

Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 11th December 2023

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

When is it anticipated the trees on Rosary Terrace, Stella Gardens, Irishtown, will be trimmed?

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To have an inspection carried out on the paths and shores in Canon Mooney Gardens, Ringsend, Dublin 4. There are trip hazards all around this complex and the shores are loose and need to be cemented. A resident recently had a fall in the flats and had a major operation on his leg and is now in Respite following an operation in St. Vincent's Hospital. I would ask that this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

When will Dublin City Council have the necessary work carried out on start of Sandymount Beach coming from the Sean Moore Road as the odour emanating from the seaweed is unbearable and people cannot walk the beach.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to Question number 2 (supplied with this Question) at the October 2021 Area Committee could the Manager confirm to me that these lampposts will be painted and if he could give an approximate time frame.

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Meeting 10th October 2021

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the painting of the lampposts on Annesley Park, Ranelagh included on the work programme for the coming year.

Reply:

We will examine the public lighting columns on Annesley Park and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances."

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can give an update on the maintenance of trees on Annesley Park, Ranelagh for which attention has been repeatedly promised and not delivered.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager when the road maintenance programme for Sandford Avenue, Donnybrook, will be implemented.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the traffic report, that was commissioned to assess the impact on Tritonville Road, Serpentine Avenue and other surrounding roads in Dublin 4, that took the brunt of the diverted traffic during the water works on the Strand Road will be circulated to Councillors and published on the Dublin City Council website as has been repeatedly promised.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent. She writes,

I am a pensioner and widow and registered owner of details supplied I attach several photographs clearly showing a recently installed bus stop on the road next to my house at details supplied. The house is a listed building and the gate posts accessing the driveway are considerably narrower than those that you would see in a modern home.

As you can see, the newly installed bus stop clearly interferes with my access to and from the house which is dangerous and unsafe, and I'd have thought a breach of all the health and safety legislation.

To date I have been given the run around by Dublin Bus which is very distressing for a pensioner and a widow. As such, I am contacting you as a constituent to see if you could help me in getting the bus stop removed from its present location?"

Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a disabled parking space installed on Fitzwilliam Street Ringsend adjacent to Ringsend Medical Centre.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to clear the leaves on the road and path adjacent to my property. Details supplied. I am an eighty three year old and am concerned that I might fall as it is so slippery. It is impossible to see where the path ends and road starts and I am also concerned about side wall damage to my car tyres.

Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following email from a constituent.

"We have a large very high tree on the green area at the entrance to Ramleh Close which needs extensive pruning, it is directly behind our house details supplied we were afraid during the recent storm that it could break off, fall into the back garden and likely cause damage to the back patio doors of our house. Dublin City Council did some felling and pruning in that area a year or so ago and that particular tree was omitted."

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following question that we go a reply from last month re clamping at Dodder View Cottages Ballsbridge.

She writes,

Unfortunately whatever you have been told by the parking enforcement is not happening as we were once again illegally clamped outside our homes just last week. Details supplied

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to introduce speed deterrents on Anglesea Road Ballsbridge to combat the high speeds of drivers and cyclists on this busy road.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to increase the monitoring, and enforcement of illegal parking around The Crescent, Donnybrook where residents are having great difficulty finding parking spaces.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to liaise with Iarnród Éireann about the ongoing problems with the level crossing at Serpentine Avenue not functioning.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to prioritise the resurfacing of Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh and the adjoining pavements.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to erect signs near the end of Ashfield Road Ranelagh, and also mark the road similarly stating "RIGHT LANE, and LEFT LANE" "TURN RIGHT" and TURN LEFT" to address the many drivers turning right from Ashfield Road onto the Sandford Road as they seem to feel the need to enter the left lane in order to make a sweeping RIGHT turn. This, of course, is totally unnecessary and blocks the left lane.

Q.18 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could the lane to the rear of Harold's Cross Road and Brighton Square be served by public lighting? It is owned by DCC. Residents use this lane for a mixture of parking, bike parking, bins, accessing their properties. There have been reports of recent burglaries and drug taking in in the laneway. Lights would alleviate these issues and provide safer access to the houses for residents. The laneway serves 56 houses or possibly more and is in council charge. This is a pressing issue as it is impacting on the safety and security of residents on the Harold's Cross Road and on Brighton Square.

