

TRANSPORTATION & COUNTY WIDE MOVEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2015 AT 17.00

HELD IN
COUNTY HALL

The Transportation & County Wide Movement Strategic Policy Committee Meeting was held on 15th DECEMBER 2015 and was attended by:

Councillors:

Cllr J. Bailey, Cllr D. Donnelly, Cllr L. Dockery, Cllr. G. Horkan, Cllr. H. Lewis, Cllr. L. Mc Carthy, Cllr. S. O'Brien Cllr. S. O'Neill, Cllr. O. Smyth, Cllr. B. Saul, Cllr. B. Ward

Sectoral:

Development/Construction Sector

Gregory Alken

Business/Commercial Sector

Community Voluntary Disadvantaged Forum

Jim Colgan

Environmental/Conservation/Cultural Sector

Keith Byrne

Social Inclusion Sector

John Nolan

Council Officials:

Frank Austin, Director of Services, Richard Shakespeare, Director of Services, Anne Devine, Senior Engineer, Mick Mangan, Senior Engineer, John Broderick, Senior Engineer, Padraig Watters, Senior Executive Engineer, Gerry Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Austin Baines, Senior Executive Officer, Dermot Nolan, Senior Staff Officer, Tom Byrne, Staff Officer, Patricia Howe, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies

Councillor Pat Hand

Councillor Deirdre Kingston

Tom Nolan

Absent

Councillor S. Brennan

The Chairman, Councillor Gerry Horkan presided at the meeting.

Mr. Frank Austin, Director of Services advised the Members that Mr. Richard Shakespeare would replace him as Director of Services for Transportation SPC meetings, due to structural re-organisation within the Council. Councillor G. Horkan thanked Frank for his contributions to the SPC over the past years and welcomed Richard to future meetings.

The minutes of the Transportation and Countywide Movement SPC Meeting held on 8th September 2015 were proposed by Councillor B. Ward and Seconded by Councillor Liam Dockery and **AGREED**.

Information Item Submitted by Members for Written Reply

Item 2

2 (a) – Keith Byrne

I would like to understand why zebra crossings have not been implemented in DLR in many of the recent layouts of crossings. Is this the policy of DLR? Will we ever see zebra crossings become common in DLR? It is an important traffic calming measure and promotes walking permeability in the county.

Reply:

"In recent times, dlr has not provided any zebra crossings in the County, but has been proactive in delivering controlled crossings (pelican and Toucan) which cater fully for Mobility Impaired & Disabled (MID). Dlr has also provided for the placement of courtesy type crossing points in low speed environments within village / town cores area, as part of a school zone and/or as part of permeability schemes.

Dlr has requested the National Transport Authority (NTA) to consider setting up a technical group to develop a guidance document and best practice technical note for the provision of such facilities throughout the four Dublin Local Authorities and we will again formally raise this with the NTA at our next meeting in January 2016."

The report was **NOTED**

2 (b) – John Nolan

Road Improvement Works at the following locations: -

What are the anticipated start dates of these works; and How long are works expected to last (contract period)?

- Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road
- Rochestown Avenue/Abbey Road (Dún Laoghaire)
- Shanganagh Road (Shankill)

Reply:

"All three of these proposed road improvement schemes are included in the current Capital Programme 2015-17 as 'Not Contractually Committed Projects'.

Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road is anticipated to commence with Interim Works in 2017, subject to funding and planning. The Part 8 for the complete scheme is currently at Public Consultation. Following completion in Spring 2016, the scheme will be in a position to commence the CPO process for prioritised sections. This could be completed by the end of 2016 allowing for a possible start date for the first section in 2017.

Rochestown Avenue expenditure is identified for preliminary design works, with expenditure on construction forecast for post 2017. There is no current anticipated start date.

Shanganagh Road has been identified for some expenditure on Interim Works, with the majority of expenditure post 2017. It is anticipated that the preliminary design and Part

8 process will be undertaken in 2016, with a possible start on site in 2017 (subject to funding and planning) but as yet there is no anticipated start date."

