



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2016**

1 Minutes of Meeting held on 16th November 2016

**Order: Agreed.**

2 Questions to the South Central Area Manager

**Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's report circulated.**

3 Roads & Traffic Matters

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

4 South Central Area Matters

**Order:** (i) **Presentation given by David O'Donovan, Community and Social**

**Development Officer. Presentation noted.**

(ii) **Agreed.**

(iii) **Report noted.**

(iv) **Report noted.**

(v) **The following report was given and was noted by the**

**Members: -**

Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**January Area Committee Meeting**

Just two reminders for the January Area Committee Meeting:-

- the last date for submission of Questions and Motions for the January Meeting is 5.00pm on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2017.
- Also as we will be using modern.gov for the January Meeting there will no longer be hard copies of the Agenda printed for that meeting or all future Area Committee Meetings.

## **SOUTH WEST INNER CITY AREA OFFICE REPORT**

### **St. Teresa's Gardens**

Phase 1 of the St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Masterplan is now complete following the demolition of the 6 blocks on the Eugene Street side of the site. The refurbishment of 2 blocks at the front of the complex is also complete. There are currently 3 occupied flats in the 4 remaining blocks awaiting demolition. Tenders are being prepared at present to demolish the 2 rearmost vacant blocks. The football and boxing clubs are expected to move into new ground floor premises in the front refurbished block in December. Enabling works for the building of 34 houses and 16 apartments commenced earlier this summer. Tenders documents are due to be issued in quarter 2 2017 with a view to the construction of the new dwellings starting in quarter 3 next year. Precinct Improvement Works in the area between the refurbished blocks are due to commence in early 2017. This will include a small playground, plaza, additional parking and electronic gates.

### **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. The demolition of the 2 'canal blocks' was completed earlier this year whilst the new build and refurbishment commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The refurbishment of the 'long blocks' will be phase 2 of the project. A site at the rear of the football pitch has been identified for older persons apartments. Planning permission was granted to Fold Housing Association in November for 42 units of this type of accommodation together with a community centre. Construction (subject to possible planning appeal) is likely to start in early 2017. 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.

### **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 flats on Cork Street was agreed at the December 2015 City Council meeting. Enabling works (including archaeological investigations) were completed in July. Tenders for the main park works are being evaluated at present. It is expected that the park will be completed by summer 2017.

### **Dolphins Barn**

A consultant has been appointed to prepare a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphins Barn. The cost associated with the plan is provided for in the 2016 Discretionary Fund. A very well attended community workshop took place in St. Andrews Community Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Crane Street/Sugar House Lane**

It is planned to enhance pedestrian access along this important and busy tourist route. The works include the widening of the existing footpaths and the narrowing of the carriageway. A Part 8 planning application was agreed at November City Council meeting with construction likely to commence early next year with a works period of 3 to 4 months.

### **Newmarket**

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket Square and its environs is substantially complete. The Plan describes, supports and guides the implementation of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area. A report in relation to the plan was presented at July's Area Committee meeting whilst a part 8 planning application is being finalized at present.

### **Francis Street**

A consultant has been appointed to facilitate the preparation of a Part 8 planning application for the Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme. Stakeholder meetings are due to take place in early 2017.

### **Ceannt Fort, Mount Brown**

Following a series of meetings agreement has been reached with local residents for the refurbishment of the play area at Ceannt Fort. It is expected that this work will be carried out in mid December weather permitting.

### **Michael Mallin House**

Works to convert 4 bedsits into 2 x 1 bedroomed units are due to commence on 12<sup>th</sup> December with an expected completion date of March 2017. Similar work is ongoing in Basin Street to convert 8 bedsits into 4 x 1 bedroomed units.

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

The Kilmainham Inchicore Network facilitates the economic, social, cultural and environmental development and enhancement of the Kilmainham and Inchicore district.

Since the end of October 2016, there have been seven meetings of the Network. These have been public meetings open to active citizens asking them what their main issues are in relation to development of the area. The meetings have been attended by between 75 and 20 persons, held in various locations across Inchicore and Kilmainham (including Inchicore College, Richmond Barracks, Hilton Kilmainham, Oblate Campus and a vacant shop unit in Inchicore Village).

### **Crumlin/Kimmage/South Inner City Community Update December 2016**

The Community & Social Development Team has recently being reassigned across the South Central Area to better reflect the electoral boundaries. Pat Teehan will head the Crumlin/Kimmage/South Inner City Team. We would ask for your patience while we settle our teams into their new roles, areas and responsibilities, meet new groups and make the connections necessary for the smooth running of projects in the area.

### **Residents Groups**

We are supporting the residents of various areas to start/restart Residents/Community Groups in order to support areas in environmental improvements, deal with issues, support family/youth projects etc across the area.

### **Dolphin House & Dolphin's Barn**

We are working with the residents of Dolphin House to develop a programme to photographically document the regeneration of Dolphin House. It's hoped to have resident participation in the capturing the development in photographs and put together an exhibition to show the transformation.

