



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2017**

1 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th December 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

- (i). Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
- (ii). Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

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

4 South Central Area Matters

- (i). Report on the 2017 Road Maintenance Works Programme for the South Central Area.
- (ii). Housing Allocations Report at January 2017.
- (iii). Gully Cleaning Programme Report for the South Central Area.
- (iv). Area Manager's Report.

**Order: (i) Noted.  
(ii) Noted.  
(iii) Noted  
(iv) The following report was given and was noted by the Members: -**

**Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**DISCRETIONARY FUND MEETING**

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 in Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, to discuss a list of proposed area projects for the 2017 allocation of the Discretionary Fund. **Time to be agreed with the Members.**

**Community Grant Scheme 2017**

Work has been completed on the Community Grant Scheme and the Informal

## **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 and Weavers Court flats on Cork Street was agreed at the December 2015 City Council meeting. A preferred contractor has been selected and it is expected that site works will commence next month.

### **Dolphins Barn**

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphins Barn is being prepared at present. 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. Councilors will be informed of a second community workshop which is expected to take place next month.

### **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 VIII planning application was agreed at November City Council meeting with construction likely to take place this summer/autumn.

### **Francis Street**

A consultant has been appointed to facilitate the preparation of a Part VIII planning application for the Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme. Stakeholder meetings with local residents and businesses are due to take place next month.

### **St. Luke's Church**

Enabling work commenced in late September last year in relation to the conservation and adaptive reuse of St. Luke's Church. Dublin City Council will, at the same time, create a small urban park in the north graveyard (facing St. Luke's Avenue) and carry out improvements to the south graveyard (access via Newmarket Square). The tendering process for the park/graveyard works is underway and I expect to have a timetable shortly.

### **Michael Mallin House**

Works to convert 4 bedsits into 2 x 1 bedroomed units are due to commence in early January 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.

### **Public Light Improvements Thomas Street-James Street**

A programme to install 48 heritage-style lighting columns on Thomas Street and James Street has commenced and is expected to be completed in March. The programme forms the last part of the Thomas Street and James Street QBC Improvement Works.

### **Shopfront improvement Scheme 2017**

A callout for applications for the Shopfront Improvement Scheme for businesses in the main commercial streets of The Liberties will be made by the end of January. The 2016 scheme supported 16 projects throughout the area, and it is hoped to attract a similar take-up in 2017.

### **Promoting The Liberties to Small Business**

A series of small business guides and a retail prospectus have been developed to highlight the attractiveness of The Liberties as a location for small and medium

enterprise, niche shops, cafes and restaurants and tourism-focused businesses. The guides are hosted on the Business Pages of [www.libertiesdublin.ie](http://www.libertiesdublin.ie)

### **Tourism Boost for The Liberties**

2016 proved to be a bumper year for visitors to The Liberties, Kilmainham and Inchicore and wider Dublin 8. Many of the city's major attractions are located in this area of the city including the Guinness Storehouse, Kilmainham Gaol, IMMA and St Patrick's Cathedral. Preliminary figures suggest visitor numbers rose across the board last year, with Guinness Storehouse recording 1.6m visits, almost 600,000 to St Patrick's and 100,000 to the new Teeling Distillery at Newmarket.

2017 will see new attractions and further developments in the area including Pearse Lyons Distillery on James Street (opening spring 2017) and a new visitor attraction at John Street. A number of applications are live for hotel and accommodation developments in the area, while permitted hotels are under construction at Mill Street and New Street.

### **St Patrick's Festival**

The Area Office hopes to offer practical support to a series of events at Newmarket on 18th March as part of the St Patrick's Festival. A craft fair, talks and entertainment on the square is being planned by Teeling Distillery. In addition SCAO will be actively encouraging institutions and businesses in the area to 'go green' by floodlighting landmarks.

### **Liberties/South Inner City Community Update**

#### **Birds of Ireland Presentations**

Eric Dempsey one of Ireland's leading ornithologist will deliver a number of workshops to local schools and scout troop in the South Central Area on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2017.

#### **Community Connect**

The South Central Area community development team will identify projects in the area that will benefit from Volunteer Ireland linking business and community together to take on enhancement projects locally.

#### **Marrowbone Lane & District Resident Assoc**

After recent environmental improvements to Marrowbone Lane flats. This resident association intend to carry on the improvements by involving residents and children in a planting scheme for the flats.

#### **Love Yourself**

14<sup>th</sup> February in St Andrews Community Centre – Working with Sports Partnership to encourage people to love themselves by taking part in Holistic Treatments, Marie Keating Foundation and other mind yourself treatments and activities.

#### **Ceannt Fort**

Work continuing with Ceannt Fort to celebrate the centenary of their housing estate. Playground refurbishment has begun and is expected to be complete in the next few weeks. Dublin City Council Architects have surveyed the area and made recommendations regarding the retaining walls.

