

**CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2015
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One minute silence was observed as a mark of respect for the deceased and those caught in the Paris attack at the weekend.

282. Minutes of Meeting held on 21st October 2015.

Order: Agreed.

283. Questions to Dublin Chief Executive.

Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's Report circulated.

284. Roads and Traffic Matters.

(i) Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 27th October 2015 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.

(ii) Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th October 2015.

Order: (i) Noted.

(ii) Noted.

285. Planning and Economic Development Matters.

(i) Proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in the premises at No. 19 Saint Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

(ii) Planning Enforcement Report for July – September 2015.

Order: (i) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

(ii) Noted.

286. South Central Area.

(i) Presentation on the Walkinstown Roundabout improvements to pedestrian and cyclist safety.

(ii) Presentation on the Liberties Business Initiative.

(iii) Report on Christmas Tree Lighting for 2015 in the South Central Area.

(iv) Report on the Part VIII for the proposed new park in Cork St./Chamber St./Weaver St.

(v) Gully Cleaning Programme report for the South Central Area.

(vi) Area Manager's Report.

Order: (i) Presentation given by John O Connor, South Dublin County Council Project Co-ordinator and Tim Mullen, Arup, Project Manager. Presentation Noted.

(ii) Presentation given by Stephen Coyne, Project Co-ordinator. Presentation Noted.

(iii) Noted.

(iv) Noted.

(v) Noted.

(vi) The Area Manager's report was noted by the Members: -

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 20th November 2015**

DECEMBER AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

A reminder that the December Area Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 9th of December at 3.00pm. The deadline for receipt of your Questions and Motions is 5.00pm on Wednesday the 25th of November.

DUBLIN SOUTH CENTRAL JPC MEETING

A reminder of the JPC Meeting scheduled for this Friday, the 20th, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 3.00pm

HALLOWEEN REPORT 2015

Collection of Halloween bonfire materials started in September in South Central Area. For the main part this was accomplished through crews and plant supplied by Waste Services, with the option of using contractor's vehicles and labouring crews if the occasion demanded. Tonnages of materials collected by the main Departments are still being collated and a report by the corporate Halloween Working Group will follow.

As stated above, the Public Domain Unit use contractors to bolster DCC's own resources over the Halloween period. There were 78.2 tonnes of material collected by contractors engaged by Public Domain Unit. Out of a total of 78.2 tonnes, slightly over 40 tonnes were collected on 31st October (including approx 1000 tyres).

The security arrangements with An Garda Síochana worked very well and allowed plant & crews to operate between 6am and 5pm on Halloween without incident. These security arrangements were also adequate to cover part of South East Area.

The cost of the additional plant and crews arranged by Public Domain Unit over the four weeks prior to Halloween and on the 31st of October was €18,800.

COLD WEATHER INITIATIVE

The new Cold Weather Initiative is due to open on Friday, 20th November, with 100 emergency beds and is located in the Digital Hub (off Thomas Street).

PROJECTS IN THE AREA

New Public Park, Cork Street

Following agreement at the September Area Committee meeting a Part 8 planning application for a 0.6 hectare neighbourhood park on the site of the demolished Chamber Court and Weavers Court on Cork Street was advertised on 18th September. A copy of the plan was available for inspection in the Planning Department in the Civic Office for 6 weeks from that date. A report is listed on this months Area Committee Agenda.

Newmarket

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket and its environs is due to be finalised shortly with a view to making a presentation at the December Area Committee meeting. The Plan will describe, support and guide the implementations of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area.

Francis Street

Following workshops with local residents and businesses in July 2014 the Francis Street Public Realm Improvement Plan was finalized at the end of last year. It is now intended to progress the plan to a Part VIII Planning Application stage and, as part of this process, an information meeting took place with businesses for 17th November in the Cross Gallery, 59 Francis Street.

St. Catherine's Park, off Thomas Street

It is planned to install 16 low level bollard lights in St Catherine's Park/Graveyard. The lights will be an attractive feature of the park and should help to attract additional visitors to the location.

City Walls, Cook Street

A contractor has been selected for the supply and fit of 11 floodlights at Cook Street to illuminate the old city wall. Following a favourable demonstration it is expected that the installation works will take place in late November.

St. Audeon's Park, High Street

St. Audeon's Park is included in the Liberties Greening Strategy. As part of the proposed improvements to High Street design works are ongoing to redevelop the park and to create a more open and publicly accessible area by removing railings and selective trees.

Dubline

It is planned to install information panels will be placed at strategic points along the Dubline route in early December. The locations in the South Central Area will include:

- Kilmainham Gaol
- Royal Hospital Kilmainham
- St. James Church
- BOI James Street
- NCAD Thomas Street
- City Wall, Thomas Street
- High Street

Dolphins Barn

Works to erect a boundary wall between the site of the now demolished City Council acquired buildings on the eastern side of Dolphin Barn and the rear limits of the houses at St. James Terrace are now complete. It will be necessary to carry out repairs to the footpath and to install new raised kerbing before a pop-up linear park is created in the area between the new boundary wall and the public footpath prior to its possible future development.

