



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2022

- 1 Presentation from Traffic on Pigeon House Road Filtered Permeability**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 11th April 2022**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 26th April 2022.
Taken with motions 6, 7, 12 and 15.
Order: Noted.
- 4 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Surrender and grant of a new combined lease of the kiosk and former public toilets at the junction of Adelaide Road and Lesson Street, Dublin 2, to Perch Coffee Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council. Cllr. Flynn abstained.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal: Fee simple front of 150 Sundrive Road, Crumlin to Kevin Good and Aileen Good.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on proposed disposal: Renewal of lease of 20 Wicklow Street to Essential Foods Ltd. T/A Cornucopia.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 5 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed Part 8 works at Palmerston Park Defunct Depot, installation of tearooms and fully accessible public toilets.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 South East Area Office Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services Central and South East.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development as Plás Dhumhach Thrá / Sandymount Place, Dublin 4, 1 – 53.
Order: Agreed.

- iii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development as 1 – 24 Cearnóg an Oraigh / Orr's Square and 1 - 4 Ardán an Oraigh / Orr's Terrace.

Order: Agreed.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC call on DCC to immediately initiate the de-tenanting process with a view to rejuvenation at Glovers Court flat complex.

All of these flats are in a deplorable state and in direct breach of human rights. The water coming out of the taps is absolutely filthy. The roofs are leaking, there is damp and mould throughout the whole complex. Many people have ill health due to conditions. Many of the children are constantly falling sick as a result of spores and mould. The complete fabric here is dilapidated to such an extent as to warrant a dangerous structure.

This is unacceptable and the residents here are demanding action by way of de-tenanting and by way of DCC engaging with the residents here regarding the regeneration of these homes. There is an opportunity here to de-tenant the most effected tenants here at Glovers Court and rehouse them at the new apartments at Charlemont Square that have come on stream recently.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Danny Byrne

This Committee requests that a report on current arrangement for cleansing and waste disposal and future plans for an improved service be prepared in advance of the South Anne Street and adjoining areas improvement plan coming to the council for approval.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Tara Deacy moved by Cllr. D. Lacey

That this committee agree to establish a strategic working group to assist in the coordination of the Ukrainian response in the southeast area. This group could include representation from the community, voluntary and statutory sectors and include reps. from local schools, children and young people services committee, local drugs task force etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Development Dept. report on what has been done to claw back DCC land that includes the bridge across the Dodder to the golf club on Dodder Walk, Dartry and why has it taken so long to regularise these boundaries.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

With regard to the details of previous motions below in relation to ESB and Georgian buildings in the Fitzwilliam area. It is agreed that the council make contact with ESB to commence work on the restoration of the house between ESB offices and Larry Murphy's pub. It was agreed that this pilot project would work in co-operation with the Planning Department to find practical solutions to interpretation of our conservation laws. The occupancy level remains low in our Georgian area of the city and this project is urgently needed to address the declining population in this area

Back in 2013/14 there was a considerable exodus from Georgian Dublin and the council was concerned about making these houses habitable and accessible for

21st century living which is a challenge to our conservation laws. At that time ESB agreed to co-operate with DCC to return these houses from offices to dwellings and that the process would act as a prototype and an opportunity to apply best practise to the interpretation of our conservation laws.”

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 3.i, Motions 7, 12 and 15.

That this Committee calls on the Council to upgrade the path on Terenure Road West to allow wheelchairs to use this important link road. Currently, wheelchair users cannot travel between the KCR and Terenure Village (which includes Presentation Primary and Secondary schools). The pathway toward Terenure is too narrow and has bus stop poles and other immovable obstacles in its way and on bin days (with various refuse collections on different days) it is completely impossible on almost the whole route. The opposite side of the road from Terenure is also too narrow. Also, the speed of cars on this road prevents motorised mobility chairs from using the roadway for safety reasons.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 3.i and Motions 6 12 and 15.

That this Committee calls on the council to provide adequate and meaningful consultation to traders, resident representative groups, schools and public representatives in relation to future significant changes to road usage i.e. new safe cycle-ways; new bus lanes; changes to sequencing of traffic lights, etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee agrees that the following work should be carried out.

The tree outside 62 mount Drummond Ave was pruned as requested some time ago because there are electronic wires running through the tree, when it's in full bloom locals often cannot get mobile phone connection. The work carried out makes very little sense and certainly will not protect mobile connections this year.

Furthermore the trees on Mount Drummond Avenue running along the Ramblas there again were requested to be pruned branches were lobbed off and the result is the trees are left with straggly branches. Also the residents' association would be prepared to maintain this area between the trees if the concrete was removed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to do everything he can to actively progress to the opening of Benson Street / Chocolate Park. As summer approaches it is vital that the local community have access to more green space as soon as possible.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to introduce more regular cleaning of the Millennium Bridge and Rosie Hackett bridges to remove graffiti and stickers, and would the Area Manager consider using Grafstop or any anti-graffiti paint on the Millennium and the Rosie Hackett bridges as a means to deter further graffiti here.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee will write to the HSE and the Minister for Health calling for the immediate renovation of Baggot Street Hospital to provide refuge for

Ukrainian citizens arriving in Ireland.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Item 3.1 and Motions 6, 7 and 15.

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to examine the possibility of putting in place a protected cycle lane from Leonards Corner to Synge Street to provide a safe cycle route to the local schools and to help facilitate the local school cycle bus.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agree that where a development is taking place, that the roads around it are inspected periodically for damage caused by trucks and or other machinery, that the developer will be held responsible for making good the roads and pavements post construction. That this becomes part of the planning process.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agree that as part of the planning process, in advance of the commencement of works, that a community liaison person is identified to the local community and local councillors.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne taken with Item 3.i and Motions 6, 7, and 12.

That this area committee agree that we request the chief executive to suspend parking charges for people who are charging electric cars.

Order: Report to Councillor.

8 Questions to the Chief Executive 9th May 2022

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 9th May 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Mannix Flynn
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Hazel Chu
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Claire O'Connor

Apologies.

