

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2015
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- 302. Minutes of Meeting held on 18th November 2015.**
Order: Agreed.
- 303. Questions to Dublin Chief Executive.**
Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's Report circulated.
- 304. Roads & Traffic Matters.**
(i) Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 24th November 2015 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
(ii) Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th November 2015.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.
- 305. Housing and Residential Services**
(i) Housing Building Programme 2015-2017.
Order: (i) Noted.
- 306. South Central Area.**
(i) Report on the allocation of Units at St. Teresa's Gardens.
(ii) Four nominations sought for the Parks Security Sub Committee.
(iii) Report on dates and deadlines for 2016 Area Committee Meetings.
(iv) Naming and Numbering Proposal for development at Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.
(v) Naming and Numbering Proposal for development in Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10.
(vi) Gully Cleaning Programme report for the South Central Area.
(vii) Area Manager's Report.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Cllrs. Greg Kely and Brid Smith were nominated for the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area and Cllrs. Ray McHugh and Pat Dunne was nominated for the Crumlin/Kimmage area.
(iii) Noted.
(iv) Withdrawn.
(v) Noted.
(vi) Noted.
(vii) The Area Manager's report was noted by the Members: -

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 9th December 2015**

HOUSING REPORT

St. Teresa's Gardens

Phase 1 of the St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Masterplan is at an advanced stage. Works to refurbish 2 blocks at the front of the complex are due to be finished in December whilst 3 of the 6 blocks on the Eugene Street side of the site have been demolished. A preferred bidder has been selected to demolish the remaining 3 blocks on the same side which will be empty when the remaining holders of the commercial and sporting units move

to new premises in the refurbished block next month. Demolition work is due to commence before the end of the year. There are currently 49 occupied flats in St. Teresa's Gardens. It is expected that, following the demolition of the 3 blocks, enabling works for the building of 34 houses and 16 apartments will begin early next year with construction of the new dwellings likely to commence in June/July 2016.

St. Teresa's Garden's Regeneration Project in partnership with other groups, including a number of Brazilian UCD architectural students and local children, have designed and created a temporary art installation in the communal space in the newly refurbished blocks at St. Teresa's Gardens. The design by the students was overseen by Landscape Artist and UCD Lecturer Sophie Graefin von Maltzan of Fieldworks & Strategies. The project which created a colourful interactive play space from commonplace goods was completed on 26th November. It is planned to hold an event early next year to mark the completion of phase 1. It is expected that this will include a promotional film which will recreate a flat in St. Teresa's as it would have looked in the 1950's. Councillors will be informed of the details when available.

Dolphin House

A part VIII planning application was approved at the October 2014 City Council meeting for demolition, new build and refurbishment at Dolphin House (phase 1). A total of 96 existing flats will be replaced by 100 new units. It is expected that tenders will be invited for the new build and refurbishment in January 2016 with a view to works commencing in the second quarter of 2016. It will be necessary to rehouse all of the existing residents residing in the affected blocks before any work can commence. The tenant in the last occupied flat in phase 1 of the Dolphin House Regeneration Programme is expected to be rehoused in January. The demolition of the 2 'canal blocks' in this phase is due to take place in December and January.

A site at the rear of the football pitch has been identified for older person's apartments. Fold Housing Association has been identified as the Voluntary Housing Association to take on the project involving c50 units of this type of accommodation. A design team has assembled with construction (subject to planning permission) likely to start in the second half of 2016. It would be the intention to transfer the existing tenants in Dolphin Park to the new dwellings. Dolphin Park, which consists of 44 bedsits, would then be demolished to allow for new housing to be developed on the site. A presentation in relation to a proposal regarding the further phasing of the project was made to the Regeneration Board on 23rd June and meetings with the residents of Dolphin House took place in the last week of September and the first week of October. The future phasing of the project with the 'long blocks' next for redevelopment is supported by the Regeneration Board.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY AREA REPORT

New Public Park, Cork Street

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 agreed at the December City Council meeting. Tender documents will now be prepared with a view towards work commencing in February/March 2016.

New Public Park, Bridgefoot Street/Island Street

A vacant site at Bridgefoot Street is included in the Liberties Greening Strategy. Phase 1 works to create 20 individual allotment plots and a community garden were completed earlier this year and both areas are under cultivation. It is now planned to develop an area adjacent to the allotment site as a high quality neighbourhood park that will provide for a range of

recreation activities. It is expected that a design consultant will be appointed early next year and it is then proposed to initiate consultation with interested parties including resident and community groups. The consultation process will be similar to the very successful workshops which were held in connection with the proposed new park in Cork Street.