Oscar Park

It is planned to install seating as part of the central feature in Oscar Square, Dublin 8. This work is due to take late this year or early next year.

Vicar Street

Works to improve the pitch, including the repair and painting of the fencing, and to erect basketball hoops at Vicar Street are due commence in late November/early December. A target wall, ball catcher and mini goals will also be installed.

Re-roofing Programme

A programme to re-new the roofs in Thomas Court Bawn, School Street, Marrowbone Lane Flats and Meath Place was recently completed. Works to the roof lights, chimneys and tank houses were included.

Works to carry out similar works to the roofs in Braithwaite Street are due to commence shortly.

It is expected that work to the roofs in Summer Street South and Pimlico Terrace will be carried out early next year.

Basin Street Flats

Works to convert an additional 4 bedsits into 2 x 1 bedroomed flats started on 9th November following the completed conversion earlier this year of 4 bedsits in the same complex.

The upgrade of the surface of the playground in Basin Street commenced on 3rd November.

Oliver Bond House

Works to develop 6 bin corals in Oliver Bond House is ongoing. This will create an enclosed area for the bins at a distance from the entrances to the complex which should reduce illegal dumping and possible damage to vehicles.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Rising Commemoration Fund for the South Central Area

47 groups in the South Central area have been allocated funding from the 1916 commemoration Fund. In the coming weeks the community team will contact the groups and meetings will be organised in the three area offices to help the communities coordinate their events. By bringing the groups together we hope to be able to pool ideas and resources and hopefully produce a varied programme of events.

Tips for Winter

Winter weather cards and leaflets are being prepared for older residents with useful information on safety & warmth, emergency contact numbers and household tips.

Age Friendly Activities

A list of achievements from the South Central Area is currently being compiled for the Dublin City Age Friendly report. A meeting of the South Central Area Age Friendly Alliance and the South Central Area Older Persons Council will take place on Friday 27th November 2015.

Older Persons Phone Audit

An audit is to be carried out by the Older Persons Council on how user friendly Dublin City Council's automated telephone routing and how Age Friendly the Customer Care staff are. This will take place on Friday 27th November in the three area offices.

Community Grant Scheme

The closing date for the Community Grants has passed and all staff are currently going through the applications to ensure eligibility requirements are met.

Swift Conservation Presentation

A swift conservation presentation will take place at Lyons Villa in Chapelizod Village. This is a follow on to the Swift Nest Box project which took place there earlier this year.

This presentation will be given by Eric Dempsey on 27th November and is open to the general public. Presentations will also take place in St Patrick's School, Chapelizod on the same date. Light refreshments will be served.

Leaf Gathering Time – G

The Pupils from St Louise's School in Ballyfermot will once again be busy gathering leaves from The Civic Centre Garden in Ballyfermot during November. The leaves make wonderful mulch for the school's vegetable plot but most importantly its time out of the class room and an opportunity to connect with the colors, textures and smells of nature. Great Fun!!!!

Kilmainham Arts Festival

The Kilmainham Arts Festival takes place all around Kilmainham from the 12th – 16th November. Activities include poetry readings, workshops, film shows, masamba drumming and various other activities.

The Ballyfermot Garden Club

The Garden Club will now concentrate on some indoor activities over the winter including their Gardening lecture and seed swapping evening which will take place in The Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm.

D 12 Community Mental Health Forum

Father Kitt Court, St Agnes Road, Crumlin will host the D12 Community Mental Health Forum on Wednesday November 25th 2015, 10am – 12pm. The theme is promoting positive mental health and advancing recovery in the community through a collaborative approach. Special guest will be comedian and poet John Moynes.

All staff are currently supporting group projects and activities such as Cois Ceim dancing, Dementia Choir, health information days, community fora and providing information across the South Central Area.

Romania's National Day

28th November 2.00pm – 6.00pm at The F2 Centre, D. 8; Celebrating Romanian culture, food and music.

Neighbourhood Seniors Christmas Lunch

2nd December 12.00pm – 2.00pm at The Guinness Storehouse; a collaborative event between Basin Lane Residents Group, D. C.C and the Storehouse to bring together senior citizens and older vulnerable people living on the periphery of the Storehouse and Basin St. for Christmas Lunch, Music, Santa and gifts.

The F2 Christmas Fair

5th December 2.00pm – 6.00pm at the F2 Centre; general craft and Christmas Fair giving local groups the opportunity to show and sell their work.

Solas Christmas Fair

5th December 11.00 – 2.00pm at The Yard Project Marrowbone Lane ; Craft fair, Raffle and food.