Tara Deacy

Officers

Brian Hannev
Jennifer Wall
Leah Johnson
Andrew Duff
Paul McCann

Karl Mitchell
Brian Kirk
Neil O'Donoghue
Christina Todd
Prajwal Krishnashetty Annibabu

Bernard Brady
John MacEvilly
Zsolt Szombatfalvi
Mark Ginnety

Q.1 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to get an update on the proposed construction of new dressing rooms in Brickfield Park.

Reply:

There is no firm timeline for the construction of the changing room pavilion for Brickfields Park. It is envisaged the planning process will be completed in 2022 and construction will depend on available funding.

Q.2 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from the residents in Bellevue Court Booterstown.

"I am requesting your support to sanction a yellow box junction immediately on the Rock Road, beside the Apple Green exit, Bellevue Avenue exit and entrance to the new hotel. We have sent in a formal letter requesting a yellow box junction to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown in December 2021. We have had no response. This morning Senator Barry Ward clarified that Bellevue Avenue is under the remit of Dublin City Council.

It is only a matter of time before some road user, pedestrian, cyclist and motorist is seriously injured with the volume of traffic on the Rock Road. We as residents are fearful about this current situation. As you are aware, the new hotel will open this summer. We are outraged that planning was sanctioned without the stipulation of a yellow box junction being installed prior to the commencement of construction.

As it stands, we feel like prisoners trying to get out on to the Rock Road regardless of time of day. We need this traffic calming measure installed immediately for everyone's safety. All road users' safety is paramount."

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref. No. 7026259) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent. He writes:

"I am writing to you regarding the condition of the road leading up to the South wall at Poolbeg and the poor state of repair, with a large amount of potholes potentially dangerous to motorists, cyclists and walkers alike."

Reply:

The section of Pigeon House Road leading up to the South Wall at Poolbeg is not in charge to Road Maintenance Services.

The section of roadway in question is the responsibility of the ESB. The issues about the condition of the roadway have been passed to the ESB for follow up.

Q.4 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the graffiti removed from Eastmoreland Place, off Pembroke Road, Dublin 4.

See pic below,



Reply:

This office will engage with the owner / occupier of this property to have the graffiti removed as soon as possible. No. 2 Pembroke Road is listed on the Protected Structure Register, so the removal of graffiti requires input from the DCC Conservation unit.

Q.5 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the graffiti removed from Donnybrook Road adjacent to Old Wesley.

See pic below,



Reply:

Arrangements have been made to address the graffiti at this location.

Q.6 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update regarding all of the CCTV measures funded by discretionary funding or otherwise in each of the DCC housing estates in the South East Area over the last 3 years; the funding and delivery status of same for each; the projects which are without budget or otherwise requiring additional funding; the planned implementation timeframe for outstanding projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Funding for the following CCTV projects in the Kimmage/Rathmines were secured through Discretionary funding:

Grove Road flats – Funding was provided in 2019 and the project completed in February 2020.

Benbulbin Road – Funding was provided in 2020 but the project had stalled as a result of differences between An Garda Síochána's interpretation of the scheme and Dublin City Council's interpretation of the scheme. These issues have been superseded by the potential implications of a recent Data Protection Commission decision in relation to CCTV systems installed by Limerick City and County Council. A review of this decision is currently being undertaken by our Law Department and we will review the viability of this CCTV scheme once we have received appropriate advice.

Funding was provided in 2019 for CCTV in Whitefriar Gardens (installed May 2019) and for the Cabbage Garden (installed in 2021).

In 2020, funding was provided for CCTV at Markievicz House (installed September 2020).

In 2021, CCTV was installed at Saint Vincent Street housing complex, at Mercer House and at George Reynolds House. Proposed CCTV works at Cuffe Street, Digges Street, York Street, Conway Court and Leo Fitzgerald House are currently under review.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards who Dublin City Council intend to manage the IPA poster sites that are on DCC land and hoardings and other sites throughout the SEA given the fact that the company are closing down?

Reply:

There are no sites in Dublin City Council ownership which have IPA advertising panels remaining. Dublin City Council will continue to maintain sites in its ownership.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the development of a community care centre at the Gulistan Depot Rathmines? This report to include - will a private developer be involved in developing this site? How long with the private developer hold this site and the community care centre that is to be built on this site? Who will control the private franchising of the services that go into this building, such as pharmacies, doctor surgeries, physiotherapy etc.? What efforts have been made to coordinate the overall development of the site regarding the social housing element? Is it possible that Councillors get sight of the contractual arrangements between the HSE, DCC and the private developer?

Reply:

Primary Care Centre (PCC) Site

The agreement between DCC and the HSE, as approved by the members, includes detailed terms around the timelines for the HSE applying for planning permission for the PCC and access road, etc. and the build out of same.

In general terms the procurement of a contractor or developer to build the PCC and associated uses/works, is a matter for the HSE once planning permission is obtained. Similarly, the manner of operation of the PCC when built is under the aegis of the HSE, other than the stipulation in the disposal terms about the provision of a community room/space.

Housing Site -

The Housing Development Section is working in partnership with Cluid Housing to deliver social housing, cost rental housing and a public plaza on the portion of the site which has been set aside for this purpose.

There will be on going co-ordination between the HSE regarding the construction and design of the HSE owned part of the site.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have a full evaluation for emergency vehicle access into Dublin city council social housing flat complexes? Recently there was a fire in Glovers Court and the fire tender could not get the vehicle into the flats because of cars parked at the entrance. This scenario is very much the norm in the blocks of flats in and around York Street, Mercer Street it is high time that DCC began to address this issue or parking in social housing estates and flats.

Reply:

Dublin City Council will examine this issue and arrange double yellow lines at any appropriate pinch points.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a feasibility study to develop the playground area at Bishop Street? This area is a substantial site that is in a dilapidated state. It has great potential for

development as a community garden and children play area. It has also got great possibilities for amenities for older people in the community. This area is under massive development at the moment with the new Garda Station, new hotels on Bride Street and the mixed development at Kevin Street. The opportunity to bring this particular playground area and community area of Bishop Street flats is now. Further, can the manager conduct a questionnaire and residents' meeting to ascertain how the residents in Bishop Street see the future of this site and indeed the flats in general?

Reply:

€10,000 has been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for new equipment for the playground and a new picnic table has been installed in the area.

