

Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare

Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

9.00am – 10.00am

Minutes

In Attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heaney (DH)

Cllr. Cieran Perry

Cllr. Caroline Conroy (CC)

Martina Kenny (MK) (My Lovely Horse)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

Officials:

Frank Darcy, Executive Housing Manager (FD)

Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer (PT)

Minute Taker: Gareth Matthews, Staff Officer

Apologies

Catherine Lawlor (CL) (Department of Agriculture)

Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)

Garda Aine McCrillon (AMC)

| | | Discussion | Actions |
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| 1. | Minutes of last meeting | ➤ Chairperson welcomes everyone | |
| 2. | Update on temporary dog shelter facility in Hollygrove | ➤ Hollygrove Kennels are continuing to provide the Council with a service of dog shelter on a quarterly contract basis. | Continue to monitor the shelters to ensure continued good performance. |
| 3. | Update of progress of provision of municipal dog shelter facility | ➤ DCC will begin work to find suitable location ideally in Dublin for provision of a municipal dog shelter | PT) role is fully within Animal Welfare Unit now and will be focusing on obtaining a suitable permanent dog shelter for DCC |
| 4. | Update on recruitment of additional two dog wardens | ➤ Two additional dog warden positions will be advertised internally by DCC no later than Tuesday 1 st of March | (PT) to finalize advertisement of the two positions with HR this week. |
| 5. | Overview of Animal Welfare Unit including Animal Welfare Unit website and function to include photos of dogs in the shelter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC current website is problematic with the inability to upload current stray/dogs available to be rehomed. The Animal Welfare Unit will look to set up social media page on Facebook. ➤ Issue with horses tethered along canal-this needs to be prevented. CCTV cameras are at location and AW Unit to work with An Garda Síochána and My Lovely Horse to tackle this issue. ➤ DCC AW Unit to attend Green Dog Day in June and focus on educating children/schools in areas of high Horse ownership. Will also include responsible pet ownership. | <p>(PT) & (GD) to identify alternatives if the functionality of the webpage is not suitable</p> <p>(PT) & (GD) to identify & meet with the appropriate Gardaí in the area to begin tackling the issue.</p> <p>AWU will seek to engage with Gardai and MLH to engage with schools regarding responsible pet ownership</p> |
| 6. | Year-end report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The sustainability of rehoming large number of horses and dogs with the increase of dog ownership during the pandemic and people returning to work. ➤ DCC at a large deficit financially from Horse seizures | DCC will deal with the number of dogs entering the shelter |
| 7. | Scheduling of next meetings 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (DH) Agreed 1 meeting on a bi-monthly basis to be held on Wednesdays at 9am ➤ If there is a need for an additional meeting between the schedule this will be communicated and arranged accordingly. | <p>All Meetings 9.00am start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th April • 29th June • 31st August • 26th October • 21st December |

Next Meeting 27th April 2022 at 9.00am via ZOOM