Q.19 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could a yield sign be placed at the junction of Darley Street and Mount Drummond Avenue to slow traffic? Many cars drive down Darley Street and onto Mount Drummond without yielding care. There is a sign at the end of Emmet Street which runs parallel to Darley Street and also has cars moving onto Mount Drummond Avenue.

Q.20 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could Rathgar National School be considered for school zone treatment? It is on Rathgar Avenue and needs the signage to facilitate safe access to the school. If the proposed trial of the filtered permeability scheme goes ahead on Brighton Road, Rathgar Avenue will be subject to increased volume of traffic which will increase the need for school zoning and signage.

Q.21 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Would it be possible to prioritise the cleaning and sweeping of the leaves from footpath surrounding Neagh Road Park and playground as there is a high volume of leaves fallen and the footpaths are slippery and inaccessible by some of the residents in particular some who have visual impairments and mobility issues.

Q.22 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will issue a response to the points being made by a resident of Strand Road a submitted with this question.

"I believe one matter which the Corporation should address in the interim is the issue of temporary protection in the event of flood warnings. In the past this has consisted of placing some sandbags at houses and having others available for collection in containers on the promenade. We share an entrance with a neighbour and there is no gate. It takes about 24 sandbags to create any type of protection. I applied to the Corporation for Planning Permission to install flood protection, (costing €30k) and was refused. I could not afford to repeat that now because as an OAP I couldn't afford the cost if it was approved. Physically I could not collect enough sandbags to mount even the "protection" of the past. So for houses such as ours I believe the Corporation should deliver and put in place the temporary protection in the event of flood warnings"

- Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager give an update on Andrews Court and also on Townsend Street apartments as to what progress is being made with the housing development.
- Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full update as to the progress of placing certain infrastructure and buildings at RTE campus on the record of protective structures? This item has been ongoing in this committee for years. Now is the time that these buildings should be put on the list of protected structures, they are part of the foundation of the state and in many respects cultural icons. They should be listed and protected before any lands are sold off or developed. DCC cannot delay this process any longer.
- Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Could the manager as a matter of urgency address a substantial leak and ceiling collapse at (details supplied). This issue has been reported for a long time and it's unacceptable that an elderly individual has been left in such a state in their home.
- Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager inquire into how a section of historic land at Ship Street developed recently ended up with the name Dublin Royal Convention Centre?
- Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a report as to where Go Cars and other such vehicles for hire are allowed to park? Also this report to include penalties for illegal parking of these Go Cars. More and more of these commercial cars are now parking in residential areas taking up much needed space and can be there for quite some time. This report is for the entire South East Area but in particular the South Lotts and Ringsend area in and around Google.
- Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager have the Bishop Street flat complex painted? This particular block of flats is long overdue a paint over. Residents are asking the city council to refresh their estate.
- Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager bring a full report to the south was area in and around the temple Bar area. This report to include the economic impact the emergency response and the cost of the malicious damage caused during the recent riots. Also to include in this report as to how the city was managed during this criminal rampage. What is the structures for stopping public transport when citizens are trying to get home from such events? Many were stranded. Who takes overall responsibility for the management and mobility of the city during such an event? Where was the coordinated city plan?
- Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager have the footpath on Aungier Street right beside the bus stop on the East side of the street opposite the church repaired? This is a major trip hazard and there has been some serious falls here and it is our footpath.
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Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the status of the Rathmines to Milltown Cycle Route, which was due to go to public consultation this year. Why did the scheme move from design and tender stage in Q1 to concept and development stage in Q2, and remain at concept and development stage in Q3.

Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the application to DCC's Schools Mobility Office from St Mary's College (incl. Junior and Senior Schools) in Rathmines for a road traffic warden and pedestrian crossing for Military Road. With the expansion of the school to take in junior and senior infants, as well as first class pupils, there are now more students crossing the road and younger children as well. A traffic warden is urgently needed to provide a safe crossing opportunity for pupils walking to the school.

Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services what Dublin City Council traffic engineers can propose by way of a traffic management solution for cars exiting the single vehicle-width gate at Larkfield football club onto Kimmage Grove? High levels of through traffic when the grounds are in use can cause a bottle neck at the entrance to the estate, and traffic engineers should assess if this can better managed with:

- A yield sign and markings for cars exiting the club.
- Road markings to indicate two-way traffic.
- Moving the bicycle parking stands to the space adjacent to the gate and the boundary wall of the football club.

Q.35 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if lighting can be installed in the lane serving the rear of (details supplied) Harold's Cross Road. This is a wide public lane providing rear access to homes on Harold's Cross Road and Brighton Square, a number of which have recently been the subject of burglaries. Some public lighting would improve the security of the lane and safety of access for residents.

Q.36 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services why an excessive amount of poles have been installed at the junction of Palmerston Road & Cowper Road? This junction is located in an Architectural Conservation Area, and residents draw attention to the objective in the Dublin City Development Plan to removing or reducing street clutter where possible to contribute positively to the public realm. Is each of the poles now installed here necessary or are any of them to be removed?

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if the Parks can assess the condition of two trees on the green at Brookfield Green which residents report to be dead and now storm damaged, and if the trees are confirmed to be dead or dying, can they be removed and replaced with new trees?

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if lighting levels can be assessed at the entrance to Lavarna Grove, coming off Terenure Road West. Residents report very low lighting levels and suggest safety of access for pedestrians could be improved if lighting was better. Some pruning of trees along this stretch of Lavarna Grove could help.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Tree roots have raised the footpath 75mm at the base of the tree outside (details supplied) on Stannaway Avenue. The footpath crack has become a trip hazard. Residents do not want to see the tree removed but request the footpath would be made safe by removing a small section of the footpath and relaying it at the original level.

Q.40 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Why were the cycle stands removed from outside (details supplied) Harold's Cross Road? The hoarding for the construction site appears to take up a significant amount of the footpath but the need for cycle parking remains. These cycle stands were used and residents have been in touch. This is the second set of cycle stands that have been removed from Harold's cross - the other set was removed from outside Centre.

Q.41 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could Olney Grove and Olney Park please be included for street cleaning? Residents have reported that these residential roads have not been serviced and are in need of cleaning/sweeping.

Q.42 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could parking be examined at Kimmage Grove to optimise access and safety for both residents and football club users as there have been reports of poor parking and lack of enforcement by both residents and club members which is impacting on safety of young players accessing their local football club and impacting on local residents.

Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can EV charge points put along Kildare Road, Clogher Road. Many people in the area don't have the space to park and install a charger in their driveways. On street ones in this area would be of benefit as the ones on Crumlin Road and in the village are too far to be practical for everyday use.

Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section see if more trees could be planted along Kildare Road particularly along the stretch from the Clogher Road junction to the next lights/roundabout from houses (details supplied) Kildare Road there are barely any trees at all and it would really enhance the appearance of this road where a lot of young families have recently moved in. Planted trees or trees in planters would enhance the area. This request could be examined alongside the already agreed greening of the traffic island close to this location.

Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne

Park users in Eamonn Ceannt Park continue to complain of dogs been let off leads in the park. Can I have an update on the where we are with the recruitment of additional dog wardens and what plans are thee to assign them to Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Despite numerous complaints over many years large trucks continue to park illegally at the roadside opposite both Dolphin's Barn Fire Station and Seagull House Flats. What actions will be taken to stop this practice and what roadway changes can be made to make this area safer for motorists and pedestrians.

Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the road ramps and mini roundabout on Clonmacnoise Road near the Lismore Road junction be inspected and repaired as necessary.

Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our street Lighting Section improve the lighting in the cul de sac green on Clogher Road (known locally as the avenue). Recently there was an anti-social incident around this green in which Garda and an individual were involved and residents state that poor street lighting was a factor in the lead up to the incident.

Q.49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the issue of traffic congestion on Windmill Road at the Swan Leisure and Sports campus be re-examined. The current car park has only one entrance/exit which is restricted to one vehicle at a time. This alongside illegal parking when the campus is busy leads to major traffic congestion. Can we once again look at a second gateway which would allow for separate entrance/exit points into and out of the carpark.