We don't have any funding as yet to redevelop the play area and a community garden. However, if funding was secured we would liaise proactively with the residents in Bishop Street.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the proposal to close the roads at Portobello Harbour regarding a pilot scheme to gather information as to how this particular roadway can be amalgamated into the potential development of Portobello Harbour public space amenity?

Reply:

Dublin City Council was considering a week-long trial to pedestrianise part of Richmond Row at Portobello Harbour. However, we need to examine certain issues which have come to light before deciding if we are in a position to proceed. Local residents will be notified ahead of any trial commencing. If we proceed with the trial and the trial is deemed successful we will look to extend it for the duration of summer 2022.

The purpose of the trial is two-fold. To extend the area of usable pedestrian public space at the square in the short term and to potentially increase the area of quality public open space at the square when the area is redesigned. Currently, Dublin City Parks Department is undertaking to prepare a scheme to redesign the square and the public consultation around the future design is due to commence in June 2022.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the works that have to take place at the stairway on Bernardo Square? This stairway is right beside the entrance to a family home on Palace Street and is the subject to much anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. Complaints have been lodged over a number of years that this stairway causes great concern to the family who live in close proximity and also the residents in the apartment block facing them. Indeed, one has only got to look out the windows of City Hall to see the level of drug taking and selling and anti-social behaviour that is taking place here. The city council committed themselves to righting this issue and making this public space much safer. Can the Chief Executive initiate this process and furnish me with a report on its works timeline? This is an urgent matter now as the central tourist office is about to open at Bernardo Square.

Reply:

There is a plan to construct a secure bike and bin storage to be located to the rear of 3 Palace Street on Barnardo Square under the stairway. This will incorporate an entrance to the rear of 2 Palace Street. There are a small number of issues to be rectified on the design and once these are resolved, Dublin City Council will be in a position to progress with the work.

The issue of anti-social behaviour and drug taking at this location will be raised with An Garda Síochána.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the shutters on the carpark at Drury Street examined regarding faults? Recently a cyclist exiting the carpark was knocked off his bike when the shutter came down on his head. I personally waited at this location to make sure the individual was ok and to give him my details. I also observed the shutter erratically coming down as people were exiting the carpark. It came down about a quarter of the way then went back up again.

Reply:

The shutters on Drury Street Car Park are designed to sensor cars only. There is clear signage in the car park indicating that cyclists and pedestrians must exit the car park via the pedestrian exit not through or under the shutters.

No cycling is allowed in the car park and cyclists are requested to dismount and walk in and out of the car park through the appropriate entrance/exit.

No reports of this incident or any injury have been made to the management company. Entrances and exits to the car park are covered by CCTV and should it be required the relevant footage can be retrieved upon request.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards a fire arm incident at Mercer House area in and around the 8th of April? This report to include whether An Garda Síochána contacted Dublin City Council. What protocols are in place for such incidents and responses from Dublin City Council in relation to tenants' welfare and the issue that impacts as a result of such terror and criminality? Children are still frightened in this block of flats that they are going to be shot.

What resources, if any, are in place to address the welfare issues and the issues of trauma impact that this incident had on residents and families?

We know there is a victims of crime program run by the Department of Justice. Perhaps it is time that DCC developed such an initiative for the many tenants throughout our estates who are experiencing crime such as what happened in Mercer House recently.

Reply:

Dublin City Council are aware of an incident on the 8th of April in the Mercer House area. However, this is a criminal matter and is being investigated by An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council's Housing Welfare Section provides a duty social work service who will listen to tenants' concerns and discuss them with them. They can help tenants with advice, guidance and signpost or refer tenants to other relevant services. Tenants can phone a Duty Social Worker on 222 2233. If they leave their contact details, a social worker will call them back to discuss their concerns. The lines are open Monday to Friday, 9.15am – 4.45pm.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager give a rough estimate as to how many refugees arriving from the Ukraine are being accommodated and housed in the SEA? This report to include the breakdown of families and individuals. Also, what facilities are available in this instance? (Such as passes to swimming pools, libraries, all DCC amenities).

Reply:

Ukrainian people are being facilitated to join the library without the usual documentation, allowing them to borrow books, audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs, computer games and more from our libraries. Our team have been working to source Ukrainian and Russian language items. We have ordered a selection of children's books in the Ukrainian language, Ukrainian/English and English/Ukrainian dictionaries and 'Colloquial Ukrainian' phrasebooks which may be useful to host families, etc.

For people wanting to learn or improve their English, there are English language learning sets available to borrow from the catalogue as well as several online Language learning resources including Road to IELTS, Transparent Language, uTalk and Oxford Dictionaries

We also have a variety of online resources available including a selection of books in Ukrainian and Russian for younger children, PressReader which includes Ukrainian and Russian language publications and Borrowbox with Russian language titles available. We also provide access to entertainment resources such as Medici TV, Freegal, Naxos and training resources such as Universal Class, Infobase, TTRS, and The Great Courses.

Ukrainian people can access free broadband, WiFi and computers in our libraries and Laptops and tablets may be borrowed for use in the library in some of our larger branches.

Our online and in-person events and activities are all free and open to all and many branches also offer study spaces, parent/toddler groups, story time sessions, language exchanges, photocopying and printing and more.

Ukrainian people can borrow music CDs and musical instruments from the music library, access a variety of tools in the Coolock Library Makerspace or create digital content in the Ballyfermot Library recording studio.

Several branch libraries have rolled out local initiatives including:

Walkinstown Library are organising a welcome event for the refugees from Ukraine living in the local area on Wednesday 1st June at 6-7.30pm in the library. The event will include a series of 10min talks on the day introducing key services and supports available in the area with Ukrainian interpreters present. Topics will include Irish society and culture, the welfare system, English classes, access to education, recognition of qualifications, access to employment, access to childcare and children's activities and free online educational resources

Coolock library are running a series of English Language classes for Ukrainians in collaboration with the Area Partnership Office.

The role of Local Authorities in dealing with the fallout of the Ukrainian Refugee crisis is still evolving. To date, Dublin City Council, specifically Civil Defence, has provided temporary accommodation to refugees in our community centres while they await provision of more permanent temporary accommodation. Dublin City Council has also activated its Community Call Network to begin putting mechanisms in place to appropriately help people deal with this very traumatic situation as they arrive in local communities. Finally, Dublin City Council is working very closely with the International Protection Accommodation Service to assist them in finding temporary accommodation. It is not planned to use council accommodation to house Ukrainian refugees.

