entire section of Sundrive Road. Access, whenever possible, is deadly with the above mentioned double parking, along with the 83 bus turning onto Sundrive from Stannaway Road. We have witnessed many accidents here including an incident with an older lady and the 83 bus, as well as a cyclist being knocked off his bike, with an ambulance being called to scene. The road is chaotic - no road markings for residents, extremely poor traffic management and no guidelines currently in place. I have submitted pictures previously under the above reference.

Another resident at same location

I live at Sundrive part of red bricked terraced houses from Council yard to the park. The footpath is regularly blocked by cars illegally parked - actually sometimes just dumped while people go to nearby cafes / hairdressers / electric shop and I've noticed too that near the council yard it's sometimes so congested that a wheelchair user could not get by and the short double yellow line is constantly ignored - maybe people don't notice it, it needs to be extended. My partner recently could not exit for work and was late as a result. This needs urgent attention by city council.

Cycling Lanes

Could you look at adding cycle lanes on Sundrive Road? It is a main thoroughfare for a lot of cyclists but can be hairy at times when cars speed past and in particular at junctions when there are 2 lanes of traffic and no space for bicycles.

Current road resurfacing and markings

An area around Sundrive Green has been resurfaced - can more details be provided and will this continue the full length of Sundrive Road? When will the road markings be done, as the lack of them at the moment is causing safety issues?

Footpath resurfacing

Could the uneven footpath around the Centra shop (148 Sundrive Road) area be upgraded, made smooth and even?

Road Markings at shops

New white parking guide lines are marked out 'on the angle' at the shops from Cambridge Motors to Get Fresh - similar to the road markings at the shops in Rialto village.

Road safety issues

There have been a number of road safety issues that have arisen from the interventions along Sundrive Road. These include rat running and speeding along smaller streets to avoid the traffic build-up along Sundrive - example Ferns and Kildare Road. With the possibility of more traffic issues related to the proposed Kimmage Bus Connects diverting traffic through this area, traffic management plans need to be introduced to resolve these issues.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if planning guidelines pertaining to the installation of home electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure which crosses a public footpath can be published by DCC. In the Local Electoral Area (LEA) of Kimmage Rathmines a large number of residents don't have a driveway in which to install a charger or charge an EV, and a number of 'solutions' to facilitate safe charging of EVs on a public road are now on the market. DCC should provide clear guidance to citizens outlining which of these measures are subject to planning permission, and which of these measures are subject to enforcement if no planning has been sought.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee supports the live-aboard community in Grand Canal Dock and along our water ways in their rejection of the proposed changes to the Water Ways Ireland Bye Laws.

Order: Deferred to November South East Area Committee meeting.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 9 October 2023.

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if we can arrange for tree cutting on Rosary Terrace which is blocking residents light.

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to provide for cleansing of shores along Rosary Terrace.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

There is a tree root raising the path outside details supplied and when heavy rain falls outside these two properties, the path gets flooded and their exterior front walls have become damp and also the interior wall is damp from this flooding. Can the Council call out to investigate and have the necessary work carried to prevent this flooding?

Can I get an update on when this house will be ready for occupants?

Q.4 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to repair street lighting along Pembroke Cottages, Ringsend and cleanse shores in the Pembroke Cottages, Ringsend area.

Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

Dublin City Council to cleanse shores in the Pembroke Cottages area.

Q.6 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to erect dog fouling signs around Pembroke Cottages and remove two traffic signs which is causing confusion as it is a one way system.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the issues referred to in the email submitted with this question relating to the green space area at Beggars Bush Court.

"Beggars Bush Court is a Dublin City Council sheltered housing complex home to 56 (+-) residents all in advancing years of 60 plus.

I trust, I have your attention young Lady.

I have an ongoing problem with a 50/50 dispute involving Dublin City Council and a small minority of residents within this normally harmonious elderly community.

NB. Beggars Bush Court is part of the old Barracks of that name dating back to pre-1900 and was exceptionally active during the establishment of this country as we know it today. I live in part of the officers' quarters that where. The building is solid. The memories vexed.

