

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2016
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20 Eanáir 2016**

- 326. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th December 2015.**
Order: Agreed.
- 327. Questions to Dublin Chief Executive.**
Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's Report circulated.
- 328. Roads & Traffic Matters.**
(i) Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 22nd December 2015 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.,
(ii) Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th December 2015.
Order: (i) Roy O'Connor Traffic Engineer introduced Adrian Dowling to the members. Adrian is taking over from Roy as Traffic Engineer for the area. Report Noted.
(ii) Noted.
- 329. South Central Area.**
(i) Report on Road Maintenance Services- Works programmes 2016
(ii) Naming and Numbering Proposal for development at Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20, (report attached).
(iii) Gully Cleaning Programme report for the South Central Area.
(iv) Area Manager's Report.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.
(iii) Noted.
(iv) The Area Manager's report was noted by the Members: -

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 20th January 2016**

DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Draft Litter Management Plan that has been advertised for public consultation and the closing date for submissions is the 12th February at 5.00pm. Hard copies of the plan are available in Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane and the Draft Plan is also on the DCC web site at the following address: -

<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-water-waste-and-environment-waste-and-recycling-litter-graffiti-and-pollution-5>

Written submissions can be posted to: -

The Executive Manager, Waste Management Services, Environment and Transportation Department, Dublin City Council, 68/70 Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8. Alternatively submissions can be emailed to littermanagementplan@dublincity.ie

Oral submissions will be facilitated at Waste Management Services, Dublin City Council, Ground Floor, 68 – 70 Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8 on Thursday 21st January and Thursday 4th February 2016 between the hours of 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm.

All submissions should be clearly marked 'Draft Replacement Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018' and must be received before 17.00 hours on Friday 12th February 2016.

DISCRETIONARY FUND SPEND

An Information Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday the 27th of January 2016 in Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, at 2.00pm to discuss the Discretionary Fund Spend for the area.

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. It is expected that the tender documents will be finalized shortly with a view to appointing a contractor by the end of March and work commencing in April/May.

New Public Park, Bridgefoot Street/Island Street

It is planned to develop an area adjacent to the existing allotment site as a high quality neighbourhood park that will provide for a range of recreation activities. Tenders for a design consultant were invited in December. It is planned to discuss the proposals 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.

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 to redevelop the park and to create a more open and publicly accessible area by removing railings and selective trees are almost finalised. It is expected that a report in relation to a Part VIII Planning Application will be made available at next month's Area Committee meeting. If the application is agreed it is expected that construction works will commence in early 2017.

Newmarket

Work is continuing to finalise a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket Square and its environs. The Plan will describe, support and guide the implementations of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area. A report in relation to a Part VIII Planning Application will be made available to the Area Committee within the next 3 months.

St. Catherine's Park, off Thomas Street

16 low level bollard lights have been sourced for St Catherine's Park/Graveyard. The lights, which are due to be installed in January/February, will be an attractive additional feature of the park.

City Walls, Cook Street

Works to install 11 floodlights at Cook Street to illuminate the old city wall are almost complete. The lights are due to be 'switched on' later this month.

Dublne

Information panels were installed at strategic points along the Dubline route on 9th and 10th December with the official launch taking place on 14th December. The locations in the South Central Area include:

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

Nicholas Street

It is planned to 'green' the central median at Nicholas Street. The existing concrete will be removed and replaced with extensive planting. This work is due to take place in March/April.

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 take place at the end of January/beginning February. 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. Similar remedial work to the roofs in Braithwaite Street is ongoing. Work to the roofs in Summer Street South and Pimlico Terrace will be carried out when Braithwaite Street is complete.

Basin Street Flats

Works to convert an additional 4 bedsits into 2 x 1 bedroomed flats started are due to be completed next month following the completed conversion last year of 4 bedsits in the same complex.

Oliver Bond House

Works to develop 4 bin corals in Oliver Bond House are now complete. This has created 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.

Basin Street Mural Project

The 5th year Leaving Cert Applied Art class are using the Basin Street Mural Project as a base for their final Art project. They will be working with the artists from Down to Earth Theatre Company.

Taking ideas from Irish Myths and Legends the class has chosen the story of Cú Chulainn as the main theme for the centre of the mural. The first panel will represent the parts of themselves that they feel could be improved upon or their "bad" side, the second (middle) panel will be the struggle to be a good person, and finally overcoming their issues in the last panel with some positive imagery. The pillars will tie in with the Myths and Legends theme, with Celtic imagery inspired by the Book of Kells. The project will commence this month.

