

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2016
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17 FEABHRA 2016**

- 339. Minutes of Meeting held on 20th January 2016.**
Order: Agreed.
- 340. Questions to Dublin Chief Executive.**
Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's Report circulated.
- 341. Roads & Traffic Matters.**
(i) Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 26th January 2016 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
(ii) Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th January 2016.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.
- 342. South Central Area.**
(i) Report on the Proposed Part VIII for an extension to the Multi Use Hall in Cherry Orchard Centre, Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10.
(ii) Report on the Team Dublin Clean up.
(iii) Report on the Discretionary Fund Spend for the South Central Area.
(iv) Gully Cleaning Programme report for the South Central Area.
(v) Area Manager's Report.
Order: (i) Agreed to initiate the Part VIII Planning Process.
(ii) Noted.
(iii) Agreed.
(iv) Noted.
(v) The Area Manager's report was noted by the Members: -

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 17th February 2016**

Delivery of fire blankets to all DCC tenancies

Dublin City Council is currently arranging the delivery of fire blankets to all DCC tenancies in the Crumlin area.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY AREA OFFICE REPORT

New Public Park, Cork Street

A Part VIII Planning Application for a 0.6 hectare neighbourhood park on the site of the demolished Chamber Court on Cork Street was agreed at the December City Council meeting. The tender documents are being finalised at present with a view to appointing a contractor by the end of March/beginning of April and work commencing in 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. It is expected that a design consultant will be appointed early next month. It is then 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 it is planned to redevelop the park and to create a more open and publicly accessible area by removing railings and selective trees. It is expected that a report in relation to a Part VIII Planning Application will be made available at the March Area Committee meeting. If the application is agreed it is expected that construction works will commence in early 2017.

Newmarket

It is expected that a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket Square and its environs will be finalised later this month. 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 presented to the Area Committee when available.

St. Catherine's Park, off Thomas Street

The installation of 16 low level bollard lights for St. Catherine's Park/Graveyard commenced in late January and will be an attractive additional feature of the park.

City Walls, Cook Street

Works to install 12 new floodlights at Cook Street to illuminate the old city wall are now complete and the lights are fully operational since 15th February.

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 on 22nd 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 roof in Braithwaite Street is ongoing whilst similar work in South Summer Street is due to commence shortly.

Work to the roofs in Pimlico Terrace and the second block in Braithwaite Street are scheduled for later this year.

Basin Street Flats

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

The Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative

The Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative, which is administered from South Central Area Office, recently published an end of year progress report of its activities and the various improvements in The Liberties over the past year. The report details improvements to individual streets in the area, as well as wider efforts to promote and enhance the attractiveness of The Liberties to the community, business and city visitors. The report can be read at www.libertiesdublin.ie

1916 Commemorative Booklet

The South Central Area launched their programme of events for 1916 titled: - *"Dublin South Central Community Remembers 1916. Is cuimhin linn"* on Tuesday 16th February 2016 in St Catherine's Church, Thomas Street. The booklet gives a list 50 events occurring in the South Central Area over the next 5 months.

KRIB:

A Garda Diversion Programme on Emmet Rd. that will service the Kilmainham, Inchicore, Rialto and Bluebell areas. DCC Community staff will liaise with Garda JLO.

1916 Historical Talk/Event:

Walk around Basin St. and surrounding area followed by a talk about military activity locally during the Rising on the 24/02/16 at 12.30pm

Fair Trade:

Coffee morning in Basin St. Community room "raising awareness" on the 25/02/15 at 10.00am in St. Andrews Community Centre.

Maryland Grotto:

The grotto will be painted in the coming weeks. There is a long standing tradition of local residents maintaining the grotto.

Celebrating Memories

Our Lady of the Wayside will celebrate memories of the Rising with grandparents and older people in the local community. Reserch carried out by the students will be presented and uploaded to the school website on the 15/03/16.

BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE UPDATE

Cúirt Iosóid/Iseult's Court, Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20

At the January Area Committee meeting the Members noted a naming and numbering proposal for a development at Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 as follows:- **Cúirt Iseult /Iseult's Court**. Subsequent to the meeting the Irish Placenames Branch of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, have indicated that the correct Irish translation should have been as follows : **Cúirt Iosóid/Iseult's Court**.

Chapelizod Heritage Sign

Meeting arranged with Heritage Officer and Deputy Planning Officer to finalise details to be included in the Chapelizod Heritage sign and accompanying mapped trail. It is hoped that funding can be secured in the near future to complete this project.

Fair Trade Fortnight

A number of events are to be supported in the area during the 20th Anniversary of Fair Trade Fortnight which starts on 29th February and finishes 13th March 2016. We will be organising Fair Trade breakfasts in community clubs and possibly schools to highlight and gain support for Fair Trade Products.

Green Schools Programme

Mary Queen of Angels Boys N.S. Ballyfermot continues to work on their Green Flag Project. We continue to support other schools green flag ambitions in the area.

Restorative Practices Training

D10 Autistic Spectrum Disorder Support Group has just begun their Restorative Practices Parent Training provided by the Community & Social Development Team in Ballyfermot. This is a six week course comprising of one 2hour session per week devised to provide the

parents with the language to prevent conflict in the first place and the tools to deal with conflict when it arises. The course covers:

1. Understanding Our Personal Response to conflict
2. Understanding the nature of Conflict
3. Understanding the Restorative Approach
4. Restorative Approaches in the Family and Community
5. Reflecting on practice and actions

The course is designed to be very interactive and draws on the personal experiences of the participants which allows for a more meaningful learning experience.

Ballyfermot Up-Cycling Art Competition

The Community & Social Development Section have devised a recycling competition under the theme "A Sit in the Park" with 4 local schools taking part at present. It involves students recycling old chairs, giving them a new lease of life. Various materials will be used to decorate the chairs such as paint, old newspapers, commemorative material, vinyl, varnish etc to broaden the theme. Completed art pieces will be displayed in the local park where park users will be invited to take a rest, hence A Sit in the Park. Winning entries will be judged by Dublin City Councils Waste Management and Parks Section.

Heritage Apple Tree Project

Heritage Apple Trees will be planted in 13 schools in the Ballyfermot Area in the coming weeks as part of the 1916 Commemorations. This is part of a collaborative project with Irish Seed Savers and the local Community & Social Development Team to reintroduce native Irish trees into urban settings. 14 different species of Irish apple trees are being planted in the schools and in special ceremonies throughout the area in the near future. All schools and projects have been given the background history of each species, where it comes from etc such as "Ecklinville Seedling – discovered in Portaferry, near Belfast circa 1820" or "Beauty of Ballintaylor – a traditional species native to south Tipperary and Waterford"

Other Projects

The Community & Social Development Team continue to support The Ballyfermot Stitchers, The Swinging 50's, Teanga Beo Naoinra, Cherry Orchard Restorative Forum, D10 Autistic Spectrum Disorder Support Group, the Ballyfermot Club for Physically Disabled, Chapelizod Steering Group and many others. We also provide information on funding on a weekly basis and other activities in the area.

CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE REPORT

Basin Lane Residents Group

Basin Lane Residents Group presents their 1916 event. Local Historian Cathy Scuffil will give a lecture on the local area and the immediate hinterland and their roles in the Rising. The event will take place on February 24th in the Basin St. Community Rooms (Educate Together School)

Fair Trade:

Fair Trade fort night takes place from February 29th until March 13th. The organisation is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and is hosting breakfast mornings throughout the country to raise awareness and promote fair trade. The City Council is supporting community centres to host events during this time. Events are being organised in:

- Basin St. Community Rooms (Educate Together School)
- St Andrews Community Centre
- Walk Green Kitchen
- St. Agnes Parish Centre

Adult Education initiatives

More than 30 Community organisations received funding from the City Council towards organising informal community education initiatives. The Crumlin/Walkinstown community is running a computer training course for beginners in Fr. Kitt Court. This course is going very well with great interest from the older residents who are learning to use I Pads, smart phones and Skype. The course takes place on Thursdays.