Kilmainham

The upgrading works at Kilmainham Civic Space are nearing completion. Significant works have been undertaken in the past few months which have resulted in major improvements to the public realm in this area. These works included extensive new granite paving, upgrading of the public roadway, improvements for both pedestrians and cyclists, adjustment to the layout of the traffic junction, relocation of the taxi rank and new public lighting. It is anticipated that the major works will be finished prior to Christmas with some minor completion works being concluded in early January. The OPW will continue to work on the Courthouse and Gaol until March 2016.

Newmarket

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket and its environs is due to be finalised shortly with a view to holding meetings with businesses and the local community in January 2016. The Plan will describe, support and guide the implementations of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area. It is expected that a report in relation to a Part VIII Planning Application will be made available at the February/March Area Committee meeting.

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 with businesses took place on 17th November in the Cross Gallery, 59 Francis Street. It is expected a meeting with local residents will be held in before the end of the year.

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 installation works commenced on 7th December.

Dubline

It is planned to install information panels at strategic points along the Dublin route on the 9th December. The official launch will take place on 14th 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

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 to commence in December/January, weather permitting. 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 commenced in mid November. 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 are ongoing 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 was completed on 20th November.

Oliver Bond House

Works to develop 6 bin corals in Oliver Bond House are 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 EVENTS

Fáilte Isteach

Fáilte Isteach is a programme aimed at teaching English to non-nationals and is supported by DCC. Classes are held each week in the Inchicore area. On 9th December there will be an end of year celebration held in Bulfin Court.

Gold Folks

On the 15th & 16th December in St. Andrews Community Centre, local playwright Patricia McCann will premiere her new play, celebrating ageing through comedy. This event is supported by Dublin City Council.

Homelessness

On Sunday 20th December at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphins Barn, there will be a staged reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" adapted by Karl O'Neill. This event is in aid of The Peter McVerry Trust. Fr. Peter McVerry will give a brief talk on homelessness before the reading. Food and light refreshments will be served after the reading. The event is sponsored by Dublin City Council.

Neighbourhood Seniors Christmas lunch

On 2nd December in the Guinness Storehouse a Christmas party was held for older persons from the Basin Street area. This was a very successful collaborative event between Basin Lane Residents Group, Dublin City Council and the Storehouse. The event was attended by the Lord Mayor and over 70 residents who enjoyed lunch with music, Santa, gifts and local entertainment. The event is in its 2nd year and Dublin City Council hope to organise the party again in 2016.

CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE

Playground Willie Pearse Park

Work commenced on site at Willie Pearse Park playground on 25th November. The work period will be 4-5 weeks but this schedule is entirely dependent on dry weather conditions. The general opening of the facility is also weather dependent but should be available to the public in the New Year.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1916 Rising Commemoration

All successful groups have met and will be co-ordinating events in order to maximise the impact of their projects.

Memory Lane Choir

The CCMA choir is for those who would like to sing with older persons with a particular welcome for people with dementia or memory loss; their family members, neighbours or friends. The Choir will be performing a Christmas recital at the Curlew Road Alzheimer Day Care Centre in Drimnagh on Wednesday December 16th at 11am.

Cold Weather Initiative

Dublin City Council has prepared a cold weather information sheet with useful tips for older persons. There are 2 information sheets; Crumlin area and South Inner City area. These will be distributed to all sheltered housing complexes and older persons groups.

Message in a Bottle Campaign

Dublin City Council in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade are organising a series of talks to promote the Message in a Bottle Campaign. This campaign is a Lyons Club project and is being rolled out by Dublin Fire Brigade. The talks will take place in the Green Kitchen, Walkinstown and Dublin City Council sheltered housing complexes and all talks include a fire safety message. The first talk targeted the Walkinstown area and was held in the Green Kitchen. Talks will continue over the coming weeks.

BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE

1916 Rising Commemoration

All groups who were successful in securing funding in the Ballyfermot area will be contacted and a meeting organised to coordinate events and maximise the impact of their projects.

Cold Weather Response Initiative

Plans have been made for the implementation of the supports for the most vulnerable in the case of extreme weather. A number of community centres and community buses will be available on a rota basis to deliver hot food, bring people to centres and clear snow from centres to shops. Over 20 local organisations are involved with coordination provided by Dublin City Council.

Swift Conservation Presentation

A swift conservation presentation will take place at St Matthews Parish Centre. This is a follow on to the Swift Nest Box project which took place there earlier this year. Volunteers who have been very active during 2015 will be invited as a thank you from the Local Area Office. This presentation will be given by Eric Dempsey. Festive refreshments will be served.

Christmas Friends & Neighbours

This initiative is in its third year. Plans have been made to provide those in need with hot meals and company on Christmas Day. Co-ordinated locally by Dublin City Council, meals are delivered on Christmas Eve to those who will bring it to their neighbours in need, heat it and spend time with those neighbours on Christmas Day. Meals are provided by the Cherry Orchard Meals on Wheels Service free of charge.