Q.50 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager what is the process of installing on street digital advertising totems in the City, why Councillors are no longer consulted on their locations and can he look into moving the digital advertising totem beside the Molly Malone statue.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area when will the contraflow cycle lane on Nassau Street be completed and is possible to put down contraflow markings now as an interim measure.

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can why is parking still allowed on both sides of Hanover Street East and can this be reviewed as it effectively makes this very busy road one lane and is dangerous for cyclists and drivers. Can the manager install a no right turn onto Cardiff Lane and also from Cardiff Lane onto Hanover Street East as it causes a backup if a car is turning.

Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please fix the uneven surface with metal plates at the junction of Forbes Street and Sir John Rogerson's Quay as a matter of urgency?

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To ask the Area Manager when will the handover of streets, currently managed by Grand Canal Harbour Management Company be handed over to Dublin City Council?

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To ask the Area Manager can he please install more waste bins in the Ringsend area.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager on the Area Manager to provide an update on the following projects:

- The completion of Suffolk Street pedestrianisation scheme
- The progression of the public realm scheme for the junction of Grafton Street and Nassau street which was presented to Cllrs a number of years ago
- The pedestrianisation of South William Street

- The upgrade of South King Street as part of the Grafton Street Public Realm Scheme

Q.57 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the road markings in South Lotts area, adjacent to Barrow Street can be re- painted. Due to recent works the lines are faded.

Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager if he will arrange for a sensor to be installed at the junctions of Pine Road and Bremen Rd with Sean Moore road to facilitate exit of traffic from the estate, as the current timed system is causing significant delays when drivers do not adhere to the yellow junction boxes which is creating a significant hazard for cyclists who are using the cycle lane as well as the drivers trying to exit the estate and pedestrians attempting to cross at the location.

Q.59 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the yellow junction boxes to be repainted on Sean Moore Road.

Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an inspection of the recent works on Clonlara Rd at the junction with Pine Road as it seems the works were unsatisfactorily completed with water pooling and top layers of the road surface not laid.

Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will consider a local environment improvement plan for the section of temple bar from Aston Quay to Fleet Street and from Asdill's row to Westmoreland Street.

Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the City Council intends to construct a pedestrian bridge from Thorncastle Street to the Graving Docks as per the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ planning scheme, noting that such a proposal has not been included in the NTA's Ringsend Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the Sean Moore Park container café.

Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the edging of the grass verges along Bremen Road, Bremen Avenue, and Pine Road.

Q.65 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a revamp of the play equipment at O'Rahilly House and the repair of the netting on the court.

Q.66 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if he could ensure overgrown tree branches are pruned in the Ravensdale Close Complex.

Q.67 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding the removal of trees in Poddle Park (Ravensdale Park) as a result of Ash dieback. How many have been removed

to date and how many have been replanted to date. Could the future dates of removals and replanting also be outlined.

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager for an update into a review into the traffic arrangements for Greenmount Avenue which was requested at April's South East Area Meeting.

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the manager to fix the potholes on Northbrook lane.

Q.70 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to clean up the lanes behind Elmwood Avenue lower, it is in charge of the council and in need of cleaning.

Q.71 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to cut back the trees at the top of park drive outside numbers (details supplied) as they are intruding into gardens and need to be pruned.

Q.72 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to ensure, either by directing DCC services or by liaising with Luas operators, that the trees on the Luas wall on Elmwood Avenue Upper are assessed for pruning or removal given they are a serious risk during stormy weather.

Q.73 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to replace the concrete lampposts on Beechwood Ave lower with metal lamp standard as they are hazardous and the concrete is splitting and breaking putting the public at risk from falling concrete.

Q.74 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to provide an update on the maintenance of Palmerston Park, residents are concerned the park is still looking run down.

Q.75 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager for new road ramps and speed lowering mechanisms for Mountpleasant Avenue Lower

Q.76 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager yet again a traffic assessment of Price's Place and Mountpleasant Terrace Lower.

Q.77 Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee agrees to replace the historical arch on Prices Place as soon as possible.

Q.78 Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee agrees to an audit of all our SEAC playing spaces.

Q.79 Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee is presented with an update of Park maintenance schedule and strategy for SEA Parks.