**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 |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 6. | **Agenda items for next meeting** | * Updates on Wardens, * Website * Contract / Framework options |  |
| 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. |

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