Sarsfield House will open on Christmas Day to provide meals to the most vulnerable and homeless families in crisis.

Community Support

All staff are currently supporting groups to hold seasonal events such as Christmas parties for the elderly and youth/community groups, Santa visits etc. Staff are currently supporting group projects and activities such as Cois Ceim dancing, environmental conservation information days, community fora and providing information across the Ballyfermot Area.

307. Cultural, Recreation, Amenity and Community Matters.

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

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

308. Planning and Economic Development Matters.

- (i) Proposed disposal of a site at 118-128 The Coombe, Dublin 8 to Realmside Limited.

Order: (i) Agreed recommend to Council.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16TH DECEMBER 2015

Emergency Motions

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

Emergency Motion from Councillor Criona Ni Dhalaigh, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Daithi Doolan, Cllr Daithí De Róiste

This Area Committee agrees that Dublin City Council allocate the annual €125,000 Management Fee (which is currently under review by Housing & Residential Services) towards running the F2 Centre Building.

Order: Agreed without debate.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Daithi Doolan and Councillor Greg Kelly

This Area Committee is deeply concerned at the hugely negative impact that the Department of Children & Youth Affairs proposed €22,000 cut will have on children's programmes in Inchicore's Kavanagh House. The Department of Environment informed Kavanagh House of the cut 10 days ago in a phone call. There was no engagement or consultation with stake holders, including Dublin City Council, or other funders of the project.

Kavanagh House provides an essential service to children who are identified as at risk in the St Michael's area of Inchicore. The service is based in St. Michael's an area of regeneration. This programme plays a significant role in the social regeneration of the area.

The cut of €22,000 will put a stop to this daily programme. By postponing the motion to January it will make the motion redundant. There is a short window of opportunity to reverse the cut. We call on the Area Manager to write to Minister James Reilly outlining in the strongest possible terms our opposition to these cuts.

Order: Agreed without debate.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Tina MacVeigh

Following the announcement at Monday's Corporate Policy Group meeting that Marrowbone Lane is being considered for a 'Super Depot' for the southside, this Area Committee supports the rezoning of the site adjacent St Catherine's Sports Hall to Z9 in the current draft of the Dublin City Development Plan and reiterates its support for 'Sporting Liberties', a grass roots movement campaigning for the installation of a multi-disciplinary sports and training facility at this site. There is an urgency to this motion as the deadline for public submissions to the Development Plan is this Friday, 11th December.

Order: Agreed without debate.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee notes with concern the ongoing standoff between a family from our homeless list and the management company in Dublin 12. The family reports that they have been effectively evicted, following a dispute over the topping up of credit for gas and electricity. Subsequently, the management company disconnected the gas and electricity in an attempt to force the family out. Other issues of concern regarding the administration of this homeless accommodation complex have emerged, that need to be investigated.

In the circumstances this Area Committee calls on our senior Housing Management to intervene in this dispute by providing mediation with the objective of supporting the family's desire to remain in their accommodation until they are offered permanent accommodation.

Order: Agreed without debate.

Deferred Motions from the November Area Committee Meeting

291 Councillor Tina MacVeigh's deferred Motion from the November Area Committee meeting

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

Order: Agreed to refer it to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

294 Councillor Tina MacVeigh's deferred Motion from the November Area Committee meeting

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: Report Noted.

298 Councillor Tina MacVeigh's deferred Motion from the November Area Committee meeting

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: Report to Councillor.

301 Councillor Tina MacVeigh's deferred Motion from the November Area Committee meeting

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: Agreed without debate.

309 Councillor Pat Dunne

That this Area Committee calls upon The Dublin South Central Area Office to support the Donore Boxing Club in its search for additional space and in particular changing facilities for its female members. That this support be given as a temporary measure pending the provision of a new permanent premises under the regeneration scheme.

Order: Report to Councillors.