#### **Playgrounds in Jim Mitchell Park and Bluebell**

Works to refurbish the playgrounds in Jim Mitchell Park, Inchicore and in Bluebell commenced on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January and are due to be completed by the end of

February/beginning March.

## **CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE REPORT**

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

Works to create a new children's play area in Stannaway Park are due to commence at the end of January/beginning February. This small play area will cater for young children between 2 and 7 years of age and 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. The play area will be funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

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

Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue, consisting of new parking zones, new footpaths and a plinth wall surrounding the green commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> January and are due to be completed by end February. The works are funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

### **Brickfield Park**

Works to install all weather pitch in Brickfield Park are progressing well. The synthetic carpet and shock pads will be laid this month subject to weather conditions whilst it is anticipated that works will be completed in February /March again dependent on favourable weather.

### **Bunting Park**

The boundary hedging surround Bunting Park along Balfe Avenue was removed and replaced with new railings in December 2016. The works were funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

## **Crumlin/Kimmage Community Update**

### **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.

### **Blarney Park**

Blarney Park allotment licenses are up for renewal. All license holders have been informed and dates for payments are set. Health & Safety issues have been identified and are to be addressed with allotment holders and Dublin City Council.

### **Age Friendly Actions**

St Mary's Bowling Club, Crumlin and St James Bowling Club, James Street received new bowling mats under the SCA Age Friendly budget.

### **DMAP**

Support offered to DMAP to continue work with people with disabilities in the Crumlin Area.

## **BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE REPORT**

### **Ballyfermot Environment Improvement Project**

A Public Consultation meeting regarding the proposed Ballyfermot Road Public Realm Improvement was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The Consultants engaged put together their initial thoughts taking into account all that was discussed at the Consultation and these were reviewed on 1<sup>st</sup> December with the South Central Area Manager and local officials.

A number of residents were contacted following this meeting and a walk along the route took place on 8<sup>th</sup> December. The views expressed by these residents and at the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> December will now be taken into account by the Consultants and explored.

It is intended to further progress this matter and to consult with both Dublin City Council Internal Stakeholders and to have further public consultation when the Consultants have finalised their initial Report.

#### **Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Community Update Bluebell Environmental Project**

Bluebell environment group are working with the Council to erect a commemorative plaque at the entrance to the area where 16 trees to commemorate the executed members of the 1916 Rising were planted in 2016. Bluebell bulbs will be planted under the trees to restart the Bluebells for Bluebell Project which previously began on this site. It is hoped to secure the funding to complete this project in early 2017.

#### **Ballyfermot / Chapelizod**

The Council are working with the Cherry Orchard community to support the organising of the 2017 Summer Fair in Cherry Orchard. Various Dublin City Council sections and departments including Parks, Sports and Community Development will be engaged to support the project.

#### **Springvale Allotment**

The Council is in the process of renewing the existing allotment licenses. A draw will take place for the allotments in the coming weeks

#### **Drimnagh**

The Council is consulting with local Resident groups regarding the location of Welcome signs for Drimnagh. The cast iron signs will be erected at the three main entrance points to Drimnagh.

#### **Crumlin/ Walkinstown Community Forum**

The City Council will continue to provide ongoing support to the Community Forum. Staff from the Ballyfermot office and Eblana House will support the committee.

### 5 Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services

- (i). Public Library Events for January 2017 – South Central Area.
- (ii). Sport and Recreation Report for January 2017 – South Central Area.

**Order: (i) Noted. The Councillors commended staff for their work.  
(ii) Noted. The Councillors commended staff for their work.**

### 6 Planning and Economic Development Matters

- (i). Proposed disposal of a substation site on Curlew Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 to the ESB.
- (ii). Proposed disposal of laneway abutting 18 Downpatrick Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

**Order: (i) Agreed. Recommend to Council.**

**(ii) Deferred until the February meeting.**

7 Emergency Motions

**None submitted**

8 January 2017 Motions

**479 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

Noting:

- the historic importance of the Iveagh Markets;  
- the lack of community amenities in the Liberties Village;  
- the length of time the Markets have remained undeveloped and the contribution this makes to the severe dereliction of the area of special character of John Dillon Street and surrounds, this Area Committee requires that Dublin City Council should :

1) Fulfil its own mission to tackle dereliction and take back responsibility for the development of the Iveagh Markets including a consideration of acquiring the building if necessary/possible;  
2) Commit and secure funding to develop the building within a two years as a central hub for community, cultural, social enterprise, tourism and heritage activities in the Liberties.

This redevelopment of Iveagh Markets should be addressed urgently as it affects the development of the surrounding area and impacts negatively on local communities.

