

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013  
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11<sup>th</sup> SAMHAIN 2013**

**1349.** Presentation on Palmerston Park Conservation Management Plan – Fergal McNamara, Howley Hayes Architects.

**Order: Noted.**

**1350.** Minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

**Order: Agreed.**

**1351.** Questions to the City Manager.

**Order: Noted.**

**1352. Roads & Traffic Matters**

i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 24/10/2013.

**Order: Noted.**

ii. Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15/10/2013.

**Order: Noted.**

**1353. Planning Department Matters**

i. Proposed variation to Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017: Policy SC6. The Lord Mayor Oisín Quinn was absent from the Chamber for this discussion.

**Order: Noted. Agreed to initiate variation procedure.**

ii. Application Number: 2703/13

Application Type: Permission

Applicant: Board of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook

Location: The Royal Hospital, Bloomfield Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

Proposal: Planning permission for (i) The change of use the former Nurses Home Building (901 sq.m.) including renovation and internal alterations and the construction of part single, part two and part three storey extensions (739 sq.m.) to the side and rear of the former Nurses Home Building to create a Primary Care Centre (total gross floor area 1640 sq.m.) including an independently accessible pharmacy (72 sq.m.) at ground floor level; (ii) 41 no. additional surface level car parking spaces with 6 metre high lighting; (iii) The demolition of a greenhouse (74 sq.m.) and a pavilion (77 sq.m.); (iv) The construction of a new vehicular and pedestrian access at Cullenswood Park, a 5.5 metre wide internal access road with a footpath and 4 metre high lighting, and 4 no. traffic control barriers; (v) A new ESB substation to replace an existing ESB substation at Cullenswood park; and (vi) All associated site development works including upgrading part of the existing fire tender access road to a 5.5 metre wide road with a 4 metre high lighting, landscaping along the boundary to Woodstock Court and Bushfield Place.

Registered Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Validated Date: N/A

Decision Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Order: Noted.**

- iii. Planning Enforcement Quarterly Reports.  
**Order: Noted.**

**1354. Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters**

- i. Tree Survey of Street Trees in the South East Area.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Report on Tree Works in Merrion Square.  
**Order: Noted.**
- iii. Report on Trees in Beech Hill.  
**Order: Noted.**

**1355. South East Area Matters**

- i. Area Manager's Report.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Naming proposal for development at Maxwell Road – “Wynnefield Grove / Garrán Wynnefield”.  
**Order: Deferred.**
- iii. Naming Proposal for the Commercial Element and Residential Terrace at Elmpark Green, Merrion Road, Dublin 4.  
**Order: Agreed.**

**Any other business**

With the agreement of the South East Area Committee, the following item was dealt with:

Addition of 74 / 75 Aungier Street to the Record of Protected Structures  
**Order: Agreed to initiate process.**

## Motions

### **1356. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to investigate the possibility and desirability of designating Sandymount as a Heritage Village.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **1357. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to introduce a one way system for Beatty's Avenue, Ballsbridge during the construction of the river wall. (This should not require a full TAG as it would be a temporary measure).

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **1358. Motion from Councillors Edie Wynne, Dermot Lacey, Jim O'Callaghan and Mary Freehill**

That this Committee calls on the Manager for a positive response and prompt response to the issues, set out below, that were raised at a recent meeting with Rathgar Residents Association:

1. Pedestrian crossing
2. Do not replace lamp at Triangle
3. Lamp as per photo on pole at Gourmet shop (photo to be supplied)
4. Potholes at lane near AIB
5. Is Rathgar Park in total in private / public ownership?
6. Dangers on footpaths and gullies from Leaves

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **1359. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee asks for a response to the issues raised in the email submitted with this motion in relation to the operation of the markets along the Grand Canal.

I have just returned from a trip abroad and am amazed to discover that the Village Markets have moved the market back to the area beside the Mount Street Bridge, which was so damaged by their stalls and traffic that Waterways Ireland had been obliged to have that area replanted with grass as it had become a mud bank. At that time the market stalls were moved farther up the canal bank in order to allow for recovery and regrowth. The spot they moved to is now damaged. I had planted new daffodil bulbs last month (the previous having been destroyed by the market stalls) in the expectation that with the regrowth of the grass the daffodils might also survive next spring.

What on earth is going on? This area is being systematically ruined, the wildlife is moving away gradually and if this is allowed to continue we can look forward to the disgusting mess of mud banks which we have previously witnessed. Dublin City Council supplying blue rubbish bags which are dumped behind the National Monument to the Battle of Mount Street Bridge is incomprehensible.

We have already expressed our concerns in detail to Dublin City Council so I will not repeat them here. This new move is so shocking that I question the agenda.

