

Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare

Thursday 5th May 2022

Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

9.00am – 09.45am

Minutes

In Attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heney (DH)

Cllr. Cieran Perry (CP)

Cllr. Caroline Conroy (CC)

Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)

Martina Kenny (MK) (My Lovely Horse)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

Garda Aine McQuillan (AMC)

Officials:

Frank Darcy, Executive Housing Manager (FD)

Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer (PT)

David Gibbons, Animal Welfare Inspector (DG)

Minute Taker: Gareth Matthews, Staff Officer

Apologies

Catherine Lawlor (CL) (Department of Agriculture)

		Discussion	Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting	Chairperson welcomes everyone	Minutes agreed Cllr Perry.
2.	Manager's Report	➤ David Gibbons gave an insight into the work carried out by the Animal Welfare Team on the ground and working groups assisting us in rehoming dogs and events in parks ➤ A.W Facebook page to share information on process involved when a dog is lost and fees/legislation associated in returning dog to the owner	GM) to post information in relation to fee's for returning a dog as well as increase information on requirements for dog owners- purchasing of dog license and microchip insertion and registration
3.	Update of progress of provision of municipal dog shelter facility	➤ Works on a potential location for new municipal dog shelter is set to be complete within 6 weeks of commencement date ➤ Location of dog shelter is preferred to be in Dublin area.	PT) to review site once work has been completed and potentially how the Animal Welfare Unit can utilise this facility
4.	Update on recruitment of additional two dog wardens	Two dog warden/animal welfare officer positions awaiting approval from HR before advertisement for the positions can be released	(PT) to follow up with HR for approval and advertise positions once approved
5.	A.O.B	Meeting cut short due to difficulties with ZOOM and WiFi network.	(PT) will seek to organise better facilities for meetings.
6.	Meeting Schedule	Next meeting scheduled for 29 th June 2022 at 9.00am via Zoom	29th June 2022 31st August 2022 2nd November 2022 21st December 2022