Drimnagh Residents Association

Drimnagh Residents Association is celebrating their 80th anniversary this year, having set up in 1936. The association has organised a varied programme of events and exhibitions to mark their anniversary, including an official launch by the President which will be held in May. The City Council is working with the Drimnagh residents to erect flags on the lamp posts to celebrate the occasion.

343. Housing & Residential Services

- (i) Housing Allocations Report January 2016.

Order: (i) Noted.

344. Cultural, Recreation, Amenity and Community Matters.

- (i) Public Library Events for February 2016 – South Central Area.
- (ii) Sport and Recreation Report for February 2016 – South Central Area
- (iii) Report on Community Grants Scheme for the South Central Area.

Order: (i) Noted.

(ii) Noted.

(iii) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

345. Planning and Economic Development Matters.

- (i) Planning Enforcement Report.
- (ii) Proposed Disposal of Properties at 17-18 Thomas Street and 9 Thomas Street to the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA).
- (iii) Proposed exchange of land with the ESB at St. Teresa's Gardens, Dublin 8.
- (iv) Proposed disposal of a site 32 New Market, The Coombe, Dublin 8.
- (v) Proposed grant of a lease of part of the premises known as Ashgrove Community Centre, The Coombe, Dublin 8.

Order: (i) Noted.

(ii) Deferred. It was agreed to hold an informal meeting with the Digital Hub and bring back to March Area Committee meeting for decision.

(iii) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

(iv) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

(v) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th February 2016

Emergency Motion

**The Order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motion: -
Emergency Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Greg Kelly and
Councillor Ray McHugh**

We condemn in the strongest possible terms last weekend's attack on Brickfield Park playing pitches. We urge Dublin City Council to carry out a comprehensive review of security and carry out any work necessary to secure the park against future attacks.

Order: Agreed.

February Motions: -

**346 An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhlálaigh, Councillor Tina MacVeigh & Councillor
Rebecca Moynihan**

That this Area Committee support the local campaign to have a Dublinbikes station in the vicinity of Griffith College, on South Circular Road and requests a plan from the Assistant Chief Executive of the Planning Department setting out an implementation plan to begin immediately as well as costing? There is a huge demand locally for this but in particular from the student body and staff of Griffith College – 2,000 full time and 3,000 part time students and over 664 students living on campus and all rely on public transport to get around the city. In addition to this, the wider area of this part of SCR, extending northwards to the Tenters, Warrenmount, and Blackpitts areas, westwards towards Dolphin's Barn, and southwards towards Harold's Cross/Clogher Road comprise a dense residential environment. Many parents of the school children attending Griffith Barracks Multi-Denominational National School and St Catherine's National Schools, as well as the South Circular Road Islamic Foundation of Ireland centre, would benefit from the provision of a Dublinbikes Station in this area, as they could cycle to places of work following drop-off of children at the schools, and indeed could cycle to collect children after school finishes. A Dublinbikes station here would assist DCC in meeting its strategic policies and objectives with regard to facilitating modal shift away from the private car, enhancement of cycling facilities in the city, and facilitating the provision of high density cycle parking facilities.

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Ray McHugh,
Chairperson
18th February 2016.

Attendance

Councillors

An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Daithí De Roiste, 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;

Dave O'Donovan, Project Manager, Cherry Orchard;

John Behan, Senior Staff Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;

Stephen Shiels, Area Housing Manager, South Central Area;

Brian Hanney, Senior Executive Officer, Waste Management Division;

Martha Mahon, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;

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

Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.