By the way, Mr. Des Vallely's description ("Meet Des Vallely of Irish Village Markets) where he claims that only one coffee shop and a pharmacy have objected to his activities, which for the last years have been in breach of the Planning Laws, is totally incorrect. Once he was forced to apply for planning permission, objections were

lodged by residents who will not stand by and witness the degradation of this beautiful historic place.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1360. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan**

Following the holding of an "on site" meeting this committee requests the Manager to set in train the procedures to introduce a Residential Disc Parking Scheme to Baggot Lane and to consider placing two speed ramps and possibly a Safe Driving Children at Play sign or similar along the same stretch of road and bearing in mind that this item has been on the agenda for over six months now that it be expedited.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1361. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Having recently asked Planning Enforcement to reopen the case of 2 Rathmines Road under the endangerment structures, would the Manager please outline the present situation regarding the ownership and responsibilities of this house? This is a listed building and both the house and the curtilage are in an appalling condition.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1362. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That Rathgar village and surrounding area be designated for a pilot study to carry out a village plan for the area and this would deal with the treatment of the public realm, take account of street furniture, signage, and street junctions. Do a plan that allows for easy movement of pedestrians, cyclists and motor traffic. In the first instance that a brief be prepared and presented to the January meeting also that this work is carried out by consulting the Rathgar Residents associations and find ways of getting feedback from local residents on their experience and day to day needs in the area.

**Order: Report to Councillor. Studio to be involved in the project.**

**1363. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the two gates on Fairfield Park, Rathgar be repaired. Also the public seat at Fairfield House be repaired, which has a piece of timber missing.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1364. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to answer the following in relation Dodder Flood Relief Works;

1. What is the proposed completion date for flood relief works to Donnybrook Bridge?
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  - a) Completion of Dodder wall on both sides to Ballsbridge
  - b) Excavation of the river bed at the bridge in Ballsbridge to drop level to required depth.
  - c) Capping wall and repairs from Ballsbridge to Herbert Park Lane Bridge
  - d) Wall section Herbert Park Bridge to Merrion Cricket Club
  - e) Raising Merrion Cricket club and LVA bank
  - f) New wall to Anglesea Lane
  - g) Can the raising of the Merrion Cricket club and LVA bank go ahead at this point given that the emergency works in the LVA are complete?

Separately can inspection of the chambers in the Simmonscourt drain across Merrion cricket club be arranged and the bolting and sealing of the covers be arranged as soon as possible.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1365. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

This City Council calls upon the City Manager to install promptly a pedestrian crossing in Rathgar Village to enable pedestrians cross from the 108 side of Rathgar Road to the "Gourmet Shop" side of Rathgar Road. If necessary, the pedestrian crossing outside Christchurch should be moved up to the centre of Rathgar Village where it is required more immediately.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1366. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

This committee calls on the City Manager to review urgently the parking problems on Westmoreland Park, Ranelagh which have increased because of the new Lidl and public house. Cars belonging to residents of the area and which are not causing any obstruction near the end of the park are being unnecessarily clamped. This is creating a more dangerous situation. This Committee asks the City Manager to consider instructing the clampers not to clamp cars at the end of Westmoreland Park which are not causing any obstruction.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1367. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the double yellow lines be repainted at the entrance to Meadowbank and Bushy Park Road the double yellow lines have worn away and this allows commuters to park there all day. With parked cars on the corner there is very poor vision for cars turning right into Bushy Park Road so it is very dangerous so they need to be replaced as a matter of urgency. The lines need to be made about 40 meters.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1368. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee call on Dublin City Council to initiate measures to halt the increasing number of cyclists who are now using the footpaths for cycling in the South east Area. This issue has reached epidemic proportions, particularly in relation to one way systems and streets where cyclists mount footpaths and bridges. Many cyclists are unaware of the rules of the road (especially the JCDecaux bike scheme). It is now time for clear signage and other measure to be employed in order to break the culture of cycling on the footpaths etc.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1369. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding car accidents that have taken place in social housing flat complexes in the South East Area within the past year. This to include incidents reported to An Garda Siochana and the Dublin Firebrigade and ambulance Services as well as incidents reported solely to DCC estate management.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**1370. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to organise a meeting between all users of Sandymount Green, including the Tidy Towns Committee and the parents of children who play in the green with Councillors and the Parks Section, with a view to resolving the issue with the gates of the green.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. McCartan. Report to Councillor.**

**1371. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Parks Section regularly inspect the street trees of the area, in particular in Portobello, to ensure that traffic and parking signs are not obscured by trees. Where obscured, they should either be moved or the trees should be pruned to allow the signs to be visible to cars. Similarly, all street trees

should be pruned to ensure that branches do not protrude below 2 metres thereby endangering pedestrians and cyclists.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. McCartan. Report to Councillor.**

**Councillor Gerry Ashe**

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**Chairperson**

**Dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**Attendance**

**Members**

Councillor G. Ashe (in the chair).

Lord Mayor O. Quinn.

Councillors D. Lacey, P. McCartan, K. Binchy, M. Parodi, M. Flynn, J. O'Callaghan, E. Wynne and M. Freehill.

**Officials**

E. Quinlivan, Area Manager, South East Area Office.

G. Gorman, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.

E. Martin, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

G. Geoghegan, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

S. Dunne, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.

J. O'Hara, A/Deputy Planning Officer, Planning / Development Plan / LAPs.

M. Conway, Senior Planner, South East Area Team, Planning Dept.

P. Hyde, Senior Planner, Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section, Development Dept.

F. Worrall, Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning Enforcement Section.

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Management & Control, Roads & Traffic Dept.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

**Non-Officials**

Fergal McNamara, Howley Hayes Architects.

James Howley, Howley Hayes Architects.