It is very difficult to estimate the number of newly arrived Ukrainians being accommodated in the SEA. There are many reasons for this including, not all Ukrainians are being accommodated by the state and that Ukrainians often move on to more stable accommodation after a short period in temporary accommodation.

Dublin City Council does not have access to this data either as it is only assisting the International Accommodation Protection Service, who have the statutory function, with the task of finding accommodation.

Dublin City Council has activated its Community Call for Ukraine Forum made up of various stakeholders. These stakeholders are developing bespoke programmes and services in the areas of education, employment, health, childcare, integration, art, sport and social protection.

Can the manager issue a full report as to how many businesses in the SEA BID district have not paid their BID levy and how much is owed and outstanding?

Reply:

There are 1,621 businesses liable for the bid levy in the SEA Bid district. 302 number businesses have discharged payments in respect of the 2022 charge. 1,319 number businesses have not discharged any payments in respect of the 2022 charge. However, of these 1,319 businesses, 91 such businesses have discharged payments in respect of prior year liabilities. The total Bid arrears for the SEA Bid district at 28th April 2022 are €3.05M

Q.17 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager the number, details, and funding status/budgetary certainty of each of the unimplemented SEA discretionary funding measures from the past 3 budgets; the planned implementation timeframe for each; the additional funding, if any, required for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

It is always the intention to spend the annual discretionary fund on projects in that budgetary year. However this is not always possible due to delays in getting designs completed and procuring appropriate contractors.

In 2019 a total €290,000 was carried over in respect of the following projects;
€100,000 - Herzog Park-work due to recommence shortly
€40,000-Portobello Plaza-this funding has now been transferred to CRES Department
€81,000-Cabbage Garden-used to fund new football pitch
€19,000-Markievicz Playground-not commenced to date
€50,000-Harold's Cross LEIP-fund being used for community use as agreed with local Councillors in Kimmage/Rathmines area.

In 2020 a total of €131,000 was carried over in respect of the following projects;
€30,000-Kimmage Village Improvements-plan to be agreed with local Councillors
€75,000-Cabbage Garden-used to fund civic improvements and social events
€20,000 Iveagh Trust Greening Strategy-awaiting updated costings.
€ 6,000-Age Friendly Initiatives, Harold's Cross.

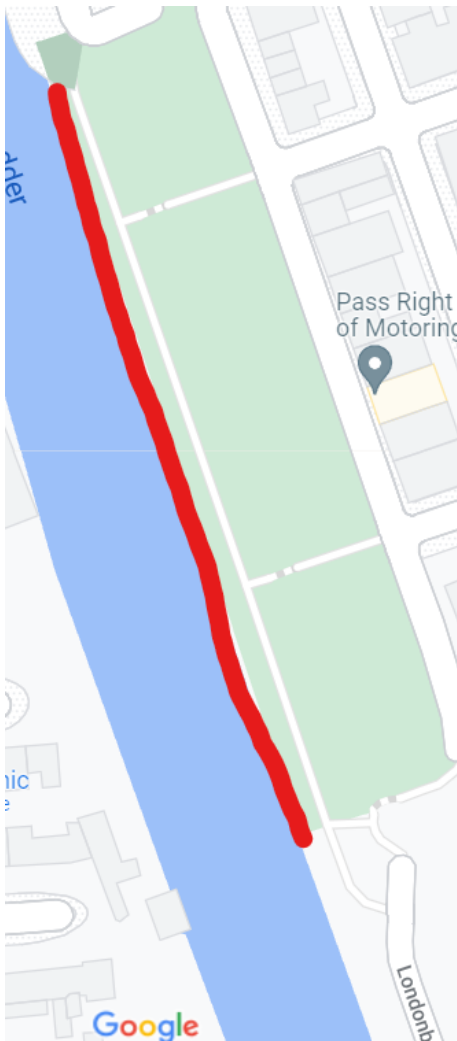
In 2021 a total of €63,500 was carried over in respect of the following projects;
€7,500- Mercer Street Playground-update awaited from Housing Maintenance
€10,000- Conway Court Improvement Works-not commenced to date
€5,000-Leo Fitzgerald House-line marking and playground-not commenced to date.
€19,000-CCTV works at various housing complexes-currently under review.
€18,000 –Crumlin Swimming Pool-funding to be used on projects agreed with local councillors in Kimmage/Rathmines area.
€ 4,000-Age Friendly Initiatives, Harold's Cross.

Q.18 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager the manner by which a section of the Dodder walkway which is under the City Council can be renamed.

I refer to the stretch by Stella Gardens, along the green space opposite Aikenhead Terrace, from Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road.

Attached image



Reply:

The following provision of the Local Government Act 2001, enables changing of an existing place name. It is a reserved function:

- 192.—(1) A local authority may by resolution adopt a proposal to change the name of a street in its functional area to a proposed new name.
- (2) The street to which the proposal referred to in subsection (1) relates shall be described in that proposal by reference to a map or otherwise.
- (3) Where a local authority adopts a proposal under subsection (1), it shall seek, in accordance with regulations made by the Minister under [section 196](#) , the consent of the majority of the qualified electors in the street to the proposed new name.
- (4) Where a majority of the qualified electors consent to the proposed new name, the Cathaoirleach of the local authority concerned shall make a declaration confirming such consent and specifying the proposed new name and the date on which it comes into operation.
- (5) A declaration made by the Cathaoirleach of a local authority under subsection (4) shall be in such form, as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister under [section 196](#) .
- (6) [Section 196](#) applies to this section, as appropriate.

Q.19 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if Parks Department can review and resolve the state of the trees on Keeper Road. I am notified that there are a number of trees in a decaying state in need of pruning and dangerous tree stumps that have not been replaced for years. It is considered a danger to the community.

Reply:

There are a number of tree stumps to be removed on the road mentioned above. Additionally there are a number of trees which need pruning and some removal is due to occur in the planting season 22/23. This work will be scheduled as part of the tree care programme for Autumn/Winter 22/23.