We also agree to forward this motion, if agreed, to the next meeting of Dublin City Council for consideration'.

**Order: Agreed without debate and to refer to the City Council Meeting. Report to Councillors.**

**480 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Committee commends the residents of Tyrone Place on the recent report into dampness in the flats. That Dublin City Council compiles and publishes, within 8 weeks, a report outlining the best option for Tyrone Plane. The report will include exploring the options of DCC accessing finance to carry out refurbishment of the flats or detenating the flats and redeveloping the site.

**Order: Agreed. The members suggested that DCC use fans/dehumidifiers to rectify the existing problems.**

**481 Councillor Greg Kelly**

This Area Committee asks the Council to have the laneway at the rear of Balfe Ave, Walkinstown (Entrance opposite the Up's A Daisy Crèche on Somerville Park.) to be concreted. The surface of the lane way is very uneven and the residents in the area are quite elderly and I feel this is an accident waiting to happen. This laneway is also attracting a lot of dumping and if it is concreted also it would make it easier to try and keep clean.

**Order: Agreed.**

**482 Councillor Paul Hand & Councillor Pat Dunne**

That this Area Committee supports the ongoing work of Addiction Response Crumlin and commends all the staff there in providing necessary services throughout the Dublin 12 area. Furthermore this Area

Committee supports the continued presence of ARC at their current premises on the Crumlin Road and hope that they can secure their long term future at this location. To this end, we request that on agreeing this Motion this Area Committee write to the following Ministers and Government Departments to request a grant so that ARC can purchase their current home as outlined in their proposal document which is to accompany the letter to the relevant bodies.

Minister for Justice  
Minister for Social Protection  
Minister for Health  
Minister for Children.  
Probation Service  
TUSLA  
HSE

**Order: Agreed. Agreed to write to Ministers for Finance, Social Protection, Health and Children, the Probation Service, TUSLA and the HSE.**

**483 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

This Area Committee supports the occupation of Apollo House by housing activists and calls on Dublin City Council management to implement the following motion agreed at the city council meeting on 10th November 2014:

That this Council open an 'Unused Properties Register'. The owners of private properties that have been unused/ empty for a period of more than six months (as per CSO Census 2011 and other official statistics) will be required to register their intention for use with Council. Where these properties remain idle for a period exceeding six months of registration date or where Council is not satisfied with intended use, by the powers granted to it under Section 213 (2) (A) of the Planning and Development Act (2000), this Council will immediately requisition these properties for immediate use as emergency housing, paying no more than a nominal transaction fee to the owner.

**Order: Defer to the February Meeting.**

**484 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

That this South Central Area Committee commends those involved in taking action to provide essential homeless accommodation in Apollo House. We urge DRHE to work with the organisers to ensure this accommodation is sustainable and supported.

**Order: Agreed.**

**485 Councillor Greg Kelly (amended 18/1/17)**

This Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to start the process of installing Smart Bins in Dublin South Central. These bins should be the same used by Dun Laoghaire, which have proven to be a success. The bins should be used in busy retail areas to start, with a plan to install them throughout the area. ***The initial roll out should occur in the South Central area.***

**Order: Agreed as amended.**

**486 Councillor Paul Hand**

That this Area Committee notes with concern that local drug and alcohol projects have not had any funding increases in nearly a decade (in fact they have had their funding hacked by nearly 50% in the same period),

despite the fact that front line services have been seriously stretched in the intervening period. To improve social services locally and nationally we request that the Minister for Communities and the National Drugs Strategy increase funding by at least 10% to all locally funded projects through the HSE and to all Regional and Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces nationally by at least the same amount. To this end we request the Area Manager write to the Minister with the contents of this motion.

**Order: Agreed. Agreed to write to the Minister for Communities and the National Drugs Strategy.**

**487 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee strongly condemns the recent attack on building workers in Cherry Orchard and we urge the Gardaí and others to work with Cooperative Housing Ireland to ensure adequate protection is provided by Gardaí for the duration of the construction of the 72 social units of housing.

**Order: Agreed.**

**488 Councillor Greg Kelly**

This Area Committee calls for the inspection of the heating system in Canal View Apartments, Bluebell, Dublin 12. The heating system keeps failing for a number of tenants and some have waited up to 2 weeks over Christmas to get them fixed. If there is a fail found in the system DCC should do what it can to get it repaired as a matter of urgency.

**Order: Agreed.**

9 December Questions and Answers

**Listed**

**Chairperson**

**Wednesday, 18 January 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Michael Mullooly  
Greg Kelly  
Criona Ni Dhalaigh  
Pat Dunne

**Members:**

Hazel De Nortuin  
Ray McHugh  
Paul Hand  
Daithi Doolan

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Daithi De Roiste

**Officers**

**Apologies:**

Tina McVeigh

**Non-Members:**