

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2016
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16 MÁRTA 2016**

- 347. Minutes of Meeting held on 17th February 2016.**
Order: Agreed.
- 348. Questions to Dublin Chief Executive.**
Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's Report circulated.
- 349. Roads & Traffic Matters.**
(i) Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 23rd February 2016 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
(ii) Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th February 2016.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.
- 350. South Central Area.**
(i) Presentation on the proposed Landscape works to St. Audoen's Park.
(ii) Presentation on the Draft Tree Strategy
(iii) Gully Cleaning Programme report for the South Central Area.
(iv) Area Manager's Report.
Order: (i) Presentation given by Peter Leonard, Executive landscape Architect. Agreed to initiate the Part VIII Planning Process
(ii) Presentation given by Marc Coyle, Arborist, Landscape Architect, Presentation Noted.
(iii) Noted.
(iv) The Area Manager's report was noted by the Members: -

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 16th March 2016**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY AREA OFFICE REPORT

St. Teresa's Gardens

Phase 1 of the St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Masterplan is at an advanced stage. Works to refurbish the second of 2 blocks at the front of the complex are due to be completed later this month whilst 3 of the 6 blocks on the Eugene Street side of the site have been demolished. A contractor has been selected to demolish the remaining 2 residential blocks on the same side with works due to commence shortly. The remaining holders of the commercial and sporting units are in the process of moving to new premises in the refurbished block which will allow for the final block to be demolished. 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 with construction of the new dwellings likely to commence later this year.

It is planned to hold an event mid to late summer 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 this month with a view to works commencing in the third 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 is the last occupied flat in phase 1 of the Dolphin House Regeneration Programme is expected to be rehoused shortly. The demolition of the 2 'canal blocks' in this phase took place between December and March.

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 towards the end 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.

The future phasing of the project with the 'long blocks' next for redevelopment has been agreed by residents and the Regeneration Board.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2016

The South Central Area Office is currently inviting applications from small business-holders and commercial property owners in [The Liberties](#) for supports under the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2016. This year's expanded scheme follows a pilot project in 2015 which supported over 12 projects on Thomas Street and Cornmarket. Building on the pilot, the scheme this year applies to all the main commercial street, with the City Council looking to support refurbishment projects that promote the quality and attractiveness of the shopping area of The Liberties.

The objective of the scheme is to support commercial premises owners who contribute positively to the local environment and the image of The Liberties, and who in turn attract increased local and visitor footfall to the area. The closing date for applications is 15th April 2016 and decisions on funding will be made in conjunction with the local planning team and City Conservation officers shortly thereafter.

The scheme is one of a range of initiatives run by the Area Office to support small businesses and new investment in The Liberties under the Business Area Improvement Initiative. Further details: Stephen Coyne stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative

The Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative is a partnership between Dublin City Council and local stakeholders and businesses in the commercial streets of The Liberties Dublin. The programme is working to revive one of Dublin's most historic and colourful districts to create a highly attractive area within which to live, work, visit and invest. Details of the work of The Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative over 2015 can now be found in its End of Year Progress [Report](#) – which can be found at <http://libertiesdublin.ie/progress-2015/>. Among the year's highlights were:

- A new Liberties website was launched in June 2015.
- A very successful [Liberties Showcase and Investment Expo](#) was held in June 2015 in Teelings on Newmarket Square. The exhibition and networking event was addressed by Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Richard Bruton TD.
- A [promotional brochure](#) and business guides have been developed.
- A new Liberties [visitor map and guide](#) has been developed and distributed to tourism offices and venues.
- The Shopfront Improvement Scheme was piloted on Thomas Street and Cornmarket, offering

incentives to businesses and property owners to upgrade their frontages. In total, 11 projects have been funded under the scheme, a number of which have now been completed. Continued confidence in the area has encouraged a range of other improvements on our streets.

- Tree planters have been installed on Thomas Street and James Street under the Liberties Greening Strategy. Further locations are planned for 2016.
- Continued engagement with building owners and existing and new business interests to encourage and draw investment to the area.
- National and local media exposure of the area and its renewal.

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 and Weavers 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. It will be necessary to carry out sensitive archaeological investigations and record the findings before the main park works can commence later this year.