Q.20 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if the funding request for disability access to Evergreen Community Hall, Terenure, can be provided as soon as possible, with new funding provision by government which particularly includes disability access.

Reply:

Evergreen Community Hall, Terenure applied under the Community Activities Fund for building works to improve facilities and access.

All applications received under the under Community Activities Fund, including Evergreen Community Hall's application (CAF/2022/A64MA2162), are currently being pre-assessed to check their status. Eligible applications will be formally assessed by the Community Enhancement Programme Sub-committee. As per the timeline in the guidelines, notification of the Local Community Development Committee decision to applicants is expected by July 2022.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to detail the council's stake in two plots (details supplied); whether there are any rental or leasehold arrangements currently in place and if so, the last occasion on which rent was paid; the council's rights on these plots and whether the owner of an adjacent private plot (details supplied) has any rights, access or otherwise, which would permit works on these lands; whether any rights held by the previous owner of the private plot were or could be transferred upon the acquisition of the plot by another party; if the council intends to defend its interest in these lands and resolve any title disputes or irregularities; if the Manager intends to recommend the disposal of these lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

The two plots comprise land formerly in the ownership of Pembroke Urban District Council the assets of which transferred to Dublin City Council on its dissolution 1930.

Pembroke UDC had constructed the cottages on this estate and these became the responsibility of the Council's Housing Department.

The plots have been used for many years as access laneways to sheds at the rear of the cottages but are not in the charge of Dublin City Council. At a point unknown they were gated and have remained so for a long time.

The Council has not ever granted any lease or licence in respect of the use of the laneways.

The then owner of the private plot (details supplied) contacted the Council in 2019 claiming to have adverse possession of the laneways and seeking to acquire the Council's interest in them. Some negotiations took place but the matter did not progress.

The submission of the recent planning application which includes the laneways was noted and the Area Planner has been advised that the applicant is not the owner of the land and was not granted the necessary consent of the council for its inclusion.

Q.22 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the tree outside 404 Clonard road be replaced? The tree has unfortunately died, and the residents have requested that it be replaced and not just removed.

Reply:

Parks will arrange for this tree to be removed to a stump. Once the roots have decayed sufficiently then the stump will be removed and a new tree planted. This process can take a number of years.

Q.23 Councillor Tara Deacy

I previously raised the issue of the derelict house details supplied. The neighbouring residents have raised this issue also with DCC. However no action has been taken to date. Could this be looked at and communicated with the neighbours as they are concerned about its current state?

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Section is dealing with a complaint received from a resident regarding the condition of this site and has spoken with the complainant in relation to same. An inspection of the front of the site was carried out but it was not possible to access the rear of the site which we understand from the complainant is in poor condition. An inspection of the rear of the site is required in order to conclude the assessment of the site. Accordingly, a drone inspection of the site is being arranged and will be carried out as soon as possible. The complainant has been informed of the up to date position and will be kept updated. A full report on the assessment of the condition of the site will issue to the Councillor.

Q.24 Councillor Tara Deacy

There are a number of trees on Keeper Road in a decaying state, in need of pruning and also a number of dangerous tree stumps that have not been replaced for years. Could Keeper Road be examined in this regard and a schedule of work be put in place to address this? The residents have asked that trees be replaced as they serve as a vital part of the streetscape locally.

Reply:

Parks will arrange for this tree to be removed to a stump. Once the roots have decayed sufficiently then the stump will be removed and a new tree planted. This process can take a number of years.

Q.25 Councillor Tara Deacy

In October 2020 I raised the issue of the broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road be replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road be cut back now that the nesting season is completed. Did this ever happen?

Reply:

The hedge has been cut at this location in the last couple of months. Parks are in the process of arranging necessary repairs to the railing and anticipate they will be complete in the next month or so.

Q.26 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to move some of the cycling bollards a little further away from the bus stop on the outgoing journey from Rathmines nearest Christ Church on Rathgar Road. These bollards are located too near the bus stop (No. 1081), resulting in the bus not stopping near the pathway/kerbside as to do so would mean they can't easily exit clear of the bollards. This is causing a real problem for some of the many elderly bus users in the area who have a steep step up and down from the bus as they get on or off.

Reply:

This will be investigated and Dublin Bus will be contacted to discuss. Bollards will be adjusted, if required.

Q.27 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for the 'Mapping of Services' which was being prepared to help incoming Ukrainian refugees navigate services provided by or co-ordinated by Dublin City Council.

Reply:

At a national level the government have established a Community Response Forum Framework whereby local authorities have been charged as the lead agency in convening Community Response Forums at city/county Level.

To augment the Community Response Forum each city council, local area office has set up a representative group of relevant community & voluntary sector, charitable, sports and NGO organisations in the area to see how local responses can be co-ordinated.

The first meetings in relation to this has taken place and it is proposed to hold the second meetings on the 10th May.

The existing group is non exhaustive and the Area Managers are happy to facilitate other relevant groups joining.

One of the issues identified by the group was the need for events calendar and a mapping of services. Both of these matters are being progressed by the group.

In the South East Inner City and Pembroke we are linking with community groups across the area who are ready to assist incoming Ukrainian refugees where required. Childcare and English classes have been identified as key priorities.

Dublin City Council has reactivated its Community Call Forum, which operated successfully as a COVID response with a specific focus on Ukraine. This forum includes all relevant stakeholders and meets weekly. The International Protection Accommodation Service has provided a list of large-scale accommodation being used in Dublin to the forum and the stakeholders are engaging to match need with services. These stakeholders are developing bespoke programmes and services in the areas of education, employment, health, childcare, integration, art, sport and social protection. The stakeholders have developed a list of the services they have available and are providing them to the accommodation locations in English, Russian and Ukrainian.

Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for better signage for pedestrians and cyclists at the dangerous junction between Rathgar Road and Highfield Road (at Christ Church and at the triangle outside Supervalu. This junction is extremely dangerous for pedestrians given there are no pedestrian lights at this part of the junction.

