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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, June 20th, 2016

HEADED ITEM NO. 4 (e)(i)

REPORT OF THE LAND USE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION SPC

**Thursday, 26th May 2016.**

**Present:**

**Elected Members:** Councillor W. Lavelle

Councillor L. O’Toole

Councillor P. Gogarty

Councillor P. Donovan

Councillor F.N. Duffy

**Non Elected** Ms. Siobhan Butler

**Members:**

**Council Officials:**  Mr. E. Taaffe, Director of Land Use

Planning & Transportation

Ms. Irenie McLoughlin , Heritage Officer

Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer

Ms. Laura Leonard, Senior Executive Officer

**Apologies** for inability to attend were received from Councillors R. Nolan M. Murphy, Mr. Denis Sherwin and Mr. Neil Durkan.

**An Cathaoirleach, Councillor W. Lavelle presided.**

**H.I. 1.Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 31st March 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Lavelle, seconded by Cllr. Gogarty and AGREED.

**H.I. 2. Review of Pay Parking**

Councillor Paula Donovan had prepared a presentation for this item which she delivered to the meeting. This included feedback from the Rathfarnham Village Business Forum and suggestions for improvements for consideration. Ms. L. Leonard presented an update on Countywide parking in particular on public information and awareness raising efforts regarding the 30 minutes free parking. Additionally an update was provided on engagement with UTS parking machine provider on the upgrading of software to machines to enable a ticket to be printed for the 30 minutes free period.

Councillors Gogarty, Donovan, Lavelle and Ms. S. Butler raised questions and a discussion ensued. A further update was requested and that a copy of the customer charter be circulated to members.

**H.I. 3 Speed Limit Review.**

Mr. William Purcell, Senior Engineer presented an update on the continuing progress of the Speed Limit Review advising members that timelines for the completion of the review have now been finalised and that the public consultation process will commence later in the year leading to the finalisation of the review and the erection of speed limit signage as appropriate.

Following the update, Ms. S. Butler, Councillors Donovan, Murphy and Lavelle contributed to the debate. Ms. S. Butler requested that the PPN be informed. Cllr Lavelle requested that the detail of the timeline be sent to all members of the SPC.

**H.I. 4 Reports from Sub Groups**

**(i) Cycling Forum**

**Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC**

**Cycling Sub Group -**

**Report to SPC 26th May 2016**

The Inaugural Meeting of the Cycling Forum, a sub group of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee took place in the Council Chamber on 26th May 2015.

**Members:** Cllr. William Lavelle, , Cllr. Liona O’Toole, , Cllr Paul Gogarty, Mr. Denis Sherwin, Cllr Ruth Nolan, Ms. Mairead Forsythe, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Ms. Michele Ui Bhuachalla, Ms. Wendy Mantle, Mr. Paul Corcoran, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Mr, Ally Menary, An Taisce Green Schools, Ms. Caroline Peppard, HSE, Sergeant Peter Woods, Traffic Division, Dublin Castle

**Executive:** Eddie Taaffe, Laura Leonard

The group have now met on 5 occasions and are working on delivering the objectives set out in the 2015-2016 Work Plan. Cllr. Paula Donovan has taken over the role of Chairperson of the Cycle Forum.

The following areas have been examined by the group since the previous update in November 2015.

**Update on Cycle/Greenway Schemes 2016**

Suzanne Furlong, Public Realm Designer presented updates on the following schemes to be progressed in 2016:

Green Schools Cluster – Works

Dodder Greenway

Grange Road Cycle Route Phase I

John O’Connor, Senior Executive Engineer, outlined the NTA funded projects for 2016 to be delivered by Roads section and addressed queries raised by members.

**Update on Speed Limit Review**

Laura Leonard provided an update on the progress of the Speed Limit Review which is progressing to mapping and speed survey stage. The committee were advised that they will be further updated at the next meeting as speed survey results are available and mapping of speed limits is advanced.

**Sergeant Peter Woods, DMR Traffic Division**

At the request of the SPC /Cycle Forum chairperson, Sergeant Woods from Dublin Castle Traffic Division was invited to address the group. Sergeant Woods outlined AGS position in relation to cycle safety and the protection of vulnerable road users and indicated that successful prosecutions are more frequent now in such cases. The responsibilities of cyclists to protect themselves and ensure their visibility particularly in winter months was additionally outlined. The matter of the issuing of fixed penalty notices for cycle offences including failure to use a cycle path where one exists was raised and discussed.

