

Minutes for Walking & Cycling Sub-Committee

Meeting Details:

Date: Monday 27th February 2023

Time: 11.30 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting - in-person in the Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall and online via MS

TEAMS

Members: Cllr. Janet Horner (JH), Martin Hoey (MH), Colm Ryder (CR), Gary Kearney (GK), Ciara Norton (CN), Cllr. Larry O'Toole (LOT), Cllr. Mannix Flynn (MF), Colm Ryder (CR) (in place of Will Andrews)

DCC Officials: Deirdre Kelly (DK), Rónán Costello (RC)

Apologies: Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy (CC), Inspector Peter Woods (PW), Declan Gray (DG), Will Andrews (WA), Naomi Oldenburg (NO), Cllr. Carolyn Moore, Oliver Dalton (OD), Cllr. Keith Connolly (KC)

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 28th November 2022

- Minutes agreed

2. Members information sharing

Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign

- Two public meetings have been held so far this year. One of these meetings focused on cargo bikes. There is interest in doing something with cargo bikes for Bike Week.
- Engagement with DCC consultations – submissions made on various schemes.
- St Patrick's Day parade: Over 100 cyclists are involved in the parade on the theme of bikes and biodiversity.

Questions / Comments:

- JH query about noise mapping of city undertaken – could be helpful to share with group. CR to share information.
- CR suggestion of inviting St James Active Travel Officer to present to sub-committee

Ciara Norton, Green Schools

- 30 schools in DCC area
- 25 awarded Green Flag this year
- Big Travel Challenge took place for 10 days in February which encouraged schools to use sustainable modes of travel.
- Scoot to School week in March – scooting safe workshops will take place in advance
- Bike Week planning has started

Questions / Comments:

- CR asked if there are any schools that have completed a route to school on the Safe Routes to School programme?
 - DK: The School Zone project in DCC focuses on the front of school, rather than the route to school.
- GK raised a concern that there is too much of a focus on cycling and not enough on walking, meaning vulnerable pedestrians are left out.
 - CN shared information about Green Schools work on walking, including Walk to School week which took place in September, the Big Travel Challenge which focused on sustainable modes of transport, including walking and walkability audits which Green Schools undertake with participating schools and report the findings to the local authority.
- GK queried about accessibility and who the contact person is for accessibility and universal design in DCC, and flagged the importance of using language that people understand.
 - Rónán Costello is the contact point for the Active Travel team.

Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network

- Accessibility study undertaken of the parade route, including crossing points, as well as feedback from users on their experience of the parade. This was submitted to the Traffic Department and festival organisers.
- Query about how many fines have shared bike scheme been issued. Request from subcommittee to bike share providers – DK to follow up on this
- GK flagged that yellow ramps are not suitable, and noted the challenge of undocked bikes in the UK.

3. Active Travel Programme Update

- Rónán Costello, Assistant Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office gave an update from the Active Travel Programme. The [presentation is available in this folder](#).

Questions / Comments:

- MH queried about sharing of information on consultations and schemes and raised a concern about getting information from external sources, rather than through DCC. Example given of the Eden Quay project. MH raised a concern about cyclists and articulated lorries conflicting at this scheme.
- MH asked about the plans for Finglas area roundabout – are these the same or different to Luas plans?
- MH flagged the effect of works on Ballybough Road and issue with traffic light coordination on public transport, as busses are getting stuck.
 - RC to follow up on the above points.
- GK: is waiting for maps to be shared. He flagged that maps pixelate when expanded and recommended that the types of maps / programme used for the Duke Street / Anne Street maps should be used, as these didn't pixelate when expanded.
 - RC to follow up.
- GK: Public consultation online is challenging for disability community – need to be kept in the loop. Queried about walking and cycling facilities – whether this is shared space, which is

a challenge for disability community, and asked if the designs are coordinated with Bus Connects?

- RC confirmed that designs are all approved by the NTA
- RC to follow up on other issues raised
- GK: Have the disability user group been involved? GK hasn't heard updates about projects. He requested information to be shared in plain English – NDA have guides on this.
 - RC to follow up on this
- CR: Requested more detail on the Clonskeagh scheme as the detail isn't clear from the design, flagged that no consultation has happened on Eden Quay, and asked who the contractor is on this project?
 - RC to follow up on this
- JH flagged that the consultation on the Royal Canal took place in 2015 so there is a huge gap between consultation and implementation, and suggested that extra communication is needed to keep the community up to date. JH flagged the need to get depth of information available for those looking for greater detail than what is shared in a leaflet. No information shared on what sections of the canal will be closed at various times.
 - RC: sharing project dates can be difficult as unexpected issues can arise when projects go to site. RC asked for list of documents that would be helpful to share. JH to send this on.
- CR: suggestion of liaison committee to update every couple of month, as happens for the C2CC scheme.
 - RC to follow up.
- MH: suggestion to share info on the Royal Canal project on the website, especially for Section 4, which is a 3km diversion for the community. Leaflet drops are only made to local residents, whereas larger numbers of people are affected who use the canal.
 - RC to follow up.
- GK: is the canal being drained?
 - RC confirmed that it's not being drained.
- JH: request for timeline on O'Connell Street interim scheme
 - RC: this project is not yet at design stage.
- JH: Who's paying for Chesterfield Avenue project?
 - RC: the project is a partnership between OPW and DCC, and is paid by the NTA.
- JH: requested prioritisation of walking on schemes – eg. footpaths on North Circular Road – request to see footpaths being upgraded as part of interim schemes, €6 million requested from NTA for footpath upgrade, whereas only €1 million was approved.
 - RC: footpath upgrade may not fit under remit of interim schemes as they can take longer to implement. Could be looked into to see in which schemes they would fit.

4. Walking & Cycling Promotions Update

- Deirdre Kelly, Cycling & Walking Officer, Traffic Department
- The [presentation is available in this folder](#).

Questions / Comments:

- MH asked about feedback from those who didn't want to get an e-bike following the scheme

- DK: reasons for not wanting to buy an e-bike included concerns about not having safe cycling infrastructure nearby, logistics around Cycle to Work scheme and security.
- GK noted that UK statistics show that e-bikes take away from public transports but not from car journeys. GK flagged the rise in seniors who move to e-bikes is also linked to traumatic brain injuries as e-bikes are more difficult to use – GK to share data on this.
- GK noted that e-fold-up bikes and e-scooters have been banned from public transport in UK
- CR suggested trialling a Car Free Day in Dublin to promote walking as part of European Mobility Week and noted that this could take place on a monthly basis.
 - JH flagged that the cost of these events is quite high, and that the sub-committee could request a report to assess the impact of these events, including costs, to see if it's worthwhile undertaking.
 - GK flagged the challenge of traffic during car free days.
- JH suggested engaging with Dublin Town and Dublin Chamber about businesses on commuting to work to find out what are the challenges.
 - DK to follow up on this.
- JH requested a call-out through email for ideas to promote walking for European Mobility Week
 - DK to follow up on this.
- MH asked about bike sharing schemes for DCC staff
 - DK: DCC had a Smart Mobility Hub pilot scheme where staff could borrow bikes, e-bikes and e-cars for work purposes. The pilot has now ended and the procurement of a permanent scheme is being look at. DK to share information on any updates on this scheme.

5. Membership of the Walking & Cycling sub-committee

- JH has shared Voice of Vision Impairment's request for joining the sub-committee with the Chief Executive's Department and sought guidance regarding relevant role of DPOs for the sub-committee and will report back at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting takes place from 10am-12pm on Monday 24th April.