It is with great shame that I have to report that Dublin City Council have not taken any steps to rectify the removal of either floral or fauna from my community. The place is knee deep in rat faeces, used dentures, people from Donegal and hedge trimmings that are now the burrowing areas of rats

I am not amused

People are now wantonly hacking with malice the pure green fabric of a blanket that has covered Beggar's Bush Court and the very least, brain people have taken it upon themselves without council permission to hack into nature for the self-satisfaction of what is an area not one of them lives in,

Sick to my back teeth people chopping down greenery in inner city areas.”

Q.8 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for cutting back the hedgerow at Bushy Park boundary with Rathdown Avenue to facilitate pedestrians walking safely.

Q.9 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to come back to the South East Area Committee with feasible and pragmatic options to deal with the Herzog project both in terms of the park, park boundary and car park, given that this project has been committed to for years but now faces the challenge of increased costs due to the delay and the additional issue of Japanese knotweed.

Q.10 Councillor Anne Feeney

To once again ask the manager to consider installing double yellow lines on both sides of Castlewood Avenue. Some driveways are regularly blocked by cars parking in front of them. There is no needs for parking on this road as the houses have drives for private parking. Currently one side of the road has permit parking and the other side has no parking.

Q.11 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to follow up on a request from residents of Brookfield, Kimmage (near KCR junction) to have overgrown trees pruned in the estate and to install badly needed street lights in the estate. These requests have been promised to residents for years and again this year, with a promise that it will be done by end of September. The estate has no lighting after 8pm and has 78 trees, most of which need pruning. There is a safety and security issue in not addressing this as soon as possible.

Q.12 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to prioritise resurfacing of Fortfield Road and Lavarna Grove.

The condition of Fortfield Road in particular (a main link road) is extremely bad, with potholes, patched repairs that are disintegrating and speed bumps (unlit by cat's eyes) which have holes in them.

There was a serious accident on Fortfield road recently resulting in injuries to a cyclist who had to receive hospital treatment.

This road is on the boundary with South Dublin County Council and as such appears to have been neglected for much needed repairs. The resurfacing of Lavarna Grove and maintenance of speed bumps also need to be progressed if further accidents are to be avoided.

Q.13 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager for an update in relation to the request to remove permit parking on Cambridge Road, which is having an adverse effect on a small garage business. Residents in the vicinity are supportive of the request from the garage owner.

Q.14 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to address an urgent need on children safety grounds for a traffic lights and pedestrian crossing at the junction of Church Avenue and Rathmines Road Upper. This has been requested on numerous occasions and is badly needed given a primary and Montessori school nearby and no safe crossing on this very busy road.

Q.15 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager for an update on why the badly maintained pole in Ashdale Gardens has not yet been restored. When I raised this question some months ago, I was told it would be repaired and restored during the summer of 2023.

Q.16 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if an inspection could be carried out at Alma Court, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 where the speeds which cars and vans are doing on this narrow lane is of major concern to residents in the area; if as part of this inspection new traffic calming measures could be considered and if a site visit with residents could be arranged to discuss possibilities of available measures, including signage or ramps.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the use of the community rooms at the York Street apartments? This report include all present usage and who has been using these rooms since the building was opened in 2009. And what procedures are in place in order for the community and residence to gain 1 1access to the rooms and what fees if any are involved in the hiring of these rooms.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to the working order of the umbrellas in meeting house Temple Bar?

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full update regarding the works at Temple Bar Square? This report to include whether works would be carried out at Fownes Street as the street is seriously, dilapidated and dangerous to pedestrians.

- Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager confirm whether the live crib will be reinstated at the Mansion House this Christmas?
- Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager have a full assessment and evaluation of all the wooden landings at the York Street apartments? Numerous residents have complained regarding the dangerous state of the decking outside of their homes. It would appear the wood is rotten and needs to be replaced.
- Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager supply a full report as to how many commercial properties Dublin City Council has in the South East Area that are occupied and leased out and also how many of these properties unoccupied and where these properties are.
- Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager investigate the possibility of Dublin City Council initiating a publicity campaign that encourages cyclist to wear helmets?
- Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing issues that are affecting the residents and community regarding build outs and changing of the road layout and parking at Seafort Avenue, Sandymount?
- Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager give an update regarding the school zones initiative that was agreed for St. Enda's School at Whitefriar Street?
- Q.26 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the Area Manager if a contra-flow cycle lane could be installed on Oakley Road that would enable, in particular, children and parents, travelling to *Scoil Bhríde and Lios na nÓg* by bicycle to safely go up and down to school each morning and afternoon.
- Q.27 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the Area Manager if any cycle measures are proposed for some wide streets in Dublin that have no protected cycle lanes, including but not limited to, Waterloo Road, Clyde Road, Eglin Road, Raglan Road and Pembroke Park.
- Q.28 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the Area Manager if a contra-flow cycle lane could be installed on Maxwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6.
- Q.29 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the Area Manager if there is any solution that could be put forward which would enable a safe crossing between both sides of Milltown Road and Richmond Avenue South junction for pedestrians and cyclists alike, which could be coupled with a contra-flow cycle lane on Richmond Avenue South.
- Q.30 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the Area Manager, further to discussions that were raised at the previous area meeting with the new traffic manager for the area, and question 77 submitted on the 10/07/2023 and reply given, whether planters, on a pilot basis, on Morehampton Terrace, can be placed on the existing

double yellow lines themselves, not the footpaths, and the footpath would remain unobstructed and the planter would prevent anyone parking on the lines.

Q.31 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Have the additional staff been recruited to the Schools Mobility Programme?

This was due to happen in August. There are many schools in the area that need attention of the schools team as a matter of urgency, as the safety of pupils is being compromised with the lack of school markings. In particular the new schools located in the old greyhound stadium on the Harold's Cross Road need markings, as they are new and there are in excess of 400 children, students, families and staff accessing the site daily.

Q.32 Councillor Fiona Connelly

The fence along the back path adjoining Mount Argus Crescent has been damaged and is in need of repair.

Could Dublin City Council (DCC) please prioritise the repair of this fence; the street has been taken in charge by DCC.



Q.33 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if updates could be given in relation to Question 41, from the 14th November 2022 on traffic calming measures for Kilfenora Road and Devenish Road, as almost a full year has passed since their original request.

Q.34 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Could the manager arrange for a follow up with two addresses (details supplied) where there have been issues with a tree immediately outside cracking the footpath and in one case the crack damaging a private wall.

Q.35 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Could the manager outline all footpath repairs scheduled to take place in the Dublin 12 and Dublin 6W areas in Q4 2023 and Q1 2024.

Q.36 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager if he will arrange for a full and thorough cleaning of the housing lanes in the 'new houses' estate off Sean Moore Road as they have been allowed to become overgrown and unkempt.

(The lanes run between the sections of Bremen Road, Bremen to Kyleclare Road, Kyleclare Road to Cymric Road, and parallel to Pine Road from Cambridge club house down to Sean Moore Road, connecting each of the smaller roads. In particular the ones around Bremen and Kyleclare were quite overgrown but the others are in need of cleaning too.)

- Q.37 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager if he will arrange for weeding and tidying up of the communal areas in George Reynolds House.
- Q.38 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager if he will modify by way of dishing the footpath at the end of Bremen Road which connects to Pine Road to improve accessibility as the footpath is not disability- or age-friendly in its current form, and if he will ensure appropriate lighting at both ends by cutting back the trees which are obscuring one light and by installing a second light at the Bremen Road end of the path.
- Q.39 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager to arrange to have the courtyard light in McDonagh House fixed, as it flickers and goes on and off at various times for different lengths of time?
- Q.40 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager to have the stairwell in McDonagh House power hosed, as the new surface on the stairs is causing everything to stick to them and they are very dirty.
- Q.41 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager to have the external waste pipe that runs down the wall at (details supplied) replaced, as the existing one is porous and there are small leaks coming from the rusty points as seen in photo in details supplied?
- Q.42 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager if he will arrange for a cleaning of 'The Drain' adjacent to Ringsend Park.
- Q.43 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**
To ask the manager if he will put in place a permanent solution to the unsafe steps at Ringsend Library, which were recently painted yellow by the local residents to improve visibility, but which urgently require a permanent solution to prevent further injury.
- Q.44 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**
To ask the Chief Executive and Local Area Manager how Dublin City Council can support the necessity of Grand Canal Dock residential houseboat owners, living standard in their barge/canal boat. I am aware that many residents appropriately live on their canal houseboat, from history and in heritage, in London, and many parts of Europe and the world, therefore, Dublin City Council is enquired about this issue can be resolved. Enquirer states:

I am writing to call for Waterways Ireland Bye-Laws 2023 to be rejected by DCC in line with other councils across the country. As a community of residential houseboat owners living in Grand Canal Dock for the last decade, we are opposed to the updates to the canal bye-laws proposed by Waterways Ireland. While we recognise the need for the existing bye-laws to be updated, the proposed changes would significantly and negatively affect us and other houseboat communities living on the canal system. Below I outline our key concerns but I also attach an explanatory PDF compiled by the GCD Bye-Law working group to provide some insight into the value and potential of live aboard communities on the canal system.

Summary of Key Concerns:

1. Both the proposed changes to the bye-laws and the inadequate consultation process by both Waterways Ireland and KPMG, on behalf of WI, omit the history and heritage of houseboat communities across the country and, in doing so, misses an opportunity to see both their value and potential as vibrant scaled-down low-carbon urban and rural communities, in line with the Government's Climate Action Plan 2023. We call for a reviewed consultation process that is carried out with the Irish government's climate and housing policies as a baseline and in line with the government's recent 'Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making'.
2. As also stated by IRBOA, we object in the strongest possible terms to the monetization of our waterways and the selective targeting of one group of users i.e. boaters, through the raising of fees (between 400-2000%). The raise in fees ultimately means that many members of the houseboat community would face eviction and potential homelessness. We call for protection of existing houseboat communities through a Bye-Law Legacy Exemption Practice which would allow new rules to be enacted while safeguarding dwellings at existing moorings.
3. The proposed fee schedule presented by KPMG in their 'Pricing Strategy' document is a key concern. There is currently no transparent costing matrix outlined in the KPMG document. We recommend that the fees schedule is not included as part of the bye-laws and that a transparent costing process be carried out, which also considers existing live aboard communities.
4. From our perspective and as stated by IRBOA, Waterways Ireland has not carried out a proper consultation process. One online survey carried out by KPMG that did not reach all boat owners is insufficient to inform a legal document that will affect hundreds of families and boat owners across the country. It is also important to point out here that houseboat owners on the Shannon were not allowed to complete the survey because they didn't have a canal permit number.
5. The proposed bye-laws document does not outline issues of governance and accountability. The amendments to the bye-laws will allow, for example, revoking of permits without an independent third-party appeals process. We call for governance issues and accountability within the organisation to be addressed in order that the organisation ensures due diligence towards all the waterways stakeholders.

Q.45 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive and Local Area Manager and Traffic Dept., regarding a pedestrian safety issue on on Rathmines Upper Road at the junction of Church Avenue, in particular for young children walking and cycling.

The detail from the enquirer states:

"This is a really busy junction for pedestrians, particularly children as Belgrave Montessori school has two facilities located at the top and bottom of Church Avenue and Rathmines Road Upper, Kildare Place School is located on Rathmines Road Upper and the route is used for children travelling by foot, bike and scooter to Lios na nOg and Scoil Bhride primary schools. Currently, there are no traffic lights or pedestrian crossings anywhere near this junction (It is roughly 192 meters from the traffic lights

in Rathmines village to Church Avenue and 362 meters from the traffic lights in Tranquilla Park to Church Avenue). This means the majority of adults and children are crossing at this dangerous Church Avenue junction at peak traffic times. This is not a safe area to cross as there is so much traffic and a lot of cars are parked on the street, obscuring the view of oncoming traffic. The Manager of Belgrave Montessori would very much welcome a visit to demonstrate the difficulties pedestrians have in crossing at this junction.