**Healthy Ireland Strategy – Caroline Peppard HSE**

Caroline Peppard was welcomed by Chairperson Cllr. L O’Toole and invited to outline the project she is working on. Caroline explained that it is a WHO accredited Healthy Cities Project. The associated Strategy document Healthy Ireland Strategy encompasses specific actions for Local Authorities, one of which is to develop a Cycling Strategy. Caroline looks forward to working with the group in this regard and updating the group on wider progress on the overall project.

**Potential cluster school cycle network current condition – Lucan (Michele Uí Bhuachalla)**

Michele Ui Bhuachalla presented a report which she had prepared setting out an assessment of cycle track facilities associated with schools clusters in the Lucan area, a coding system of orange, green and red had been applied to indicate availability and standard of cycle tracks and also supporting facilities within schools. Michelle proposed that a second Green Schools Pilot should be considered for the Lucan area.

The report to be circulated electronically to all members before the next meeting of the group.

**An Taisce –Green Schools**

Ally Menary, An Taisce Green Schools project made a presentation to the Forum on the work undertaken on this project and on the follow up engagement with the Council in respect of Walkability/ Cycle Audits submitted with recommendations.

Cllrs Donovan, Lavelle and Ms. S. Butler welcomed the informative presentation and raised questions which were responded to.

**Terms of Reference**

Mairead Forsythe circulated a sample Terms of Reference document and requested that it be discussed at the next meeting.

**(ii) Road Safety Working Together Group**

Ms. L. Leonard provided the following report:

**Report to Land Use Planning and Transportation SPC**

**26th May 2016**

**Road Safety Working Together Group**

The Inaugural Meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group took place in the Roads Conference Room on 27th April 2016.

The following were in attendance Cllr. W. Lavelle, Cllr. E. O’Brien, Cllr. P. Donovan, C. Hegarty RSA, O. Maguire RSA, J. Burns Dublin Fire Service, Sgt. P. Woods AGS, F. Vigors TII, E. Taaffe SDCC, L. Leonard SDCC , W. Purcell SDCC, G. Walsh SDCC.

**Key Points:**

* Cllr William Lavelle appointed as Chairperson of the Road Safety Working Together Group.
* Schedule of Meetings Agreed.
* Draft Road Safety Plan Recommended
* Plan to be officially launched early June 2016.

The Plan has now been forwarded to the printers and a launch date is to be confirmed.

A presentation on the plan was requested for the next meeting.

(iii) Architectural Conservation Forum

Cllr. F.N. Duffy introduced the report and proposed Terms of Reference of the Forum.

The architectural conservation forum was established at a meeting of organisation procedure and finance committee of South Dublin County Council, on the 21st of May 2015.

The ACF is founded on the following Government Policy -

Government Policy on Architecture 2009 – 2015

3.6 The State as custodian of Architectural Heritage

*The state is committed to the highest standards in the protection, conservation, and maintenance of the built heritage and landscapes in its care and to promoting the adoption of these standards towards the historic built environment.*

NB Actions 14 to 19.

National Monuments Act, 1930

*‘To make provision for the protection and preservation of national monuments and for the preservation of archaeological objects in saorstat eireann and to make provision for other matters connected with the matters aforesaid’.*

Purpose

Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015: Towards a Sustainable Future: Delivering Quality within the Built Environment action 44 states:

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will establish a public authorities’ historic buildings committee (*Architectural Conservation Forum)* for the following purposes: to act as a means for information exchange; to organise seminars; to examine issues of common interest; and to co-ordinate guidance and advice in relation to care, maintenance and financing. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will require public authorities to establish in-house advisory groups to oversee the management and maintenance of the historic building resource.”

Mandate

- Facilitate the protection and maintenance of the Counties Architectural Built Heritage.

- Promote Built Heritage Jobs via initiatives e.g. Leverage Scheme 2014.

- Develop online resources illustrating the Counties built heritage for schools and the wider public.