- 310 Councillor Daithí Doolan & Councillor Greg Kelly**
This Area Committee expresses concern at the Government's proposal to sell Local Authority housing. Monies raised from the sale of council housing must be ring fenced and used to supplement any future social housing building programme.
Order: Agreed without debate.
- 311 Councillor Bríd Smith**
On behalf of parents and children of Educate Together School in Basin Lane, this Area Committee requests that the School Warden Service be extended to cover the opening time of this school. Presently the Warded arrives at 08:30 when school starts at Canal Way ETNS.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 312 Councillor Paul Hand and Councillor Vincent Jackson**
That the South Central Area Committee supports the provision of a heritage panel for Chapelizod Village, with the design approved by the Chapelizod Heritage Society. Furthermore we request the Area Manager to allocate resources for this project as soon as possible.
Order: Agreed without debate.
- 313 Councillor Ray McHugh**
This Area Committee agrees that one or two weeks before Halloween next year, a Saturday will be allocated to residents who want to get rid of material that otherwise could be used for bonfires, and a site is identified where residents could bring this material and dispose of it for Free.
Order: Agreed. The Area Manager informed the members that Waste Management Services was not in favour of this proposal.
- 314 Councillor Catherine Ardagh**
To call on the Area Manager to request more of a Garda presence in the Mourne Road/ Drimnagh area as there has been a spate of car windows being smashed.
Order: Deferred to the January Meeting.
- 315 Councillor Greg Kelly**
This Area Committee supports nurses in their decision to take Industrial Action in protest against chronic overcrowding and lack of resources at A&E's.
Order: Agreed without debate.
- 316 Councillor Bríd Smith**
This Area Committee calls on management to issue a protocol on the future development of modular housing to include local consultation with the area committees and the local residents, report on services and supports to be provided to the families moving into the modular housing, report on the length of time that such housing will remain in use and on the maintenance of same. We call on the housing section to keep all councillors fully informed on developments in respect of modular housing in their area.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 317 Councillor Paul Hand**
That this Area Committee supports proposals to establish a memorial garden in Bluebell in 2016 in memory of all who have died tragically and suddenly and to be located at a suitable site after public consultation.
It is considered the planting of a tree in the locality may be a suitable memorial. The families of the deceased should contact the Area Office in Eblana House to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Order: Agreed without debate.

318 Councillor Ray McHugh

This Area Committee agrees that Dublin City Council remove all runners from overhead cables, so as not to facilitate or identify where the sale of illegal Drugs are in an area.

Order: Agreed without debate.

319 Councillor Catherine Ardagh

To ask the Area Manager to write to the Minister for Education to address the inequality in DEIS Schools, where in Dublin South Central we have a large proportion. The cuts in education since 2010 have disproportionately and adversely affected DEIS schools. The 15% cut to capitation mean that the running costs are increasingly difficult to manage. The schools are already catering for disadvantaged children and the cuts are making it harder for education providers to complete their role.

Order: Deferred to the January Meeting.

320 Councillor Greg Kelly

This Area Committee supports the Irish Appeal, and the wider international campaign, 'Free Otegi, Free Them All'. The campaign calls for the immediate release from prison of Basque political leader Arnaldo Otegi, and an end to the Spanish government's prisoner dispersal policy, which causes unnecessary hardship to prisoners' families and friends.

The 'Free Otegi, Free Them All' campaign has been endorsed by, amongst others, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former Mayor of London Ken Livingstone.

Further, this Area Committee considers dialogue to be a key element in securing a just and lasting peace in the Basque Country, and therefore calls on the Spanish government to acknowledge the changed political dynamics there, including ETA's October 2011 declaration ending its armed activity, by entering into a process of dialogue regarding the causes and potential resolutions of the conflict"

Order: Agreed without debate.

321 Councillor Bríd Smith

This Area Committee calls on management to repair the fire damage to Kylemore Park playground in recent weeks without delay.

Order: Report to Councillor.

322 Councillor Paul Hand

That this Area Committee supports proposals for an outdoor gym in Grattan Crescent Park, Inchicore. To this end we would request that an application for sports capital funding in 2016 be made to fund this project.

Order: Agreed without debate.

323 Councillor Greg Kelly

This Area Committee calls for an interview panel to be compiled as a matter of urgency and that the 2 vacancies that has arisen for project managers in the Bluebell/ Inchicore area and SWIC to be filled in the quickest possible time.

Order: Report to Councillor.

324 Councillor Bríd Smith

This Area Committee calls on management to seek funding to enhance the park opposite Cedar Brook so as to protect it from use by off road vehicles. A plan for same has already been drafted and now requires funding.

Order: Agreed without debate.

325 Councillor Bríd Smith

This Area Committee calls on management to investigate a buy back of the wasted land at the corner of Raheen Park that is now fenced in and is causing a danger and a nuisance to the local community. This land could be used to build a house, badly needed in the area.

Order: Agreed without debate.

Councillor Ray McHugh,

Chairperson

14th December 2015.

Attendance

Apologies

Councillor Catherine Ardagh

Councillors

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

Officials

Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area;

John Behan, Administrative Officer, Ballyfermot area Office;

Declan Ronan, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office;

Rosemary Gibbons, A/Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department;

Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager, Housing Management Services;

Marguerite Staunton, Administrative Officer, Housing & Residential Services;

Ollie Brady, Administrative Officer, Property Disposal;

Paul O'Connell, Senior Valuer, Chief Valuer's Office;

Sean Redmond, Exec Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division;

Donna O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;

Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.