Reply:

TAG Area Engineer wishes to receive further clarification on the requested signage. In order to ensure pedestrian safety, there is no pedestrian crossing provided at junction of Rathgar Road & Highfield Road, therefore no signage erected to encourage pedestrians crossing at this junction. However, a controlled pedestrian crossing is located on Highfield Road, 80 metres away from the junction with Rathgar Road, providing safe crossing for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to carry out a review and remedial work on the trees on Keeper Road. There are a number of trees in a decaying state in need of pruning and dangerous tree stumps that have not been replaced for years.

Reply:

There are a number of tree stumps to be removed on the road mentioned above. Additionally there are a number of trees which need pruning and some removal is due to occur in the planting season 22/23. This work will be scheduled as part of the tree care programme for Autumn/Winter 22/23.

Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney

To once again ask for a definite date (not another promise of 'soon') for when the Rathdown, Terenure parking issues will be resolved and a solution presented to Councillors and the community. This is causing enormous upset and inconvenience for the local residents and those providing amenities to the park i.e. Bushy Park Market, Football Organisers; Padel Court etc. are being unfairly blamed for causing the problems. Dublin City Council engineers promised a solution to this would be delivered in February 2021. Until we get a resolution to this parking and congestion problem, could I have a commitment that parking enforcement will be present regularly in the area from mid-morning until 3pm on Saturdays?

Reply:

The results of the public consultation of the Rathdown Avenue Congestion Scheme are attached and are available on Dublin City Council's Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/rathdown-avenue-congestion-alliavition-scheme/>

The Traffic Advisory Group have requested Parking Enforcement to monitor and enforce parking in the area on Saturdays.

Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to available artist/creative space in the City. Currently 21 creative artists have to vacate Richmond Road Studios and are in need of space.

Reply:

There is demand for at least an additional 1,500 artists' workspaces according to Arts Office research. Work by the Community, Recreation and Economic Services Department and Temple Bar Cultural Trust could provide up to 70 spaces in 2022/23.

Developers under planning conditions may provide upwards of a hundred such spaces in the next three years.

Q.32 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to have the damaged heritage pole outside the Village Book Shop in Terenure, repaired and put back in position. It appears that a car or truck hit the pole.

Reply:

The pole in question is an old sewer vent. The matter will be investigated and the extent of the damage ascertained. Drainage will respond to the Councillor directly with the findings.

Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for a review of traffic speeds, particularly at night and at the weekends on Kimmage Road West and Terenure Road West and to propose a speed reduction intervention.

Reply:

Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 determine the speed limit at Kimmage Road West and Terenure Road West. The speed limit at Kimmage Road West is 50 km/h and at Kimmage Road West is 50 km/h.

The Road Safety Section proposed speed reduction intervention at these locations from 50 km/h to 30 km/h on two occasions, but the proposed bye-laws were not agreed by the City Council elected members.

At present a working group has been established as a part of the Transportation SPC to review speed limit proposals and to make recommendations to the SPC and ultimately to the full city council.

Q.34 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state who owns the boundary wall at the top of St Clare's Terrace, Harold's Cross which divides Mount Drummond and Cathal Brugha Barracks and is beside the iron fencing? It has been checked out with the barracks who state that the Army don't own it.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Property Register only contains information on property and lands in the ownership of the Council. Consequently it is not possible to state who is the owner of the wall in question.

Q.35 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager to repair the poor road quality at Sundrive Road / Clogher Road junction: The road along there has aged and is in need of repair. Whenever large vehicles pass through the lights down Clogher Road, (especially buses & ones with trailers) the noise is so loud it often wakes residents during the night and is heard throughout the day also. It would be great to see this part of the road repaired as it would make a huge difference to the people living at the crossroads and visually, it would improve that area.

Reply:

This section of carriageway was inspected and will be put forward for consideration for inclusion as an extra for our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme if the budget is available. In the meantime, temporary repairs will be arranged.

Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy

There is continuous parking on corners and fully on paths in the Crumlin and Kimmage area. This leads to poor visibility for cyclists, drivers and walkers. They also block buggy and wheelchair users on the path. These corners do not have yellow lines. Enforcement is non-existent.

As parking on these corners has been standard practice for years and residents feel entitled to do so. Instead of sending parking enforcement to hand out tickets, could we paint yellow lines on these corners and drop leaflets regarding enforcement of parking on corners going forward?

The following corners should be considered:

Outside 169 Clonard Road, 263 Clonard Road, 171 Clonmacnoise Road, 128 and 130 Bangor Road, 41 Ferns Road, 120 Sundrive Road, 2 Leighlin Road and 9 Leighlin Road.

Reply:

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, such as placing double yellow lines around corners, where restrictions are already covered under the law. According to The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph(2) (c); "A vehicle shall not be parked in any place, within 5 metres of a road junction;" In addition to The Road Traffic Regulations, parking is also prohibited on footpath as per Road Traffic General Bye-Laws, Section 26. (1) When parking a driver shall ensure that the vehicle — (h) will not, in such a way as to interfere with the free movement of pedestrians along a footway, be wholly or partly on the footway or projecting over the footway,".

Parking Enforcement- Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to patrol the area and initially issue warnings for these offences.

Q.37 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the manager develop an initiative to encourage children/parents and park users to travel without cars to their local park? There are traffic problems in Bushy Park, Pearse Park and Eamonn Ceannt Park and an area wide initiative working with clubs could help alleviate or reduce the effect of this issue in the area.

Reply:

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) has secured funding from the National Transport Authority for the facilitation of cycling within parks and for improving accessibility to parks (e.g. by removing kissing gates) for bicycles, wheelchairs, baby buggies, etc. ActPrO is currently in the early stages of discussions with the Parks and Landscape Services Division regarding suitable locations for implementation.

In the meantime, as a pilot, Parks and Landscape Services have removed the kissing gates at the Sundrive Road and Clogher Road entrances to Eamonn Ceannt Park, which should encourage cycling to and within the park.

Q.38 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the manager look at the resurfacing of the paths on Lismore Road where damage is prevalent or where temporary tarmac repairs have been left in situ? The paths are in terrible condition. In some instances outside 92 and 94 have large holes that should be rectified as soon as possible.

Reply:

The footpaths on Lismore Road were inspected and defects noted including the tarmac infills have been added to our Works List. Repairs will be scheduled when a crew is available in this area.