A case has been opened with Dublin City Council (TRF 544567607) ideally traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing would be installed.”

Q.46 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive and Local Area Manager in regard to revision of Gulistan land disposal, whilst it is necessary to provide Primary Care Centre in certain areas with many residents in need, this enquiry has details from an architect living in Rathmines.

The enquirer states:

I call on you to reject the terms of the Gulistan land disposal at your meeting on Monday. My understanding is that the HSE did not fulfil their terms in agreements to date. Furthermore, a Primary Care Centre is inappropriate on the site as:

1. The proposed PCC underground commercial car park is not acceptable as it is wrongly located due to its access via narrow, residential streets and is superfluous to the private parking requirements in Rathmines. The extent of the Swan's basement parking is shown in red below.
2. All other Dublin PCC's are located on highways that allow rapid, direct drop offs and direct public transport connections for patients to the PCC front door. The proposed PCC location to the back of the backlands site of Gulistan is thus exclusionary and an unnecessary change from the existing, familiar and convenient medical facilities within the Swan Centre. It is my understanding that those facilities can be expanded upon considerably quicker than a new build PCC to address the neighbourhood's urgent medical requirements.
3. The proposed PCC pharmacy will negatively draw trade away from Rathmines' main street and the family owned pharmacies of Rathmines.
4. The loss of any public land for what is private profit, typically benefitting foreign cuckoo pension funds as is the case of PCCs, is unacceptable.
5. The PCC's proposed massing beside Gulistan cottages is excessive.

Q.47 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on Portobello Harbour redevelopment? We are way off meeting the timelines proposed back in May. Can the manager please outline what is causing the delay and provide new timelines for the next consultation, the finalisation of the plan, the commencement of works and the completion date?

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what enforcement is taking place regarding private vehicles parking on Fosters Place?

- Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please include the electricity box at the entrance to the Tom Clarke Bridge near Saint Patrick's Rowing Club in the Dublin Canvass Project so it can be creatively painted?
- Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please identify a location in Grand Canal Street / Beggars Bush area to some plant trees that a local resident has that need a home?
- Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the Discretionary Fund 2023, what projects have been completed, what projects are outstanding and when they might be completed?
- Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the Green Infrastructure plan for the Whitefriar Street area?
- Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the following housing projects:
- Saint Andrew's Court
 - Fishamble Street
- Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate whether the following properties (details supplied) have planning permission to operate as Airbnb?
- Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please remove the following useless / vacant poles in the South East Area (see attachment also) to reduce street clutter and can he provide a timeline for when these works will be completed:
- Merrion Row, outside McNally's Opticians.
 - Nassau Street, across from House of Names at wall of Trinity College.
 - Dawson Street, outside Marco Pierre White.
 - Drury Street, outside Jenny Vander.
- Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager can he please remove the signage from the heritage lamp on Wicklow Street at the junction of South William Street outside Laduree?
- Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne**
Can the Area Manager ask our Waste Management & Public Domain sections install public litter bins along the canal on Parnell Road from Rialto to Harold's Cross Bridge? This well used footpath currently has no bins and as a result can often be littered.

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks and Street Lighting Sections to carry out a tree pruning programme and upgrade the street lighting in Brookfield Estate, Kimmage, adjacent to the KCR? Residents in this estate complain that the night-time lighting is almost zero. See request below from the local residents.

"I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Brookfield about getting DCC to come into our estate to prune the overgrown trees and sort out our non-existing street lights in the estate. They have promised they would do this for us for years and again, this year. They said they would come in by the end of September but we feel this may not happen, as we cannot get a date as to when the Contractor will do the job.

DCC will not confirm either when they will come to inspect the lighting.

Cars have been broken into in the past few weeks with one car vandalised four times. All because the estate has zero lighting after 8pm. The overgrowth of trees (there are 78 trees and 90 houses in the estate! We are worried for the residents and their visitors' health and safety."