**Time Frame**

- May 2015 – May 2019 (ACF re-formed post 2019 Local Elections),

- Schedule meetings prior Planning SPC meeting, allowing time to submit report to same.

**Resources**

- SDCC Staff (council officials work programme)

Powers

SDCC Architectural Conservation Officer (Irenie McLoughlin) - The role of the Conservation Officer is to protect the architectural heritage of the county and to implement the provisions of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

**Accountability:**

SDCC Architectural Conservation Officer validates all proposals, reporting same to the Planning SPC prior to their meetings.

Membership

- SDCC staff with specific background in architectural conservation & County library representative,

- Sitting councillors, drawn from county geographically and cross party where achievable.

- Members of the public invited to forum with background in architectural conservation / historic knowledge.

**Communication**

SDCC web site and face book page.

Evaluation format

Projects measured by conservation framework plan attached to individual project.

Projects

Existing & proposed projects being procured (explanation of conservation mechanism attached to individual case file).

- Ballymount Complex

- Grange Castle & Cottage

- St. Johns (Kings Johns Bridge) in Griffin Valley Park

- Corkagh Park stable building & Mill

- Kilinniny Tower

- Rockbrook Mill

**Funding**

- SDCC budget allocation.

- Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government funding programmes (dates for same to be confirmed annually).

- SDCC budget / Government funding leveraged to source external funding through private sector & semi-state organisations.

Following a discussion the Terms of Reference were Noted and the matter of finalising membership is to be brought to the attention of Corporate Services.

The Committee Agreed that the Architectural Conservation Forum be established as a sub group of the Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC.

**H.I. 5 Naming of Infrastructure**

Ms. L. Leonard delivered the Report below:

**Report on Naming of Infrastructure Workshop**

**Roads Conference Room**

**Friday 13th May 2016**

A workshop to discuss the Naming of Infrastructure was arranged on foot of Report of the Clondalkin Area Committee to the February 2015 County Council Meeting the discussion on which gave a commitment to the matter being listed on SPC agenda. A presentation on the subject was made to the February 2016 Meeting of the Land use Planning & Transportation SPC. Following that the chair of the SPC issued invitations to attend the workshop to the Mayor, the Group Leaders and the members of the SPC.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mick Duff, Ed O’Brien, Paula Donovan, Francis Duffy and Mr. Neil Durkan.

In addition to the Councillors present the meeting was attended by Heritage Officer Rosaleen Dwyer Senior Librarian Catherine Gallagher, Senior Executive Officer Laura Leonard and Staff Officer Barbara Reilly.

**KEY POINTS:**

* That a clear policy setting out criteria for Naming of Infrastructure including Commemorative Naming and the provision of memorials and plaques be discussed and agreed by the SPC for adoption by the Council.
* Policy to identify the scope i.e. what should be considered for naming?
  + e.g, Libraries, Community Facilities, Parks, Roundabouts
* Policy to set out appropriate process [es] for categorising classes of infrastructure (Major, Minor)
* Policy to cover requests for Plaques /memorials:
  + Plaques to be in line with County Signage branding
* Policy to include criteria on naming principles:
  + Commemorative naming – approval of family as prerequisite,
    - Living persons not to be considered
    - Person must have made a unique /outstanding contribution
    - Consideration of duration since person deceased
  + Historical associations as basis for naming
  + Heritage /Culture/ Landscape associations
* Policy to set out when to name infrastructure:
  + Should it just apply to new infrastructure or should certain existing infrastructure be considered?
* Policy to set out the process for decisions on naming:
  + Include PPN
  + Establish Standing Committee
  + Committee to be chaired by Mayor
  + Committee to make proposal to Council

**WORKSHOP OUTCOMES:**

Bring report on workshop to May SPC

Bring up for discussion at CPG with view to setting up Standing Committee

Engage with all other relevant Directorates

Following a discussion it was requested that a draft policy be prepared and brought to the September meeting of the SPC.

**H.I.6. Western Orbital Road /N4/N7 Study Update.**

Mr. Eddie Taaffe, Director of Services updated the Committee. Cllr. W. Lavelle requested that members be kept informed of any developments and that when the Councils new Development Plan comes into force that TII be written to requesting an update on their plans for this Road.

**H.I.7 A.O.B.**

No business

**The meeting concluded at 7.25 p.m.**