

Ms Jan O'Sullivan, T.D.,  
Minister of State at Dept. of Environment,  
Community & Local Govt. (with s/r for  
Housing & Planning),  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.

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02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2012.

Please Quote our Ref. No. M1/6/9/13/0212

**Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council**

Dear Minister O'Sullivan,

The following four (4) Motions were Agreed at the County Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012:-

Motion No. 1 (Mayor's Business):-

**"That this Council recognises the benefits of work done by four Community Safety Fora in the County, requests the Manager to present a report on the collaborative activities and projects in which the Council is currently involved with the 4 CSFs, and requests the Manager to make a submission to the Minister of State Jan O'Sullivan at the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government outlining the contribution of the Fora to the 4 communities they serve in the County, confirms the Council's support for the continued operation of the CSFs in the County, and urges the minister to secure the necessary small amount of finance to pay the wages of the 4 Co-ordinators and the continued valuable work of the Fora."**

Motion No. 6:-

**"That this Council:**

- **Condemns the decision by the Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan to cut funding from community safety forum/estate management posts in South Dublin County**

- Requests the Manager to provide a detailed report on the circumstances surrounding this cut and the impact it will have on the staff and services provided by the staff concerned
- Acknowledges the important work carried out by the community safety forum/estate management staff in promoting community safety
- Believes that these cuts and the loss of the workers will result in a significant loss of important community services
- Agrees to forward a letter on behalf of the Council to the Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan outlining the Councils concerns on this matter and calling on him to reverse the cut
- Instructs the Management to explore possible alternative sources of funding to ensure the continuation of these posts and the services they provide.”

Motion No. 9:-


That this Council, being extremely concerned for the future of community based and voluntary activity in the County so vital to the well being of our residents, fully supports the current campaigns against the cuts in the Community Employment Scheme and Community Safety Forums and calls on the Government to restore the funding for these important initiatives so critical to the quality of life to so many communities. Furthermore, this Council requests that the Government publish a White Paper on the Community and Voluntary Sector so that a debate can take place on how this sector can be supported and funded in the context of the rationalization that is taking place across the disbursement and allocation of public funds. That this motion if approved be copied to all other local authorities.

Motion No. 13:-

That this Council condemns the 75% cut by the Dept of Environment, Community & Local Government for Mainstreamed Drugs Funding in respect of North Clondalkin Community Safety Forum/South West Safety Forum, Fettercairn Estate Management, and Killinarden Estate Management Project, and requests the Manager to outline the extent of consultation, if any, between the Dept and this Council, and to take all appropriate action to ensure the restoration of necessary funding to these essential projects

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

  
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 Mary Maguire,  
 Meetings Administrator,  
 Corporate Services Department.