The report was **NOTED**

Item 3

Business submitted by Director of Services

Item 3 (a)

Dublin bikes and Regional Bikes

Report from Michael Aherne, Head of Transportation Development Division of the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding "Dublin Bikes and Regional Bikes"

Due to unforeseen circumstance, Mr. Michael Aherne could not attend the meeting and Mr. G Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer, presented the NTA report on the Regional Bike Scheme (Cork, Limerick and Galway) on his behalf and added some information from the Dun Laoghaire Public Bike Feasibility Study draft report. Ms. A. Devine responded to questions from the members and stated that although there were many benefits for a bike scheme, the capital and on-going operational costs of providing a scheme were high. Following further discussion, Director Mr. R. Shakespeare advised the group that the Council would examine the Feasibility of a Countywide Bike Share Scheme and prepare a business case on various options.

The report was **NOTED**

Report on Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

Mr. John Broderick, Senior Executive Engineer gave a brief outline of the process and functions of the TAG group.

Implementation of Statutory Signing and Lining Measures

Legal Background

The provision of statutory signing and lining measures is an Executive Function. The legal framework for traffic signage (including signs, devices, notices and markings) is contained in the Road Traffic Acts (1961, 1968, 1994) and the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 (S.I. 182/1997). The Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations, 1997 (S.I. 181/1997), which are made under Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as amended by section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1968), section 96 of Road Traffic Act 1961 (as amended by section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1968) and by section 37 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, defines the signs and road markings and the significance attached to them.

Traffic Advisory Group

The Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) was formally established in August 2006 and comprises representatives from An Garda Síochána Traffic Section and Engineers from dlr Traffic Section. TAG receives over 300 requests annually for statutory signing and lining measures. As well as discussing requests received from the public, business groups, the Elected Members, and Dublin Bus, the group examines issues identified directly by the Traffic Section and An Garda Síochána. The Traffic Advisory Group convenes every 6/8 weeks for examination on an agenda of items.

The recommendations of each meeting of the TAG are brought to the Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Area Committees for Noting under Council Business entitled "Consultation with Garda Commissioner." This list provides detailed information on the measures to be implemented including the area and street name where road markings are to be

placed. Reference is also provided to the page number and grid reference on the Dublin City & District Street Guide. Items where no measures were approved at TAG are also included on the report for the Area Meeting.

The Traffic Advisory Group has met 12 times in 2015 to cover both the Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Areas.

Number of Requests Annually

	2012	2013	2014	2015
No. of Requests	308	318	332	354 to date

Customer Relations Management System (CRM)

The Traffic & Road Safety Section records all requests on the CRM system. If a person makes a request to the Traffic Advisory Group, they receive an acknowledgement that we have registered the request. A formal response and explanatory note is issued to the individual who requested the Statutory Signing and Lining Measures within two weeks of the meeting.

Councillor Representations CRM System

The dlr Councillor Representations CRM System has now been rolled out to all elected members. The purpose of the Councillors' Representation System is to provide an online channel for the submission of representations and allows each elected member the option of tracking the case as it progresses. A formal response and explanatory note is issued to the Elected Member who requested the Statutory Signing and Lining Measures within two weeks of the meeting.

Policy on the Implementation of Statutory Signing and Lining Measures

At its meetings on 6th June and 9th September 2010 the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee considered a draft "Policy on the Implementation of Statutory Signing and Lining Measures". The agreed policy is attached.

The report was **NOTED**

Report from Parking Sub Committee

Sub Committee Working Group of SPC Transportation
Meeting on Tuesday, 13th October 2015

The Working Group which was formed by the Transportation and County Wide Movement SPC to review parking issues, held a sub-committee meeting on Tuesday, 13th October 2015.

In attendance:-

Mr. M.Mangan, Senior Engineer,
Mr. T. Byrne, Staff Officer
Mr. C. Tiernan, Staff Officer

Councillor G. Horkan (Chair)
Councillor L. McCarthy
Councillor B. Ward
Mr. T. Nolan

It was noted that the following items were previously agreed by the Working Group SPC which met in September and were forwarded to the Transportation and County Wide

Movement SPC Group for consideration and adoption. The Transportation and County Wide Movement SPC AGREED on these recommendations from the Working Group at its meeting on the 8th September 2015.

