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Report to Housing SPC

Date: Wednesday 13^h Sept 2023

Item No. 6. v.



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Animal Welfare Oversight Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on 4th September
2023

Conference Room 233 Block 2 Floor 3, Civic Offices and via Teleconferencing (Zoom)
9.00 am – 9.45am

Members In Attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heney, Chair (DH)
Cllr. Caroline Conroy (CC)
Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)
Cllr. Cieran Perry (CP)
Catherine Lawler (CL) (Department of Agriculture)
Martina Kenny (MK) (My Lovely Horse Rescue)

Dublin City Council Representatives

Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer (UD)
Richie Herlihy, Administrative Officer (RH)
Maeve Furlong, Animal Welfare Inspector (MF)
Minute Taker: Gareth Matthews, Staff Officer (GM)

Apologies:

Chief Superintendent John Gordon, An Garda Síochána (CS,JG)
Inspector Peter Woods, An Garda Síochána

		Discussion	Matters Arising / Actions
1	Minutes of last meeting (19/06/23)		Minutes agreed.
2.	Manager's Report and Updates		
	Dog Control Statistics	<p>YTD statistics presented and noted.</p> <p>Chair) Length of time spent by dogs awaiting court proceedings an issue</p> <p>Number of Garda seized dogs in DCC and duration of time in the shelter to be included in report going forward.</p>	A.W Unit & Hollygrove have expanded contacts for rehoming dogs. Recent success in N. Ireland.
	Dog Shelter Facility	<p>Dublin Dog Hub DBE certificate granted.</p> <p>Security measures have increased. An isolation unit/area as well as infrastructural improvements & operational/safety procedures to be established.</p>	<p>R.H) Contract is at draft stage, to be issued imminently. DCC Procurement Policy to be followed and time allowed for Dublin Dog Hub to review and agree T&C's of contract.</p> <p>VEAT notice to follow once contract agreed.</p>
	Horse Control Statistics	<p>YTD statistics presented and noted.</p> <p>Chair) Action required to make an impact on illegal horse ownership.</p> <p>Difficulties arising from attempted seizures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logistics of seizure operations take time. -Garda support required to increase safety measures -Horses removed from original/multiple locations to properties/locations out of sight. <p>M.K) Daytime seizure in Kilkenny successful. Notable amount of Garda presence required.</p>	Daytime multi-agency seizure to be arranged.
	Procurement Process for New Control of Horses Contract	Following a meeting of the Education Procurement Service and all stakeholders the Request for Tender for	

		the Horse Seizures Procurement is now in its final stages. Once the final Award Criteria is agreed the RFT will be issued without delay.	
	Ballyfermot Horse Report	R.H) A.W staff to meet with Gardaí from Ballyfermot Station and Cherry Orchard Equine members to discuss measures to reduce number of Horses on public land.	A.W staff to meet with Gardaí from Ballyfermot Station and Cherry Orchard Equine members to discuss measures to reduce number of Horses on public land. Cllr Vincent Jackson to be contacted and included in above discussions.
	Multi-agency checkpoints	Chair-Night time checkpoint in Temple Bar needs to take place.	M.F) commenced planning with Gardaí for checkpoints to be carried out late at night in Temple Bar
	DCC Animal Welfare Unit Staffing	Advertisement for external Animal Welfare Warden live on 1 st Sept, closing date for applicants 21 st Sept. U.D) Internal competition interview for A.W Warden position scheduled for Friday 8 th September. External interviews to take place early October.	GM) to circulate A.W Warden job application to committee members. All committee members asked to increase awareness of the vacancy to potential candidates.
	Joint Training Programme	M.F) Training has been arranged, delay in roll out due to low participations numbers. DSPCA have been engaged to contribute in delivery of training. Chair) Mark Randell to be contacted and involved in the delivery of training programme.	Chair) Training is required now, DCC AW Officers to receive training when appointed.
3.	Meakstown-Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2024-2027	The Chair outlined a proposal to put forward a recommendation from the AWOC that a DCC owned site at Meakstown be included in the Capital Programme 2024-2027 for the development of an animal shelter facility, and requested that members support the proposal.	The proposal was endorsed by the Committee. Outline report to be prepared and circulated to members in advance of the

			Capital Programme process.
4.	Animal Welfare Charter	R.H) Document to be circulated to all committee members for discussion and suggested inputs welcomed	To be discussed at next scheduled meeting.
5.	Members update	No additional discussions	
6.	A.O.B	Chair) Halloween is approaching. DCC have agreed policy to not support events with the use of Fireworks involved. This has been met with resistance by members of the public.	Cllr members asked to support the exclusion of events involving fireworks for the protection and welfare of Animals.
	Next meeting TBC		