

# NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

# TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.

# ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 3.00 PM

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#### DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE <u>19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018</u>

# 621 Cllr Paul Hand

That this Area Committee notes with concern the recent Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee report which will have a significant impact on the South Central Area. Of particular concern is the creation of the 'Kimmage-Rathmines' ward which will see parts of Drimnagh, Crumlin and Kimmage lumped in to an unfamiliar area. It makes no sense for residents in Drimnagh, Crumlin and Kimmage to be in an area committee with coastal communities like Ringsend, Sandymount and Irishtown. Therefore, we request that the new 'Kimmage-Rathmines' LEA be a part of the South Central Area Committee after the next local elections and for the Crumlin Area Office to have a wider remit over this area, with additional staffing and funding.

# 622 <u>Cllr Rebecca Moynihan</u>

This Area Committee agrees that the planters on Basin Lane be left in place, with the area Office applying for Traffic permission if needed. The planters create a safe barrier for cyclists going to the schools in Basin Lane and otherwise are just informal parking spaces.

# 623 Cllr Pat Dunne

That this Area Committee wishes to submit an observation to the National Transport Authority as part of its public consultation into the Bus Connects proposals. The members of Area Committee wishes to express the concerns of our constituent's in relation to the proposals and in particular the effects many of the changes have on local connectivity between neighbourhoods. The proposals in relation to routes 83,18,17,150,122,123,13, 68 and 69 reduce connectivity and will disimprove local services. We call on the NTA to scrap these proposals and instead concentrate on improving existing routes both in frequency and reliability.

# 624 Cllr Ray McHugh

Following the arson attack on the playground and the tyre burning the following Saturday in Willie Pearse Park Crumlin, this Area Committee agree the following: -

- 1) That all entrances to the park are made more secure after closing time of the park. This is to include replacing the kissing gates at the Star bingo lane and the kissing gates on Windmill Road with a more secure gate to protect the facility.
- 2) The playground equipment that was destroyed is replaced and the play

area

reopened as soon as possible.

3) We write to the Garda commissioner requesting the urgent need for more Gardaí for the Crumlin area to protect the community and the facilities which are under attack from gangs of youths.

# 625 <u>Cllr. Daithi Doolan</u>

That this Area Committee agrees that in order to prevent rat running and serious accidents, Dublin City Council should install a bollard on Cleggan Road at Ballyfermot Road end, and kerbing to allow access for residents at Cleggan Road end. Also Dublin City Council should install a parking bay to allow visitors park and allows residents access their drive way.

# 626 <u>Cllr. Michael Mullooly</u>

In recent years due to budgetary cut backs there has been a reduction in street cleaning across the South Central Area. This Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated in this fiscal year to street cleaning, to prioritize street cleaning and to have particular regard to cleaning up leaves and removing weeds and other growth from footpaths.

# 627 <u>Cllr Vincent Jackson</u>

That this Area Committee request that Dublin City Council look at widening the small access road facing no.s 1 to 11 Cleggan Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The access road was constructed 60 years ago plus when the houses were built. Residents are anxious that the access road allow them enter and exit their homes in a safe manner, and understand that a through road would be a disaster hence closing off one end is the logical solution. This work was to be part of the major redevelopment of the Civic Centre Park in 2006 but with the down turn in the economy was never progressed. An onsite meeting would assist the proposal with residents.

# 628 Cllr Greg Kelly

That this Area Committee calls on DCC Housing Department to make sure that the consultation process for St. Michaels Estate gives every resident of Inchicore a chance to engage. We call for the newly formed Forum to hold information sessions in a number of locations in Inchicore, with DCC either writing to or leafleting all residents informing them of these sessions. There should then be a 6 weeks' window for residents to make submissions to DCC in either writing or online submissions. The submissions should then be taken into consideration when deciding the final plan that will come to Councillors for voting This process has been used in Cherry Orchard and Inchicore should have the same chance to allow DCC know what the community need.

# 629 <u>Cllr Paul Hand</u>

This Area Committee commends the local community, DCC staff and the volunteers at the recent local festivals in Walkinstown and Drimnagh. In order to convey our appreciation, we request that the Area Manager writes to the management committees of the two festivals to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

# 630 Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan

This Area Committee agrees that DCC should initiate the process to compulsory purchase the Player Wills' site on the South Circular Road for cost rental and affordable housing to buy. Since 2008 no movement has

taken place on this site and it is now the time for DCC to develop it with cost rental housing and appropriate community facilities.

# 631 Cllr. Daithi Doolan

That this Area Committee condemns in the strongest possible terms the recent cutting down of trees in Brickfield Park. Dublin City Council will work with the Gardaí to ensure this vandalism does not occur again.

### 632 <u>Cllr. Michael Mullooly</u>

That the South Central Area Committee and Area Manager consider rolling out a Know Your Bin Programme to educate the public in what should go in the green, brown and black bins through the various resident committees and environmental groups, with the incentive that participation in such a programme would entitle the group to particular grants or financial assistance.