Q.59 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Traffic Advisory Group to examine the junction of Clonard Road and Kildare Road with a view to improve user safety? The mini roundabout at this junction does little to protect pedestrians and cyclists and also presents dangers for motorists. There have been many accidents at this junction over the years with the most recent only two weeks ago when a local cyclist was knocked off her bike.

Q.60 Councillor Pat Dunne

I have previously received a commitment that the old red brick traffic ramps on St. Teresa's be replaced with asphalted ramps. I did ask at the time to include Stannaway Avenue in these works. Can you confirm that the ramps on Stannaway Avenue will be included in this programme of works?

Q.61 Councillor Pat Dunne

Following reports of children having been attacked and bitten by a pit bulldog in Brickfield Park on Sunday, 24th September and numerous other reports of dogs running wild, off-lead, particularly in Eamonn Ceannt Park, can the Parks Superintendent provide a report on what safety measures are being introduced for park users?

A constituent recently wrote in relation to Eamonn Ceannt Park, "As is, there are dogs who are not under the direct control of their owners, and this is frightening for small kids and others who fear dogs. The playground is the only place which is dog-free, which really limits children's enjoyment of the park."

Q.62 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the various Traffic Islands and newly built out footpaths in the Dublin 12 area be greened as they are almost all bare concrete and paving, this greening would enhance the look of the area and bring positive environmental results.

Q.63 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ascertain who owns the laneway between details supplied?

Q.64 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if an interim measure can be considered to make the approach to Emmet Bridge coming from Clanbrassil Street safer for cyclists before the proposed BusConnects redesign of the bridge takes place. The current allocation of road space, along with the wall at the outer edge of the footpath, create a pinch point for cyclists when vehicles encroach into the cycle lane. Some segregation of the cycle lane here, possible removal of the wall, and / or designation of the inner lane as a bus / cycle lane only at peak hours would help. Could these measures be considered? (See image attached.)



Q.65 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the long potholes, of about 3 metres in length, between the road and the footpath outside Tesco on Upper Rathmines Road (opposite the post office) can be urgently filled or repaired? They present a hazard to both cyclists and pedestrians and have been in a dangerous condition for a significant amount of time.

Q.66 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if planning permission can be sought for the installation of a 'Kerb Charge Duct'. (See image attached) Is it possible to apply for permission to carry out this work to facilitate on street charging from the private home, and if so what is the permission the resident would need to apply for?



Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the trees on Mount Tallant Avenue can be scheduled for pruning before the next nesting season starts. In particular the tree outside (details supplied) requires pruning, as currently the trees are blocking out the street lights, leading to anti-social behaviour and causing a danger for children walking to school on dark winter mornings.

Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager what if the two trees planted roughly two years ago on Clonmacnoise triangle green can be inspected with a view to preserving them from further decline. Residents report the trees have fallen into a state of decline and would like the necessary action to be taken to restore them to good health and help them establish.

Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if a list of all street trees removed in the Crumlin, Kimmage and Drimnagh area of the Kimmage Rathmines Local Electoral Area (LEA) over the last six months can be provided.

Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager for an update on when the signalised pedestrian crossing is expected at the new traffic lights at the intersection at Sundrive Road and Clogher Road at St. Bernadette's Church?

Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager when the tree pruning in Brookfield estate is scheduled to take place. The estate has a deficit of on-street lighting and this is currently being further limited by the trees, with the rest that vandalism, car-theft and anti-social behaviour is occurring on the darkened streets. Can the Area Manager commit to rectifying this before the dark winter evenings? Can Brookfield further be considered for a review of existing street lighting and the installation of additional lights if needed.

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 9 October 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Danny Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Hazel Chu
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Fiona Connelly
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
Paddy McCartan

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Mark Ginnetty
Karl Mitchell
Neil O'Donoghue

Brian Hanney
Neil Nerney

John MacEvilly
Fiona O'Brien

Apologies:

Claire Byrne