

Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare

Monday 13th Sept 2021

Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

9.15am – 10.15 am **Minutes**

In Attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heaney (DH)

Cllr. Caroline Conroy (CC)

Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)

Sergeant Angela Bates (AB)

Martina Kenny (MK) (My Lovely Horse)

Garda Aine McCrillon (AMC)

Officials:

Frank Darcy, Executive Housing Manager

Pat Teehan, A/Senior Executive Officer (PT)

Minute Taker: Michael Carey, Clerical Officer

Apologies

Catherine Lawlor (CL) (Department of Agriculture)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

		Discussion	Actions
1.	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fourth official meeting of the Oversight Committee ➤ (DH) Welcomes everyone ➤ (DH) Garda Aine McCrillon to replace Sargent Bates on Committee. 	Chairperson to write to Ass. Garda Commissioner regarding training of Gardaí in Animal Welfare
2.	Issues arising from last meeting	1. Progress on web page – Put out to professional web designer. Needs to be updated regularly. Link of DCC cover page. Have update on current site re developing new site.	1. Draft content to Senior Management and Committee for approval before launch and link to other social media
3.	Managers TAP Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How are stray dogs located by public – through micro-chip contact from information. <p>No identity- trawl through social media for lost dogs for clues.</p>	
4.	Update on Staff/Dog Wardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Competition date extended due to lack of applicants. Status quo to continue if no candidates are suitable. <p>To make sure applicants are animal friendly.</p>	➤ Business case to Dept for four permanent wardens to be compiled.
5.	Update on progress for Dog Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Focusing on a medium or negotiated contracts. Three Dublin Councils will be with Hollygrove using Midlands Animal Care as pound provider. ➤ DCC looking to do 1 to 3 years contract. To space to create municipal shelter. Members not agreeable. 	➤ Request City Architects to draft design shelter.
6.	Agenda items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updates on Wardens, ➤ Website ➤ Contract / Framework options 	
7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pete the Vet happy to work with committee regards animal welfare video. MK will lead on this with DCC support. ➤ Legal lacuna on carriages to be looked at. Bye laws are not operable at present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC to push resulting video on various media outlets. ➤ Council will begin this process.

Next Meeting: Monday 15th November 2021 @ 9am via ZOOM