

Motion Requiring a Special Resolution (75%)

MOTION 1

Proposed by:

Naas Cycling Club

Tim Farmer (Chairperson) & Bernard McGeever (Treasurer)

Motion:

'Insert new clause, 3.3 into the Memorandum of Association section of the Constitution as follows...'

to recognise the critical importance of ensuring a safe environment for cyclists when participating or competing in cycling either as an activity or as a sport, by taking a proactive leadership role in advocating for enhanced safety measures, thus aligning with its objectives to promote cycling as an activity and sport and to advocate for the rights and safety of cyclists;

Reason

The Cycling Ireland Strategic Plan Strategic Objective 1.6 relates to Safety. However, this clause does not recognise Cycling Ireland's role in promoting a safe environment for cyclists in Ireland.

We call for Cycling Ireland to recognise the critical role it should be taking in adopting this wording as a key objective.

This dictates that Cycling Ireland should then take a national leadership role, which we believe requires;

1. The CEO of Cycling Ireland should be the voice of cyclists in Ireland.
2. Advocating for enhanced road safety measures.
This will involve engaging with relevant stakeholders, including government bodies, local authorities, And Garda Síochána, and other road safety organisations;



3. Cycling Ireland, through its advocacy will lead and work with all stakeholders to improve road education and enhance safety for all road users, with particular focus on vulnerable users;
4. Partnering with the Government and the RSA to develop and promote a comprehensive road safety awareness campaign aimed at both cyclists and motorists, emphasising mutual respect, and integrated with existing education programmes such as driver training;
5. Collaboration with An Garda Síochána to increase enforcement of road safety laws that protect cyclists.
6. Demanding the provision of a Portal to upload dangerous driving footage, precedent exists in the UK where several constabularies provide this, and more importantly, act on the footage.
7. Advocating for stiffer penalties for Motorists causing harm to cyclists
8. Publishing an annual report on road safety for cyclists, highlighting advancements, challenges, and areas for further action.

Approved: by the Governance and Ethics sub committee