A reading of "A Christmas Carol" will take place in Our Lady Of Dolours will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm by the Back Of The Pipes Residents Association.

### **Romanian Cultural Day**

Romanians in Ireland organised a full day of traditional songs and dance in the F2 Centre including traditional costumes, products and crafts and amazing Romanian food.

### **Older Persons Christmas Celebrations**

A number of Christmas Parties across the Crumlin/Kimmage/Liberties area are being supported by community staff including a Christmas dinner with music and presents for the elderly neighbours of the Guinness Storehouse which will be held

in the Storehouse and will cater for 60 -70 residents from the locality. The event will be attended by Cllr. Ray McHugh on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Dublin on the 14/12/16 at 12.00hr

### **LECP Consultation**

Dublin City Council and the two SICAP implementers have completed their work on the LECP Consultation. New plans have been drawn up with specific responsibilities for each implementer and Dublin City Council. A number of collaborative projects have been agreed and will be implemented in 2017.

### **Liberties Schools**

Eric Dempsey, noted ornithologist is delivering workshops to 4 schools in the Liberties Area in association with Dublin City Council community staff.

### **Ceannt Fort**

Work has begun to enable the resident of Ceannt Fort to celebrate the centenary of their housing estate.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

All Christmas Tree lighting across the area have been supported and attended by community staff.

### **Community Grants 2017**

Work has been completed locally on the proposed allocation of Informal Education and Community Grants Schemes across the area. It is expected that the results of this work will be presented to local councillors in early January.

## **CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE REPORT**

### **New Children's Playground – Stannaway Park**

A new children's play area in Stannaway Park is intended to be created. The play area will cater for young children aged between 2 and 7 years of age and it is expected that the works will be carried out and completed early 2017. This small play area will be natural in style to blend in with the grassland of the existing park. Play features will be constructed of natural materials and will be set into the landscape within gentle mounded forms. Seating will be provided as part of the works.

### **Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue**

The construction of improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue, consisting of new parking zones, new footpaths and a plinth wall surrounding the green, will commence in January 2017, weather permitting. These works will be funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

### **Brickfield Park**

Works have begun on the all weather pitch in Brickfield Park and are progressing well. Synthetic carpet & shock pad will be laid in January 2017 subject to weather conditions. Whilst construction works at this time of year are very much weather dependent, it is expected that the project will be completed by March 2017.

### **Bunting Park**

The boundary hedging surround Bunting Park along Balfe Avenue will be removed and replaced with new railings. These works will be carried out in December 2016 and are funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

## **BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE REPORT**

Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Community Update

### **2017 Community Grant Scheme**

Over 250 applications were received in the South Central Area which are currently being processed. The grants provide a great opportunity for the community staff to make contact and meet with the majority of the groups to offer support and assistance. It is proposed to hold a pre meeting with the elected representatives in January in advance of the February Area Meeting Area Meeting.

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

Report submitted to the Area Committee.

March 2017

Full report for the five areas to March City Council Meeting

Payment of grants made subject to approval of City Council

### **Comhairle N'OG**

28 young people representing 13 schools attended the Comhairle N'OG AGM in late November. Six young people will represent the area on the Committee for 2017. Their chosen topic for 2017 is Homelessness.

### **Drimnagh / Walkinstown / Bluebell**

Dublin City Council is working with the Associated Bluebell Community group and has recently set up an environmental group to work towards creating a greener and cleaner Bluebell. Over 35 residents have volunteered to take part in this initiative which is being supported by the City Council.

Drimnagh Ladies Club has operated from Our Lady's Hall Mounse Road since it opened and will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2017. Dublin City Council will be supporting them to organise a programme of events to mark the occasion and to encourage new members to the group.

### **Ballyfermot / Chapelizod**

The Ballyfermot Office is currently producing a Cold Weather information card with useful numbers particularly for older people. Contact will be made with Resident and Community Groups to encourage them to drop the information cards into older residents in their area over the Christmas period.

Dublin City Council staff are supporting the following initiatives for older people in the area: the newly formed choir for older people with dementia, a weekly sewing and craft group and a weekly dance class.

### **Kilmainham / Inchicore**

The Community development team are working with the Kilmainham Inchicore Network and have attended the public meetings looking at the formation of three subcommittees to develop plans around the economic, social, cultural, physical and environmental development of the area.

### **LECP Consultation**

Community staff are working with the Ballyfermot Partnership and the South City Partnership community teams as part of SICAP to implement community development actions resulting from the LECP consultations.

## **Out of Office / Emergency Numbers**

Hours	Phone Number	Email	Comments
8.00 am to 6.00 pm	222 2222 or 222 1000	customerservices@dublincity.ie	Customer Services
Out of office hours (after 6.00 p.m.)	679 6186	customerservices@dublincity.ie	All queries e.g. Traffic, Roads, Control of Horses, Housing etc.