Bluebell Angling Awards

The Bluebell Community Angling Club will hold their AGM this month and present the Dublin City Council Perpetual Cup and trophies honoring members' achievements during 2015 at the Bluebell Youth and Community Centre. The club was established in 2012 and has over fifty members. Meetings are held every Monday in the Bluebell Community Centre and on average over 30 members attend each week. The club has very good connections with the local community, with a high percentage of the members living locally.

The club were successful in a request to The Inland Fisheries Board to have the canal at Bluebell stocked with a wide variety of coarse fish. This helped to raise awareness of the canal as an amenity and encourage an interest in the ecology of the canal and its wildlife; if the environment is healthy fish will thrive. They were successful in developing a Match Stretch between the 4th and 5th locks on the Grand Canal. This purpose designed stretch with twenty fishing pegs, two of which are wheelchair accessible, is the premier location in Dublin City for coarse fishing competitions.

Allotments

There are 4 allotment sites in the South West Inner City. Licences are currently being renewed for 2016 at Weavers Square (27 plots), Braithwaite Street (19), Bridegefoot Street (20) and Grattan Terrace (40). A small allotment holders have surrendered their plots which will be re-allocated from the existing waiting list.

CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE REPORT

New Children's Playground – Willie Pearse Park

The new playground at Willie Pearse Park has been completed. The official opening will take place on the 11th February 2016 at 11am, with the Lord Mayor in attendance. This will also mark the opening of the Pavilion. The new playground should be a great addition to the park and will compliment the other improvements made to the park over the last few years which would include the new railings and boundary wall on Windmill Road.

The playground is on a green area along the main Avenue, adjacent to the all-weather pitch. This area is highly visible from all areas in the park. The playground is bounded by a low perimeter fence with two gated entrances. A number of park type benches have been located within the playground for the convenience of parents/child minders.

Outdoor gyms

Tenders have been invited for the supply and installation of outdoor gyms in Bunting Park and Lansdowne Valley Park. It is expected that both gyms will be operational by this summer.

1916 Rising Commemoration events in the South Central Area

Over 45 groups in the South Central area are planning events to mark the 1916 Rising. The community team have been in contact with the groups to help them to coordinate their events. We hope to be able to pool ideas and resources, and hopefully produce a varied programme of events and reduce events clashing. A full programme of events taking place in the area will be produced by the City Council and launched on Tuesday 16th of February in St. Catherine's Church.

Fr. Lar Redmond Hall

The Fr. Lar Redmond Hall closed in November 2015. The voluntary committee that had been running the hall could no longer manage to keep the hall open and have surrendered the lease. The groups using the hall have moved to other facilities in the area with the exception of the Parent and Toddler group which has ceased to operate. The closure of the hall is a big loss to the immediate area that has lost the benefit of the many groups who operated from there. When the building is legally transferred back to the Council, a building inspection will be carried out. To date, two local groups have informally inquired about renting /leasing the hall.

Snooker Exhibition

To promote the success of Dublin Snooker champion Fergal O'Brien the City Council are organising a series of Snooker exhibitions throughout the City. The South Central exhibition will take place in the Guinness Athletic Union, Iveagh grounds, Crumlin on Monday 18th of January at 7:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. Local senior citizen groups and the Men's sheds have been invited to attend. A city wide event will be held in Civic Offices on Thursday 21st of January where world champion Stuart Bingham, Ken Doherty and Fergal O'Brien will attend.

BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE REPORT

1916 Rising Commemoration

Planning and support continues with all successful groups in the Ballyfermot area. The Ballyfermot Youth Services will launch their "Remembering the Leaders 1916-2016 Art Exhibition on Monday 18th January in the Ballyfermot Library by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Criona Ni Dhalaigh. Secured extra €3,000 to ensure viability of extra projects under this banner.

Ballyfermot Club for Physically Disabled

New mini-bus to be handed over to the Club 19th January 2016 in Rossaveal Court. Bus purchased jointly by Dublin City Council and Thorntons Recycling.

Green Schools Programme

Mary Queen of Angels Boys N.S. Ballyfermot has commenced work on their Green Flag Project, to start their programme with a view to promoting long term environmental planning for the school and encourages practical actions to protect the environment. Teachers, pupils and parents from the school have met with our Community Officer to discuss and plan recycling projects. Other schools are already supported.

Springvale Allotments

The allotments at Springvale have been a great success and are now entering the third year. A small number of allotments are due to be re-allocated and licenses' are now due for renewal. The allotment holders are once again looking forward to the new planting year

Ballyfermot Stitchers

Sewing Machine classes for The Ballyfermot Stitchers will be resuming Mid January. These classes are extremely popular and provide a social and educational element to all who attend. Participants can learn how to carry out small alterations. There are a small number of vacancies for anyone interested in attending. Classes take place on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 pm until 8pm in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

Dance Theatre Workshops

The Ballyfermot Swinging 50's dancing resumes on Tuesday January 19th. These workshops are Jazzy and Great Fun! They are designed for people of a certain vintage but are not stereotypical in any sense of the word which adds greatly to their popularity. Support, information and work with other projects and groups is ongoing.