- **Review of criteria used in determining parking restrictions (3 hour max/unrestricted/all day parking) in residential areas.**
The application of an hourly/unrestricted parking tariff for all new schemes to be reviewed after a period of 12 months. **AGREED**
- **Rescinding/Removal of Pay and Display Schemes**
The inclusion of Appendix (v) to the Parking Control Bye Laws to facilitate the removal of Pay and Display Schemes. Schemes must be in operation for a period of 5 years before removal of the scheme would be considered. Agreement of the residents would be sought. **AGREED**
- **Parking Surveys – one vote per household**
Recommendation to amend the current 'Guidelines for the implementation of Pay and Display Parking Control Schemes' under Appendix (iv) of the Parking Control Bye Laws, such that surveys would be restricted to one vote per household. **AGREED**

Councillor Gerry Horkan chaired the meeting and the following items were discussed: -

Parking Permits issued to Commercial vehicles (Bye Laws)

Under the current Parking Control Bye Laws there are no restrictions on issuing of residents parking permits to Commercial vehicles. It was proposed that commercial applications would be restricted to a maximum of 2 applications per dwelling.

AGREED

Dwellings converted into more than 4 Units (Bye Laws)

The current Parking Control Bye Laws allow for the issuing of four residential parking permits per dwelling and where a building comprises a converted house the number of permits that may be held is four. Difficulties arise with dwellings that have been converted into more than four units. Bye Law restrictions mean that in the case of large houses where a property or flat is purchased as a home, the new tenant would not be eligible for a residents parking permit where the property in question has already been issued with the maximum four permits.

It was agreed by members of the Working Group to circulate to SPC Transportation Members the definition of "building" and "dwelling" for the purpose of deciding the number/amount of parking permits to be issued.

Current Parking Control Bye Law definitions:

"dwelling" means a building or structure designed and used for residential purposes, other than an apartment within a purpose built apartment block;

"converted house" means a building comprising a former single dwelling house which has been altered or converted so as to contain within it no more than 4 housing units;

"normal dwelling place" means the housing unit where a person either lives and resides, or satisfies the Council that he/she intends to live and reside, overnight for more than 183 days per year;

Alternate definitions for consideration are as follows:

“building” means any structure which either stands on its own or is separated vertically from any adjoining structure or structures by a party wall or walls;

“converted house” means a building comprising a former single dwelling house which has been altered or converted so as to contain within it more than a single housing unit;

Consideration may also be given to permit density on individual roads.

High Density Road – A residential parking permit road where the number of residents parking permits that have been issued for the road exceeds 65/70% of the total number of residential parking permit bays on the road.

Where a converted house consists of more than four housing units and is located on a High Density Road, residents shall not be eligible for residents parking permits after the limit of four permits is reached.

Where a building consists of more than four housing units and is not located on a High Density Road the maximum number of residents in each unit who may concurrently hold a residents parking permit shall be one, subject to the limit of one residents parking permit per housing unit.

Examples where density figures have been calculated;

Idrone Terrace, Blackrock

No. of bays: 80

No. of permits: 47

Density percentage: 59%

Using the 65-70% value, Idrone Terrace would not be considered a High Density Road.

Example:

Vesey Place, Dun Laoghaire

No. Bays 34

No. Permits 32

Density percentage 94%

Using the 65-70% value, Vesey Place, Dun Laoghaire would be considered a High Density Road. Once the maximum of 4 permits is reached no further permits would be issued.

It was **AGREED** 70% value would apply

Formulate policy with regard to Parking Promotions (Operational)

Parking promotions have been sponsored by the Council in an effort to promote business County wide and to encourage local residents to shop local and support their local retailers. To date parking promotions have been arranged by the Council's Transportation Department under the direction of the Chief Executive.

It was agreed that this item should be brought to future County Council Meetings for information purposes and to have a policy in place for future Parking Promotions and how promotion information is broadcast to the public. Chamber of Commerce, Gazette, Facebook, Twitter.

AGREED

Provision of motorcycle parking (Bye Laws)

Special zones/bays to be allocated for motorcycle parking in town centres and other identified locations deemed to be suitable. Suggested Tariff of 60 cent per hour to apply, with payment via parking tag.

AGREED

Trimleston Review/UCD (Operational)

Michael Mangan advised the Members of the current situation at Trimleston. There is a draft map/plan which is to be given to residents showing a greater allocation of car parking spaces compared to the previous proposal which was rejected by the residents in 2013. There is also the option of providing delineated parking bays in an effort to control parking. This would require consultation with local residents. Delineated parking bays have been trialled/piloted already with some success on Woodbine Road and a section of Woodbine Avenue.

