**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 Take**r: Michael Carey, Clerical Officer

**Apologies**

Catherine Lawlor (CL) (Department of Agriculture)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

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|  |  | **Discussion** | **Actions** |
| 1. | **Welcome** | * 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
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| 3. | **Managers TAP Report** | * How are stray dogs located by public – through micro-chip contact from information.

No identity- trawl through social media for lost dogs for clues. |  |
| 4. | **Update on Staff/Dog Wardens** | * Competition date extended due to lack of applicants. Status quo to continue if no candidates are suitable.

To make sure applicants are animal friendly.  | * Business case to Dept for four permanent wardens to be compiled.
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| 5. | **Update on progress for Dog Shelter** | * 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.
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| 6. | **Agenda items for next meeting** | * Updates on Wardens,
* Website
* Contract / Framework options
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| 7. | **AOB** | * 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.
 | * DCC to push resulting video on various media outlets.
* Council will begin this process.
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Next Meeting: Monday 15th November 2021 @ 9am via ZOOM