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 shortly. 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. A public information meeting for residents and local businesses took place on 7th March whilst a report in relation to a Part VIII Planning Application is included on the agenda for this month's Area Committee meeting. If the application is agreed it is expected that construction works will commence in early 2017.

St. Catherine's Park, off Thomas Street

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

Nicholas Street and High 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 commence later this month or early April. It is also proposed to install planters in 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 commenced 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, Meath Place and Braithwaite Street has been completed. Works to the roof lights, chimneys and tank houses were included.

Similar remedial work to the roof in South Summer Street is ongoing whilst 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 this month following the completed conversion last year of 4 bedsits in the same complex.

Recent and proposed Community events in South West inner City

- **St. Catherine's Church Thomas St:** An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh opened the **Solas Yard Project Dragons Den** where teams from six local schools made their pitch to five dragons to win investment for their projects. The teams had mentors from their chosen business fields and the standard was very high.
- **The Rialto Men's Group** will unveil a memorial bench in memory of deceased members in St. Andrews Centre S.C.R. The bench will be designed and made by the group. This will take place on the 30th of March.
- **International Women's Day:** The BOTP, (Back of the Pipes) Residents celebrated the day through poetry from around the world. A local historian related the story of one local young woman from the 1916 rising.
- **Basin Lane:** A community lunch was held for the parents from the schools and local residents on the 8th of March.

1916 Commemorations

- **St. James Primary School:** Classes underwent training on the 11/03/16, on how to raise the national flag in preparation for Proclamation Day on the 15/03/16. The training was provided by IUNVA, (Irish United Nations Veterans Association). On the 15th of March the school displayed a collaborative art project with pupils, parents and a local artist based on women involved in the rising. Also on the same day a performance was held on a drama titled "Blood upon the Rose" based on the poetry and prose of 1916.
- **St. James Street Secondary School:** On the 14th of March, An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, opened a "Pop-Up Museum" in the school library commemorating the 1916 Rising. Former Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave was in attendance.
- **Mendicity Institution:** Integrated arts heritage celebratory and commemorative project in and around Mendicity Institution and Island St. It will involve poets, dancers, storytellers and musicians from 25/03/15 – 08/05/16.
- **BOTP, (Back of the Pipes) Residents:** will commemorate the 1916 Rising in a garden/street pageant, from Emerald Square, Dublin 8 to Flanagan's Fields community garden on the 25th of March.
- **Holy Saturday clean ups:** Local groups participating on a city clean up on the 26/03/16.
- **Fountain Resource Group:** The Group will host a 1916 Exhibition of historical artefacts in St. James' Parochial Hall on the 1st of April.
- **The 35th Dublin Scout Troop** will hold a ceremony of flags followed by a street party for the community early in April.
- **South Central Community Remembers 1916** After the very successful launch of the booklet and due to a high demand almost 2,000 have been distributed to community and businesses in the South Central Area.
- **Dublin South Central Area-Twitter handle:** To participate fully in National Tweet Day on 2nd March, an official Twitter handle was set up for the South Central Area @dccsarea. To date the handle has 60 followers and a recent video of a 1916 re-enactment by local women marching to Richmond barracks was retweeted 30 times. The twitter handle and facebook page will be updated on a regular basis.
- **Richmond Barracks "We were there 77 women of the Easter Rising"** This book was published and launched by Dublin City Council in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, on the 8th of March. The event was well attended by local people and relatives of 1916 and a record number of books was sold on the night.
- **Dublin City Council Community Grants 2016:** Application forms have been distributed to all non-voluntary groups in the Inchicore / Kilmainham /Bluebell areas

- **Inchicore Ledwidge Society:** Poetry readings by guest poets and Kilmainham Tales will launch their new historical booklet “Dead Men’s Dreams” to feature the Ledwidge 1916 Poems presented for the first time as a collection at 8pm on March 21st at the Patriots Inn, Kilmainham.
- **St. Michael’s Church, Emmet Road:** A calendar of music and song events to commemorate 1916 featuring a combined concert with local schools and a visiting school from Derry will take place in the church from April 12th – 24th.
- **Craobh Inse Cór, Conradh na Gaeilge, Tyrconnell Road:** Daoine as Inse Cór a bhí páirteach san Éirí Amach. On April 24th a plaque will be mounted in the hall in Gratten Crescent to commemorate 1916 followed by a celebratory concert in the C.I.E. Hall.
- **Bulfin Court Residents:** A bus tour of 1916 Garrison sites to include a trip to Arbour Hill has been organised and will take place before the end of April.
- **Inchicore Environmental Group:** Available members of this group will be participating in Team Dublin Clean-up 2016.
- **Dublin City Good Citizen Awards 2016:** A number of local volunteers have been nominated for the Awards.

BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE UPDATE

1916 Commemoration Events

All local Primary Schools will be holding flag and proclamation events on Tuesday 15th March.

Also included on the 15th and 16th are:-

- St Gabriel’s (Ballyfermot) - A new Proclamation written by the students to be read.
- St Patrick’s (Chapelizod) - A new Proclamation written by the students to be read.
- St Louise’s (Ballyfermot) – Scenes from the Rising in art, mime, song, drama and dance.
- Caritas College (Ballyfermot) – A 1916 Living History – a dramatic representation.
- Also showcased will be a photographic display called “In the Footsteps of the Women of the 1916 Rising”
- The Chapelizod Heritage Society will hold a public display entitled “Recollections by the Chapelizod Community to the events of the 1916 Rising” during March and April.

Chapelizod Heritage Sign

Information and map for the Chapelizod Heritage sign and map have been sent for translation. The physical sign will be purchased under the new Wayfinder Framework tender to be completed shortly.

Restorative Practices Training

D10 Autistic Spectrum Disorder Support Group completed their Restorative Practices Course on Tuesday 15th March. There are 8 graduates who will receive certificates for work completed.

Heritage Apple Tree Project

Heritage Apple Trees planting will be completed in 13 schools in the Ballyfermot Area as part of the 1916 Commemorations by the end of March.

Other Projects

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

CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE REPORT

Good Citizen Awards 2016

The City Council has launched the Good Citizen Award 2016. The Council is calling on the public to nominate neighbours, friends and people who by their actions make the city an extraordinary place to live. The award aims to celebrate the contributions made by the hidden heroes of every day life, people who give their time to the community, who look out for friends and neighbours and who motivate and inspire others. Nominations for the award are available in the area offices, local community centres and on-line.

The closing date for nominations is March 18th 2016. Everyone who is nominated will receive an acknowledgement letter with the short listed "Good Citizens" invited to an official ceremony in the Mansion House on May 17th 2016.

Resident Associations / Community Organisations

The Council are encouraging and supporting Resident and Community groups to get involved in the Big Clean Up which will be held on Easter Saturday 26th March between 11:00Am and 1:00PM. An Taisce National Spring Clean takes place throughout the month of April and community organisations will be encouraged to register and organise events.

Spring Gardening Talks

In preparation for the summer growing season and to encourage the community to get involved with the Tidy Towns programme the City Council is organising a series of public talks on gardening, planting and the environment throughout the area during the month of April. Talks will be held in Drimnagh Castle, Walkinstown Library and Clogher Rd VEC. Crumlin GIY will be replanting the planter boxes in Crumlin Village with edible herbs and plants; this initiative generates great interest locally.

Walkinstown Linkage Group

Dublin City Council and Walkinstown Linkage have set up a new group targeting older people in the area to register for a weekly exercise class and a monthly coffee Morning in the Walk Green Kitchen. Large numbers of older people are attending the group and are delighted to have a new activity group. The Green Kitchen has the potential to be a great hub for community activity.

D12 LDATF

The Council are working with the Dublin 12 Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force on aspects of the local alcohol strategy. A staff member has joined the Strengthening Families steering committee to identify and connect families to the programme. 12 families are currently enrolled in the strengthening families programme.

Memory Lane Choir

The Memory Lane Choir for those with Dementia and Alzheimer's related illness, their carers, family and friends will be performing a tribute to the Theatre Royal, on March 16th in conjunction with Gerry Noonan musical director. The performance takes place at the Crumlin Centre for Music and the Arts on Armagh Road at 11am and is open to the public.

