

Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Date: Friday 5th June 2020 / Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson
Ms. Claire Kelly – Secretary and Co-ordinator
Mr. Patrick Smith- Manager TAU
Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Janet Horner
Cllr. Anthony Flynn

Apologies:

Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative
Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative
Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct
Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s
MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Ms. Sally Flynn-Labre Park Representative
Ms. Angela O’Neill - FTDG
Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer
Mr. Pat Teehan – Manager TAU
Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud
Cllr. John Lyons
MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin

1.	Coronavirus(COVID-19) Traveller sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ No new cases of Covid-19 since the last meeting.➤ No requests for social isolation units.➤ TAU received fifteen emergency Caravan loan scheme forms. In the process of evaluation to seek eligibility.➤ Talks to implement a new waste initiative on sites.➤ Four houses secured in Ballymun area for allocation.➤ TAU will review the need to distribute sanitation packs and biofogging sites going forward.
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2.	Questions arising from members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was suggested that group electricity meters in Labre Park should be done away with, as residents seem to be issued with very high bills that are incorrect. Reply: The TAU are investigating the matter, hopes to issue residents with a basic flat rate. Currently working with the ESB to come up with a better system. ➤ It was mentioned action needs to be taken regarding the burning of waste in Labra Park. Reply: It was agreed that Shay would meet with Patrick Smith to discuss a new waste initiative. ➤ Will sanitation units be provided to the residents in Labre Park? It was stated that the need for sanitation units are coming from the residents on the ground in Labre Park. Reply: The manager of the TAU has given his view on the matter. It would be inappropriate to provide sanitation units at the back of houses. ➤ It was stated complaints are coming from residents in Coolock due to fires lit on illegal encampments. Is there anything that can be done? It was suggested that it may be beneficial for environmental and community groups to work together in hopes tensions between the two communities are reduced. Reply: The TAU are aware of the fires and are trying to be proactive as possible to reduce antisocial behavior. Currently working on improving living conditions, working to implement new waste initiatives and getting community groups involved. Bins are also provided on sites. ➤ What would the new proposed waste initiative/scheme look like? Reply: Looking at a model to get residents involved in the collection of rubbish and removal of graffiti. Involvement from other departments in DCC to create a buy in from residents to work together with other support groups in the community. DCC would provide the necessary equipment to support the process. To include painting sites and providing planters with the hopes residents take pride and ownership of the site. ➤ It was agreed waste management issues/ideas would be discussed with the waste subgroup committee. ➤ It was agreed that every situation and response would differ on each site. ➤ It was noted that the Traveller community could not be expected to police themselves and that DCC need to take responsibility regarding waste enforcement. Expecting the Traveller community to take matters into their own hands will only lead to an increase in antisocial behavior.
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