287. Cultural, Recreation, Amenity and Community Matters.

- (i) Public Library Events for November 2015 – South Central Area.
- (ii) Sport and Recreation Report for November 2015 – South Central Area.

Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th NOVEMBER 2015

The order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motion

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McHugh

This Area Committee agrees that arrangements for the opening of the gates at Willie Pearse Park should be investigated as I have received several complaints regarding late

opening which is not only causing an inconvenience to the locals but could causing a potentially dangerous situation. Local people are climbing the gates in order to access the park to catch the 123 for Hospital appointments.

Order: Agreed.

288 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

This Area Committee agrees that Dublin City Council will begin the process to take in charge the lane way between Rothe Abbey and the Luas stop at Suir Road which isn't well lit and becoming a danger for residents due to the anti social behaviour.

Order: Agreed.

289 Councillor Paul Hand

The South Central Area Committee commends all the staff of the South Central Area for their hard work over the Halloween period. We would also like to commend the men and women of the emergency services for their tireless work on a difficult night. To this end, the Area Councillors would like to thank them by asking the Area Manager to pass on our thanks to all staff in the South Central Area Office and by writing a letter to the Garda Superintendents in the South Central Area and the men and women in Dolphins Barn Fire Station.

Order: Agreed.

290 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That this Committee calls upon Dublin City Council for an extension of the Dublin Bikes Scheme to include Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, Bluebell, Drimnagh and Crumlin as a natural extension to the hugely successful City Bike Scheme.

Order: Report to Councillor.

291 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

This Area Committee supports the 'Love 30' campaign to reduce traffic speeds for cyclist safety.

Order: Referred to the December meeting.

292 Councillor Greg Kelly

That this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to change its policy of blaming tenants on damp in their units. The Council have to recognise that there are major issues in a lot of the units they own due to the building and not the tenants that live in them. It needs to be understood that as a lot of units were built before the current building regulations that Dublin City Council follows. There are issues that need to be addressed.

Order: Agreed.

293 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee wishes to thank Dublin City Council staff, Dublin Fire Brigade, Gardaí & all emergency services for the work done over recent weeks. Their efforts ensured that Halloween was made a lot safer for many people.

Order: Agreed.

294 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

Acknowledging the need to develop a vision and a plan that will recreate a village atmosphere in the Dolphins Barn area, that where the opportunity arises, developments are named following local historical events or characters.

In hindsight it would be better to propose a consultative process with residents in the area to determine which local events or characters to commemorate.

Order: Referred to the December meeting.

- 295 Councillor Greg Kelly**
That this Area Committee would like to see a change in policy on housing vulnerable persons in accommodation that is both unsuitable and unsafe. Even with the current housing crises Dublin City Council need to consider where people are being housed, making sure that any supports they need are available to make sure that they are safe.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 296 Councillor Paul Hand and Councillor Ray McHugh**
This Area Committee supports the construction of an outdoor gym in Stannaway Park, Crumlin. To this end, we request that an application be made to the 2016 Sports Capital Grant Programme for funding for such a proposal.
Order: Agreed.
- 297 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
This Area Committee notes that the National Homeless & Housing Group has organised a march for housing on December 1st, this is a positive development and we encourage residents and community groups to participate.
Order: Agreed.
- 298 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
This Area Committee agrees that a plan be developed for our site located at Long's Place in Dublin 8 that will make this space available for use as a community green space and that will involve the local community in its design and upkeep.
Order: Referred to the December meeting.
- 299 Councillor Greg Kelly**
That this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to pursue the Government to release funds to address the major issues with Tyrone Place. This complex needs a full wrap around as well as retrofitting of each unit. It should be used as a pilot scheme and once completed used as an example to what can be done with old complexes owned by Dublin City Council.
Order: Report to all Councillors.
- 300 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
This Area Committee supports the call by the National Housing and Homeless Group for a demonstration marking the anniversary of Jonathan Corrie's death and the deepening of the housing emergency in the year since on December 1st @ 5pm at the GPO.
**Order: On the Councillor's absence this motion was moved by Cllr Smith.
Motion Agreed.**
- 301 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
That this Area Committee acknowledges the contribution of the Donore Boxing Club to the local community, especially St. Teresa's Gardens and will actively support the club in their endeavour to expand and secure their existence serving the young people of the local community into the future.
Order: Referred to the December meeting.

Councillor Ray McHugh,
Chairperson
20th November 2015.

Attendance

Councillors

An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Catherine Ardagh, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Paul Hand, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Ray McHugh, Councillor Tina MacVeigh, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, Councillor Daithí De Róiste and Councillor Bríd Smith.

Officials

Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area;
Kay Noonan, Area Housing Manager, South West Inner City;
Declan Ronan, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office;
David Healy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;
Rosemary Gibbons, A/Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department;
Fiacra Worrall, Asst. Enforcement Manager, Planning & Development;
Cora Roche, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Martha Mahon, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.