Q.39 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could we look at the installation of large bins specifically for pizza boxes to complement the existing bins? In areas like Crumlin Village and Sundrive there are a number of pizza shops and the current bins are not suitable for this type of packaging. This has worked well in DLR and would be great if a trial could be run here. Perhaps the pizza shops would be willing to contribute to the purchasing cost.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will explore the DLR pizza box bin system and consider its merits for Dublin City and segregation operational needs.

If deemed appropriate to trial, locations mentioned above will be considered for a trial area.

Q.40 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could we look at the accessibility of green spaces and parks in the Crumlin & Kimmage area? Many of these spaces and the approach to them are not easily accessed by people with mobility issues. Many of them are raised or have barriers/kissing gates preventing access to wheelchair and buggies.

Reply:

With the recent removal of the kissing gate from Sundrive entrance to Eamonn Ceannt Park, access to parks in Crumlin and Kimmage area is generally unrestricted during opening hours. Parks acknowledge that there are a number of open spaces that have high kerbs/steps to access them. Parks will engage with our colleagues in E&T to work on a resolution. If the councillor is aware of particular locations that are an issue if the information could be shared as this can inform a sequence of works.

Q.41 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the paths through the green on Clonmacnoise/Bangor Circle be upgraded so as to avoid rain water lodging?

Reply:

Parks will carry out observations of the paths on above location following rain to establish the extent of the problem and arrange remedial works should they be deemed necessary.

Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if he can engage with waste collection companies regarding allocated waste collection days for Leinster Square. Currently the designated collection day for Leinster Square is Monday but residents report collections now occurring by different waste collection companies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Reply:

Dublin City Council no longer has powers to enforce waste collection companies to collect on the designated collection days. The Bye-Laws for the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018 are directed at the holder of the waste. The holder must present their waste after 5pm the day before the designated collection day and must remove any uncollected waste from the public domain by 10am the day after the designated collection day. Fines can be issued to households who present their waste for collection outside of these times.

Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if he can consider a shop front improvement scheme for the Crumlin/Kimmage area.

Reply:

The shop front scheme has operated in the Liberties, Dolphin's Barn and Inchicore area in recent years. The scheme seeks to encourage best practice approaches to shop front design, maintenance and presentation, the conservation of historic features where appropriate and overall enhancement of commercial streets and shopping area.

However this initiative is supported by Discretionary Funding and dedicated staffing.

The Area Manager will discuss it with the members in this context at the next scheduled meeting

Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Parks can consider planting bulbs along the inside fence of Pearse Park along Windmill Road.

Reply:

Parks will include Pearse Park in our bulb planting schedule for autumn/winter 2022/23.

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed redevelopment of the old toilets at the junction of Kevin Street, Cork Street and Patrick Street. Can the manager outline what could be done to progress this project.

Reply:

A structural/condition survey is currently being undertaken and sketch design options are being developed for the re-use and conservation of the Edwardian structures (former public toilets) on New Street South as a small commercial unit and public toilets. A report will be brought to the South East Area Committee in due course with recommendations.

Q.46 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for a full list of properties in the South East area that have been proposed to facilitate Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland.

Reply:

A list of 11 large properties were discussed with representatives of Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Of these properties, 3 are in the South East Area but not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

Q.47 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an up to date list of all vacant and derelict buildings in the South East Area and the status of each property.

Reply:

Active Land Management Unit

Under the Urban Regeneration Act 2015, local authorities must maintain a Vacant Sites Register. An identified vacant site can be entered on the Register when the Council is of the opinion that it has an area in excess of 0.05 hectares, is zoned for either residential or regeneration purposes and has been vacant for a minimum of 12 months preceding its entry on the register.

Sites included on the Register are subject to the vacant sites levy. The following sites in the South East Area have met the criteria under the Urban Regeneration Area and are entered on the Vacant Sites Register.

VS Ref	Address
VS0075	Site at the Corner of Werburgh St and Ship St
VS0131	Site to the rear of 29 – 39 Erne Street Upper
VS0748	Site to the rear of 55 Parnell Road
VS0797	Site at the Junction of Appian Way and Leeson St Upper

Derelict Sites Section

Below is a list of derelict sites in the South East Area that are currently on the Derelict Sites Register. Sites included on the Register are subject to a derelict sites levy of 7% of market value. Outstanding levies attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month, Outstanding levies including interest automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding have been paid.

DS Ref	Address
DS682	Adelaide Road, 7, Dublin 2.
DS937	* Creighton Street, 6, Dublin 2
DS884	Greenmount Industrial Estate, Unit 4, D12
DS250	Harold's Cross Road, 144, Dublin 6W.
DS1033	Harold's Cross Road, 146, Dublin 6.
DS536	Killeen Road, 48, Rathmines, D6.

DS575	Leeson Street Lower, 6, D2.
DS1263	Park Avenue, 40, Sandymount, D.4
DS1294	Portobello Road, 22, Dublin 8
DS871	Ranelagh, 2, Dublin 6.
DS851	Wharton Hall, Wharton Terrace, D6

* This site was acquired compulsorily by the Council and is awaiting refurbishment. It will remain on the Derelict Sites Register until rendered non-derelect.

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please find further funding to provide more recreational space in Glovers Court (see image attached). Clearing out this space and resurfacing it could provide more facilities for the younger residents in the complex. Can the Area Manager also indicate when the secure bin storage will in put in place in here?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will investigate the provision of secure bin storage and report to the councillor.

Discussions with the residents have taken place and quotes have been sought for work in this area. Funding will now be sought to carry out the works. Work has recently been completed on resurfacing the middle area of the playground and a fence surrounding it as discussed with the residents.

Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the plans to pedestrianise Drury Street and can he provide a timeline for these works.

Reply:

Drury Street was pedestrianised on the 24th May 2021 between Fade Street and the Drury carpark exit. There are no current plans for further pedestrianisation.

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the issues with 33 South Circular Road be permanently rectified. The current situation is blocking off the entire pathway from pedestrians forcing on people to the road at the junction causing an even more dangerous situation.

Reply:

Following an inspection at 33 South Circular Road there was no obvious obstruction identified that would be considered to be blocking the footpath.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can we please find a way to support the following premises (details supplied :) in providing an urban green space outside. A combination of much needed public seating on this street and green infrastructure supporting Biodiversity would work really well here. Please see photo below from Cork City for inspiration.