Project Co-Ordinator for Cherry Orchard

Dave O'Donovan has been assigned the role of Project Co-Ordinator for Cherry Orchard and will be planning and implementing both short and long term development plans for the area. Dave will be based in Cherry Orchard.

- 330. Cultural, Recreation, Amenity and Community Matters.**
(i) Public Library Events for January 2016 – South Central Area.
(ii) Sport and Recreation Report for January 2016 – South Central Area.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.
- 331. Planning and Economic Development Matters.**
(i) Derelict Sites quarterly report.
(ii) Proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in the premises known as Nos. 12, 13 & 14 Grattan Crescent (including an additional plot to the rear), Inchicore, Dublin 8.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th January 2016

Deferred Motions: -

- 314 Councillor Catherine Ardagh's deferred Motion from January meeting.**
To call on the Area Manager to request more of a Garda presence in the Mourn Road/ Drimnagh area as there has been a spate of car windows being smashed.
Order: Agreed to refer this motion to the Dublin South Central JPC Meeting.
- 319 Councillor Catherine Ardagh's deferred Motion from January meeting.**
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: Agreed.

January Motions: -

- 332 Councillor Criona Ni Dhalaiigh, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Daithi Doolan, Cllr Daithí De Róiste**
This Area Committee agrees that Monies generated from the rental of 12 apartments and enterprise units as agreed in 2009 by the Fatima Regeneration Board and set out in the signed contract with City Manager, John Tierney, which states clearly the purposes of the funding streams, be honoured and a Trust committee with terms of reference as set out in February 2010 be established with the support of the Area Committee.
Order: Agreed. An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh requested an immediate meeting to discuss the current agreement.
- 333 Councillor Bríd Smith**
This Area Committee marks with sadness the passing of Warren Kenny, Ballyfermot on Christmas Day 2015 in a tragic accident involving off road bikes. We wish to sympathise and support the Kenny family and the young friends of Warren in their grief. In line with this sympathy we call on management to dedicate a portion of land

in the Cherry Orchard area to facilitate the development of a club for Motor Cross racing similar to clubs already established in Fairview and Blanchardstown. This area committee recognises that such a development is not a panacea for dealing with the problems of off-road vehicles racing through our areas but we believe that it would be a positive beginning to coming to terms with this difficult and often deadly culture.

Order: Agreed.

334 Councillor Paul Hand

That this Area Committee supports the provision of the Luas to the Ballyfermot Area as outlined in the draft Transport Strategy 2016-2035. Additionally, to ensure that this project starts as quickly as possible we would request that the Area Committee write to the CEO of the National Transport Authority outlining our support and requesting a timeline for when this project can go ahead.

Order: Agreed.

335 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

That it be prohibited for any individual or representative of a private or public entity to engage in any commercial door-to-door sales activity in all local authority senior citizen complexes in Dublin South Central.

Order: Item 335 and 336 were taken together. The Members agreed that the Chairperson would write to the Utility Companies on behalf of the Members.

336 Councillor Bríd Smith

This Area Committee agrees to write to all utility companies who are selling electricity, gas, phone, TV and Internet packages through door to door sales persons. The purpose of the correspondence is to list to them the Dublin City Council senior citizens complexes in South Central, to indicate that such housing estates are mostly inhabited by older persons and pensioners, that the operations of sales persons in these areas should be modified and that instead of cold calling door to door, their sales persons should make pre-arranged appointments to visit each occupant and allow the tenant the option of having a family member or carer present for the sales person's visit.

Order: The Members agreed that the Chairperson would write to the Utility Companies on behalf of the Members.

337 Councillor Paul Hand

That this Area Committee notes with concern the height of the River Liffey during the most recent heavy rainfall to affect the area. The River has been at an all time high and residents in areas like Chapelizod and Islandbridge have been worried of potential flooding. Furthermore, we request that the Area Committee write to the ESB who control Poulaphouca Reservoir and a Dam in Leixlip which can impact river heights further downstream to outline our concerns and those of our local residents.

Order: Agreed.

338 Councillor Bríd Smith

This Area Committee calls on management to urgently address the need to clean up the village of Inchicore and deal with on going problems of dumping and graffiti. If necessary special resources should be put in place to develop a better environment in this area which will see tourism grow in the celebrations of the 1916 Rising.

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Ray McHugh,
Chairperson
21st January 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 Daithí De Róiste and Councillor Bríd Smith.

Officials

Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area;
Kay Noonan, Area Housing Manager, south West Inner City;
Donna O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.