Fire Safety Talks

The Community Team of the Crumlin Area Office have recently organised a number of fire safety talks at Stanaway Avenue and Father Kitt Court Senior Citizen complexes in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade. Fire prevention talks have also been held at the Golden Years Senior Citizens Club based at Moeran Road Hall in Walkinstown.

All the talks have been well received and attended.

Outdoor gyms

Tenders have been received for the supply and installation of outdoor gyms in Bunting Park and Lansdowne Valley Park. The first round of assessment has been completed and the second stage of assessment is underway. It is expected that construction works will commence in April/May.

Crumlin Swimming Pool

The extended opening hours for Crumlin Swimming Pool came into effect on Saturday 12th March. The Pool is now open to the public from 10.00 to 18.00 each Saturday until the end of 2016. The cost of the additional hours is provided for in the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

1916 Commemorative Celebrations

4th Battalion 1916 Centenary Committee

There will be a re-enactment of the mobilisation of 1916 Irish Volunteers on the 16th of April from Larkfield Kimmage D6W (outside Stone Boat public house) to Emerald Square Cork Street.

Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre

On Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at the Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre, staff and members will dress in 1916 attire. A collection of members, family stories and memories from 1916 will be read by a group of professional actors in the format of 'Sunday Miscellany' with a musical interlude in between each story.

351. Cultural, Recreation, Amenity and Community Matters.

- (i) Public Library Events for March 2016 – South Central Area.
- (ii) Sport and Recreation Report for March 2016 – South Central Area.

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

352. Planning and Economic Development Matters.

- (i) Proposed disposal of Properties at 17-18 Thomas Street and 9 Thomas Street to the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA).
- (ii) Proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest of a site in the Ballyfermot Industrial Estate (now known as Unit 3C Kylemore Park South), Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
- (iii) Proposed grant of a further licence of a site at Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8.
- (iv) Proposed grant of a Temporary Convenience Letting of a plot of land at Cherry Orchard Green, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

**Order: (i) Agreed. Recommend to Council.
(ii) Agreed. Recommend to Council.
(iii) Agreed. Recommend to Council.
(iv) Agreed. Recommend to Council.**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th March 2016

Emergency Motion

Standing orders was suspended to deal with the following Emergency motion:-

Emergency Motion from Councillor Ray McHugh

Following the recent anti-social attacks on the parks in Crumlin and Drimnagh, in particular at Clonmacnoise/Bangor Roundabout and Stannaway Park, this Area Committee agrees that urgent additional Council resources be provided to address the problem, and the Area Manager writes to the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner for additional resources for the Garda, so the community and area do not suffer a reduction in ordinary local policing because of gangland activities.

Order: Agreed to write to the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner. Also agreed to refer this motion to the next JPC Meeting.

March Motions: -

353 Councillor Pat Dunne

In recognising the fact over 75% of the voters in Dublin South Central voted for candidates and parties who are committed to the abolition of Irish Water and Water Charges this Area Committee calls on the incoming Government to immediately carry out this action.

Order: Agreed.

354 Councillor Ray McHugh

This Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to write to VEC requesting them to address a problem at the entrance gate to the sports complex at St Kevin College, Clogher Road, Crumlin. The gate is too low allowing anti-social elements to climb over causing disturbance to residents and possible damage to property.

An extension onto the gate would resolve this problem for all interested parties.

Order: Agreed to write to the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC).

355 Councillor Catherine Ardagh

That the South Central Area Committee ask the Area Manager to write to the VEC to ascertain if the entrance gates to the VEC Sports Grounds and Crèche, Clogher Road, which are directly next to my constituent, could be raised to deter youths constantly jumping over this gate in the evenings and weekends when the gate is closed up. There had been an old high gate previously in place to the entrance of this site, and when the new build was completed, a new much lower gate was put in place.

Order: Agreed to write to the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC).

Councillor Ray McHugh,

Chairperson

18th February 2016.

Attendance

Councillors

An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Catherine Ardagh, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Daithí De Roiste, Councillor Paul Hand, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Ray McHugh, Councillor Tina MacVeigh and Councillor Daithí De Róiste.

Officials

Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area;

Declan Ronan, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office;

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

Helen Smirnova, Sen. Exec. Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;

Adrian Dowling, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;

Cora Roche, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;

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

Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.