5 Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services

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

6 Planning and Economic Development Matters

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

7 Emergency Motions

**The meeting was suspended to deal with an Emergency Motion submitted by Councillor Pat Dunne. This Motion was later withdrawn.**

8 December Motions

**468 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council bring forward imaginative plans for the redevelopment of the following sites in public ownership

1. The Gambles site 14 to 19 Maidens Row, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.
2. The Springvale Site Old Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.
3. The Old CORNAMONA site on Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

These sites are prime development sites screaming out for development. The lack of action in a housing crisis leaves a lot to be desired.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**469 Councillor Ray McHugh**

This Area Committee agree, that a memorial garden and Plaque be placed at the Green area facing the Dolphins Barn Fire Station, in memory of all members of the Fire service who lost their lives to save others, and funding for this memorial be made available from any surplus from the commemoration or from the 2017 discretionary funding.

**Order: Agreed.**

**470 Councillor Daithí Doolan (amended 14/12/16)**

This Committee expresses deep concern at the Council's proposal to build another 53 Rapid Build homes in Cherry Orchard, *and request effective consultation on future housing development in Cherry Orchard.*

**Order: Agreed as amended.**

**471 Councillor Pat Dunne**

This Area Committee notes with concern the effective downgrading of the Crumlin Area office and calls upon the Area Manager and the Dublin City CEO to adequately staff the office so as to ensure that the public counter is open to the public throughout the daytime hours from Monday to Friday each week. We also call upon the Area Manager to place on site in the Crumlin Area office a full level of staff particularly in the Housing, Estate Management and Community Development sections.

**Order: Agreed to refer to the Chief Executive.**

**472 Councillor Paul Hand**

That Dublin City Council recognises the global growth in the sport of MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) and the opportunities this sport potentially gives to the economic growth of this City. To this end the Area Committee requests the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, the Planning and International Relations SPC and Dublin City Council staff to do the following.

- Develop a plan for enticing MMA events to be held in the Dublin City Council Area.
- Build a relationship with the UFC, with the long term aim to have an annual Fight Night event held in the 3 Arena in and around St. Patrick's week.
- In the event there is an Irish champion in the UFC to attempt to get a title fight held in either Croke Park or Lansdowne Road in the summer months.
- Build a relationship with other MMA organisations and attempt to get them hold events in Ireland, such as Bellator, ONE FC, Invicta FC, WSOF, EFC etc.

**Order: Agreed to refer to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, the Planning and International Relations SPC.**

**473 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

That this Area Committee support the campaign to save Kilmainham Mill. The Mill is falling into a continuous state of deterioration. There have been several attempts by various groups to rescue the mill over the past 20 years but all have failed. This mill is the last opportunity to conserve and celebrate the industrial heritage of Dublin and we call on D.C.C. to do all it can to save the mill.

**Order: Agreed. Report to Councillors.**

**474 Councillor Tina Mac Veigh**

This Area Committee supports the newly established "Save the Kilmainham Mill Campaign", acknowledging a role for the Council in taking ownership of and protecting this structure which is an integral part of the Heritage of the area.

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillors.

**475 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council please give a full visual report to all elected members of the disgraceful state & filth of the Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, next to the ICELAND Food Store with a specific objective of having the area cleaned and maintained. The last few months the situation has gone from bad to worse with dumping, rat infestation etc. Someone has to be made accountable for the management of this private car-park / shopping centre this current situation would not be tolerated anywhere else.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

- 476 **Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh**  
 That this Area Committee fully support the community of Rialto in their campaign to save their post office. The loss of this much needed facility will cause a lot of inconvenience and hardship for the elderly community in particular. The nearest post office is Dolphin's Barn Street which is too far away and if elderly people get a lift there is little if no parking there. That this Area Committee agree that the Manager contact An Post to express our dissatisfaction with the loss of the Post Office and the need to keep the facility in that area.  
**Order: Agreed to write to An Post.**
- 477 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**  
 That Dublin City Council take responsibility to clean, maintain and secure lands in its ownership next to Park West / Cherry Orchard Train Station. The current situation is our site is creating all sorts of anti-social issues for users of the Train Station and the local community with stone throwing, gangs congregating etc. What are our plans for these important lands next to a vital transportation corridor?  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
- 478 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**  
 That Dublin City Council look upon the possibility of providing a pilot Christmas Lighting scheme to the Ballyfermot, Inchicore Areas of Dublin South Central. This pilot could pave the way for all our Villages to have a lighting scheme like Clondalkin included. This would aid urban regeneration and bring some Christmas spirit to our communities. The trees Dublin City Council provide are beautiful. However, we must add to it by pricing a lighting scheme etc.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**

9 November Questions and Answers

Listed.

**Cllr Paul Hand**

Chairperson

Wednesday, 14 December 2016

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Michael Mullooly  
 Greg Kelly  
 Rebecca Moynihan  
 Daithi De Roiste

**Members:**

Hazel De Nortuin  
 Tina McVeigh  
 Criona Ni Dhalaigh  
 Pat Dunne

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson  
 Ray McHugh  
 Paul Hand  
 Daithi Doolan

**Officers**

Cathriona Woulfe  
 Peter Finnegan

Cora Roche

Karen Clarke

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**