Reply:

This location will be examined and any appropriate measures will be considered, including the suggestions of seating and green infrastructure.

Q.52 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can we arrange with the relevant utility company to replace and make this box safe Parnell Road/Crumlin Road junction? Can it be painted by a local artist when replaced?

Reply:

This was an old CCTV cabinet that has been decommissioned. It will be removed later this week.

Dublin City Council has a remit to paint a limited number of Traffic Control boxes in each area. This box is not a Dublin City Council asset, so we do not have the authority to paint it (If it is repaired rather than removed).

Q.53 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update re the Liffey Sweeper and DCC recent involvement in the financing of same.

Reply:

The Docklands Office in partnership with the Dublin Port Company provided some financial support in 2021 to the Irish Nautical Trust who are the owners and operators of the Liffey Sweeper to carry out a pilot environmental project to remove floating debris from the River Liffey. While the pilot was very successful, the cost of providing a regular cleaning service of this nature on the river would be considerable and any future cleaning operations by a private entity would fall under Public Procurement regulations. The Docklands office has no plans at present to procure the services of a contractor for the cleaning of the River Liffey.

Q.54 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the footpath outside 23 Iveagh Gardens be inspected and can it be repaired or reinstated? There's a shallow hollow in the path & water gathers & settles there. Only on very dry days is it free of water. During the winter it is icy, slippery & dangerous to pedestrians. The area has many trees & leaves gather in the water, causing it to be slippery also.

Brushing the water away, seems to be causing the hollow to become worse. It is steadily getting worse.

Reply:

The footpath at this location was inspected and has been added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out when a crew is available in this area.

Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Road Maintenance Section inspect and rectify the following issue on the Crumlin Road adjacent to the Iveagh Sports Grounds, Crumlin Road near the entrance? There is a square iron road covering that is loose and makes an alarming click clack noise when wider vehicles drive over it. In the early hours there are more trucks so the road at speed and the noise is very loud and travels in the surrounding area. If you are a pedestrian walking by and a truck drive over it, it's shocking.

Reply:

The Drainage Division will investigate the cover. If it is a drainage cover and in the public domain, I'll arrange to have it repaired.

Q.56 Councillor Pat Dunne

A constituent writes re Sundrive Road. Dublin 12:

"The road at the entrance to Crofton motors by Supervalu, Sundrive Road is full of pot holes. It is very difficult to navigate a buggy down the dipped part of the footpath onto the road and back up again. I have witnessed a young school child have a bad fall from their scooter. Also recently saw a man trying to cross while pushing an elderly man in a wheelchair with huge difficulty trying to avoid the potholes. This crossing has a lot of

pedestrian traffic beside the supermarket and schools and should be repaired so it is accessible to all."

Reply:

The carriageway at this location was inspected and has been added to our Works List for permanent repairs to be carried out when a crew is available in the area. In the meantime, temporary repairs will be arranged.

Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager provide an update on the proposed Christy Brown Memorial on Stannaway Road? Having missed what was Christy's 40th anniversary of his death in September last, there was a real hope that this pace would be finished to celebrate what would have been his 90th birthday on June 5th of this year. There seems to be no visible progress made to date. Can a meeting be held urgently with relevant stakeholders and the Brown family, so that a plan and timeframe can be agreed on?

Reply:

Parks are in favour of the Christy Brown Memorial Garden. However, despite a number of site meetings, phone calls and emails with the community group, agreement on a design has not been forthcoming. Parks can engage directly with the family. If the councillor could forward details, that would be appreciated.

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Parks Section inspect and then replace or prune damaged trees on Keeper Road, Dublin 12? Residents report that these trees have been neglected with no pruning or maintenance of the tree pits. In addition, there are tree stumps that need to be removed and replanted. Can some planter boxes be installed along the shopping area?

Reply:

In relation to the installation of all planters in the Crumlin area under the Community Teams Vibrant Villages Programme is carried out in conjunction and consultation with the Crumlin Clean Up Group. We would be very happy to include planters as requested by the Councillor, however he should contact the group to ensure their installation is in accordance with their environmental plans for that location.

There are a number of tree stumps to be removed on the road mentioned above. Additionally there are a number of trees which need pruning and some removal is due to occur in the planting season 22/23. This work will be scheduled as part of the tree care programme for Autumn/Winter 22/23.

Q.59 Councillor Pat Dunne

On Ravensdale Drive, at the KCR builder providers, neighbours report that have been hoping to get more bollards on the bend coming into our estate.. 3/4 bollards to stop trucks & cars from parking at this bend. ..It is so dangerous some days we can't get out of the estate ... it's an accident waiting to happen if two cars crash as it's a sharp bend and with trucks cars etc. blocking the view it's impossible to get out...We have to place our hands on our car horns to say we are coming out.

Reply:

The kerb at the KCR Builders Providers on Ravensdale Drive was assessed by the Area Engineer who recommended bollards at this location. It is currently with the Traffic Officer for installation.

Q.60 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can planter boxes be installed at the corners of Gleneally/Rutland Avenue and Gleneally/Rathdrum Roads?

Reply:

The installation of all planters in the Crumlin area under the Community Teams Vibrant Villages Programme is carried out in conjunction and consultation with the Crumlin Clean Up Group. We would be very happy to include planters as requested by the Councillor. However, he should contact the group to ensure their installation is in accordance with their environmental plans for that location.

Q.61 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the boarded up derelict house and adjoining lands and compound on Windmill Road, Dublin 12 be considered for a CPO as it could be used for a future housing development possibly as an Older Persons' complex?

Reply:

The Property and Development Department will arrange to have the property inspected and discuss the matter with Housing & Community Services. A full report will issue to the Councillor.

Q.62 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the void house no 219 Kildare Road, Dublin 12 be refurbished and made ready for allocation?

Reply:

The housing unit was issued to a contractor for works to be completed under the Refurbishment Maintenance Framework. The contractor cannot begin work on site as there are safety concerns. This project will recommence when site safety can be assured.

Q.63 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager how often the liaison officer visits to ascertain the welfare of the residents in Cambridge Court, Ringsend.

Reply:

Cambridge Court is visited by the liaison officer approximately 3 times a week.