#### 633 <u>Cllr Vincent Jackson</u>

That this Area Committee, in view of the recent damage to gravestones / headstones in Bluebell Cemetery that DCC take appropriate action to secure the graveyard by replacing the gate, ensuring a locking arrangement is provided on a daily basis to secure the facility and the possible use of CCTV to deter those responsible for this shocking behaviour. I have spoken to a number of residents who are saddened and shocked by the lack of respect for those buried here and their loved ones.

#### 634 Cllr Pat Dunne

That This Area Committee notes with concern the sudden closure of Crumlin Swimming Pool which we understand is necessary for undertaking essential repairs due to the leakage of water. However, we believe that more consideration should have been given to the clubs, schools and swimming instructors. Many of whom because of the lack of advance notice have difficulty in rearranging their swimming sessions. Notwithstanding, the above we sincerely hope that the repair work will be undertaken swiftly and the opportunity be taken to fully retile the pool itself and the also retile the aisles surrounding the pool. If this retiling work is carried out in conjunction with the repair work pool users will see the benefit for the period of disruption due to the closure.

# 635 <u>Clir Greg Kelly</u>

That this Area Committee rejects the planned changes to the bus services in the Dublin South Central area especially the removal of bus services to the area. Drimnagh in particular will see a number of services removed and no replacement service offered. We encourage the public to use the consultation process to let the NTA know the feelings in the area and we call on the NTA to take these on board and provide better bus services to Dublin South central.

#### 636 <u>Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan</u>

This Area Committee ask that DCC begin the process to re-zone the community garden in Herberton Z9.

#### 637 <u>Cllr. Daithi Doolan</u>

That this Area Committee invites in Ballyfermot Star to make a presentation updating the Committee on progress made with the Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Cafe social enterprise.

# 638 Cllr Paul Hand

That this Area Committee request that Dublin City Council, as soon as practically possible starts a regeneration process for the maisonettes on Rafters Lane/Lissadell Road. Many maisonettes there have issues with mould and dampness. If Dublin City Council were to de-tenant the residents to suitable accommodation and then demolish the maisonettes, they could redevelop the area with more housing units, benefiting the entire area and adding additional housing stock to Dublin City Council.

# 639 <u>CIIr Vincent Jackson</u>

That this Area Committee request that DCC look again at the practice of refusing older residents an opportunity to replace windows in their homes by various initiatives, grants etc. Just because they replaced the windows themselves 20 to 30 years ago. It's a little hard to accept, I pay to replace my windows only to find if in say 20 years' time they need replacing, I am excluded in benefiting from future energy saving initiatives etc.

# 640 Cllr Pat Dunne

That this Area Committee fully condemns those responsible for the acts of vandalism carried out in our parks in Dublin 12, particularly in Willie Pearse Park, Stannaway Park, Brickfield Park and some of our open greens, during the summer months. We call upon the Garda to fully investigate and bring to justice those responsible. Notwithstanding the above we are concerned about the prolonged delay in carrying out the repairs particularly to the playground in Willie Pearse Park, and call for these to be immediately completed so that the playground can be reopened, without further delays.

# 641 <u>Cllr Greg Kelly</u>

That this Area Committee condemns the mindless vandalism that was caused to the graves in Bluebell Cemetery. We call on DCC and the Garda to investigate this and bring the perpetrators to justice. We acknowledge the hurt and distress that this has caused to relatives who have family buried in the cemetery and to the hurt it has caused to the wider community. We recognise the speed in which DCC were on the scene and the contact that was made to relatives that were known and now call on DCC to repair the damage done asap, and to install security measures like CCTV to stop this happening again.

# 642 Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan

The Area Committee agrees that no allotment holder in Weaver Square will be moved until DCC finds alternative allotments for the holders in the surrounding area.

# 643 <u>Cllr Vincent Jackson</u>

That this Area Committee ensures that the NTA Bus Connects are aware the massive public opposition to the proposed changes to the Dublin Bus Network. Dublin Bus for all its faults has provided an excellent service for over 50 years to the people of Dublin, the ongoing changes appear to be getting the company / service ready for privatisation at the expense of the essence of public service. I am asking that we relay our opposition to both the NTA and the Minister for Transport, Mr. Shane Ross TD. I am all for improving the service however, what is being offered appears to be the fragmentation of a good service.

# 644 <u>Clir Greg Kelly</u>

That this Area Committee calls on the Minister of Justice to commit to

increasing the number of Garda in the Kilmainham Garda Station, Sundrive Garda Station and Crumlin Garda Station. This should include the increase in the community Garda to at least 6 in each station, the reintroduction of the Drugs Team to its full capacity and an increase across all departments in the station. The crime and antisocial behavior in Inchicore, Bluebell and Drimnagh is now getting out of control. The communities are now at breaking point and this needs to be addressed. The Minister for Housing has committed to funding housing in the area it is time the minister for justice and other ministers followed suit. We need to see Garda on patrol all the time and to have this we need an increase in Garda numbers.

# 645 Cllr Greg Kelly

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to implement his Halloween plan earlier this year. Dublin South Central have a great record in collecting material and reducing the amount of bonfires in the area. This year we are seeing material been collected earlier, this has seen a lot of fires in Drimnagh around Brickfield Park. Implementing the plan early needs to be a must and if funding is the issue the CEO should commit to providing it.

9 July Questions and Answers

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Bruce Phillips Acting Area Manager 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018