It was agreed with Councillor Barry Ward and Councillor Gerry Horkan that the residents would have a deputations meeting and the Parking Unit would attend.

Review & Audit of parking

It is proposed that procedures be put in place to monitor the Parking Scheme and parking surveys would take place to determine the following:

- Demand for parking – high/low demand areas
- Vacancy rates
- Income
- Business/Residential needs
- Parking issues associated with Dun Laoghaire
- Operational hours

Hours of Parking Control

08.00 – 10.00 Review level of parking/income/enforcement levels

17.00 – 19.00 Review level of parking/income/enforcement levels

As this item requires extra resources to carry out on-street surveys it will remain on the agenda for future review.

This item requires further on-going review.

Request to review options for Barnhill Road Car Park – residents/visitor parking

This item was discussed at a recent Area Committee meeting.

“Introduction of Pay & Display in a car park would not be subject to the provisions in the Guidelines in relation to a survey of residents on the road that it is intended to introduce Pay & Display on. If it is considered appropriate for the introduction of Pay & Display, it would be intended to introduce an all-day Pay & Display Scheme with use of residential permits not permitted.”

Further discussion would be required as no agreement could be reached on how to progress this issue further.

Provision of Residents Only Car Parks (Operational)

There is no current Council policy to provide ‘residents only’ parking in Council Car Parks.

DART car parks – charging regimes for public transport users

The following is a list of the Council’s DART Station Car Parks;

Salthill/Monkstown DART Station Car Park

Killiney DART Station Car Park
Shankill DART Station Car Park
Blackrock DART Station Car Park
Eden Park Car Park (Glasthule DART Station)

Appropriate Tariffs and hours of operation apply to all of the above Council operated Car Parks.

The DART Station Car Parks at Booterstown and Dalkey are managed by Iarnrod Eireann. Clamping is in operation in both car parks and NCPS is the Parking Enforcement contractor.

Review of required documents for permit applicants (need for tax and insurance details)

The following documents are required when making a first application for a Residents Parking Permit. Copy of a current utility bill (proof of address), copy of a drivers licence, copy of the insurance certificate (address must be the same) and a copy of the tax disc (indicator of whether the vehicle is commercial/goods). Upon renewal of a Permit the only required document is a utility bill. All documents can now be uploaded online via the new online Parking Permit system.

Orientation of P&D meters (Operational)

It has been agreed that where possible all new meters will be installed at a 90 degree to the footway for easier usage by customer and allowing clear passage for other footpath users.

AGREED

AOB

Charging of E cars at the Lexicon Car Park ?

This car park is not under the Pay & Display area of DLRCC parking regime and is run by a private company.

The above report was presented by Mr. M. Mangan and following discussions with the members it was agreed that the items would have the approval of the Members.

The report was **NOTED**.

Item 4

Business Referred from the Council

Item 4 A & C

Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly

That the Chief Executive, following the discussion at the June Local Area Committee Meeting in Dundrum, *draws up a list of road closing criteria so that all potential road closure requests in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown can be measured against this list of criteria to see whether they comply and can then apply for road closure or not.*"

This follows a discussion in which the Chief Executive responded to the members' queries, and it was AGREED that the matter to include the preparation of a policy would be brought to the Transportation and County Wide Movement Strategic Policy Committee for discussion as part of its future work programme

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy

"To ask that Knocknashee would be considered under the road closure criteria due to heavy volumes of traffic rat running through this estate".

Councillor G. Horkan asked the Committee to take the Item 4 (a) and 4 (c) together as they concerned Knocknashee and rat running and a request from some residents for a road closure. Following debate it was AGREED that the assessment criteria for road restrictions would be put on the Future Work Programme.

The item was **NOTED**.

Cllr. Shay Brennan

Road Closure Criteria

This item was omitted as Councillor S. Brennan was not in attendance

Item 5

Business Referred from Corporate Policy Group

No Business

Item 6

Correspondence

Letter to NTA dated 3rd November 2015 on foot of items raised at Transportation and Countywide Movement SPC held on 8th September 2015.

Item 7

Future Work Programme –

Items for Consideration for Future Work Programme

Any Other Business

No business

The meeting concluded at 19.10.