

## Minutes Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee

### (Sub-Committee of the Traffic & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

**Date:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Time:** 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** MS Teams Online Meeting

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Cllr Keith Connolly (KC), Cllr Caroline Conroy (CC), Martin Hoey (MH), Cllr Janet Horner (JH), Gary Kearney (GK), Cllr Carolyn Moore (CM), Colm Ryder (CR), Fergus Sharpe (FS), Cllr Larry O'Toole (LOT), Jane Hackett (JHackett), Mary Tallant (MT), Superintendent Gary McPolin (GP)

**DCC Officials:** Antonia Martin (AM), Deirdre Kelly (DK), Niamh NíCholmain (NNiC)

**Minutes by:** Antonia Martin

\*Cllr Mannix Flynn did not receive an invitation to the meeting due to an administrative error.

ITEM	<u>Summary</u>	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Cllr JH welcomed members to the meeting, and invited new members to introduce themselves:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Jane Jackett, National Manager, Green-Schools Travel Programme. Will provide a voice for school children.</li><li>➤ Mary Tallant, National Disability Authority (NDA), Senior Standards Officer. The NDA provides the government on disability matters. Currently leading a</li></ul></li></ul>		

	<p>project on a system of monitoring of public services which is starting with accessibility of Transport services. The system is being piloted this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Michael Aherne, National Transport Authority (NTA), Head of Transport Development which includes management of sustainable transport grants, e.g. funding of Royal Canal Phase II Cycle Route. Remit does not include Bus Connects.</li> <li>➤ Superintendent Gary McPolin, An Garda Síochána (AGS), DMR Roads Policing Division. AM advised members that GP would join meeting at 12noon.</li> </ul>		
2. Minutes of previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Previous minutes agreed unanimously.</li> </ul>		
2. Terms of Reference (ToR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amended ToR circulated with agenda.</li> <li>➤ No proposed amendments received.</li> <li>➤ Members adopted new ToR.</li> <li>➤ AM to circulate clean version.</li> </ul>	AM	With minutes
3. Presentation DCC Communication & Promotion Unit (Active Transportation) – 2020 Review and 2021 Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2020 Review presented by Deirdre Kelly, Cycling &amp; Walking Officer</li> <li>➤ 2021 Plan presented by Antonia Martin, Communication &amp; Promotion Officer</li> <li>➤ Points noted from Q&amp;A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PPN will support 2021 engagement strategy;</li> <li>- Unfortunate to see increase in car usage and access to car park by DCC staff during pandemic;</li> <li>- New Schools Outreach Officer is liaising with St. Finian’s School, Finglas to address concerns re. newly installed School Zone;</li> <li>- Training and education is required when e-scooters are regulated. E-scooters can be addressed in the Walking &amp; Cycling Action Plan;</li> <li>- Bike Week should not be seen as the “biggest” week for the Communication &amp; Promotion Team. Walking promotion must be prioritised also. Noted that although it is called “Bike” Week, the department also provide funding for walking promotion during this week;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	NNíC	ASAP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A photo used in the presentation showed a child with a helmet incorrectly fitted (RSA guidelines);</li> <li>- Submissions via the consultation hub are open to all although, in general, people are prompted to state in what capacity they are making the submission;</li> <li>- Concern raised that the term Active Travel can be seen as an Ableist term;</li> <li>- Concern that 2 disabled bays were removed during the installation of the School Zone at St. Vincent's school in D1. AM unaware of this, will check with technical team and revert;</li> <li>- The W/C Sub-Committee has a major role to play in the City Development Plan. A specialist meeting should be arranged to focus on this.</li> <li>- Neighbourhood walks already happening in some communities e.g. Stardust Park with Community Officer;</li> <li>- Need to change the culture of how children are getting to school;</li> <li>- Preference to get presentations in advance where possible;</li> <li>- An appropriate budget is required to deliver on the Plan presented;</li> <li>- Healthy Travel Group, which includes DCC, NTA Smarter Travel, Green-Schools, Dept. of Transport, Healthy Trinity and TUD, was formed to discuss messaging and co-share Active Travel social media promotion and initiatives;</li> <li>- Get Ireland Cycling Strategy, led by Cycling Ireland is due to be published soon;</li> <li>- Due to number of Covid Mobility Requests, &gt;5,000, it is not possible to respond to all individually. DCC aiming to get the requests mapped. This resource will be used as part of the engagement strategy;</li> <li>- The NTA Walkability Audit is due to be published on the NTA website this week. This could be a useful tool to use as part of the engagement strategy;</li> <li>- Irish Wheelchair Association can provide wheelchairs to allow people to experience the street as a wheelchair user. Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind also offer trials;</li> <li>- DCC has met with cycle buses in Dublin 3, 7, 8 and 12. Light sequences have been adapted to give the buses more green time. Many of the requests for improvements on routes are bigger projects than what is possible under Covid Mobility. Requests have been sent to the appropriate teams;</li> <li>- DCC working with the NTA to determine what measures can be introduced to primary schools in 50km/h zones;</li> </ul>	AM	ASAP
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