



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 19th February 2020**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Questions to the Director of Services South City**
Order: Replies to Questions circulated.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 25 February 2020 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Request Status Report.**Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted.
- 4 **South Central Area Matters**
 - 1 Presentation on SHD0001/20, 42A Parkgate Street, Dublin 8.
 - 2 Presentation on the Proposed Variation (No. 28) of Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022: Irish National War Memorial Gardens/ Islandbridge pedestrian and cycle bridge.
 - 3 Report on the Liberties Local Area Plan.
 - 4 Report on Sculpture Dublin, a new public sculpture initiative being developed by Parks and Landscape Services and the Arts Office.
 - 5 Community Grants Scheme 2020 for South Central Area.
 - 6 Nomination of one member to the St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board.
 - 7 Naming and Numbering Proposal for a new development and a house on a site located to the rear and side of No. 54 the Laurels, Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8, (Planning No. **2738/19**).
 - 8 Naming and Numbering Proposal for a new apartment development on a site located at No. 489 and 490, Bluebell Avenue, Bluebell, Dublin 12, (Planning No. 3468/17).
 - 9 Director of Service's Report.**Order: 1. Presentation given by Kieran O'Neill, Senior Executive Landscape Architect. Minutes of the Members observation was emailed to all 10 members on the 19h of March giving them a further opportunity to respond back to the Planner.**
2. Presentation Noted.
3. Report Noted.

4. Report Noted.
5. Report Noted.
6. Deferred.
7. Report Noted.
8. Report Noted.
9. No report given.

5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**

1. Public Library Events for March 2020 – South Central Area
 2. Sports and Recreation report for March 2020 – South Central Area
- Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted.

6 **Planning & Property Development Matters**

1. Proposed surrender and grant of a new lease of the site at 25/26 Ushers Island, Dublin 8 to Dublin Simon Community.
- Order: 1. Report noted.**

7 **Emergency Motions**

Order: No Emergency Motions submitted.

8 **Motions received for March Meeting**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th March 2020

M.38 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

That this Area Committee condemns the misinformation that was circulated by a candidate in the General Election regarding social housing. Dublin City Council is inclusive and respects all those on the housing list, irrespective of colour or nationality. All those on the DCC housing list are afforded the same opportunity and follow the same rules and regulations that apply to Social Housing.

Order: Report Noted.

M.39 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

This Area Committee agrees to initiate a review of the relevant section in our development plan that regulates permissible development on lands owned by sporting organisations or CB clubs. This is with the specific objective of protecting the limited amount of green space in the environs of the inner city.

Order: Report Noted.

M.40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council take another look at the ongoing car parking and local maintenance issues at Claddagh Green, Ballyfermot, Dublin10. The area has a very successful retail base. However, whilst we looked for Double Yellow Lines outside the Claddagh Court Older Person's complex at the dishings / entrance, the situation is now that DCC on Monday week last, put Double Yellow Lines on the whole area outside Claddagh Court. This will kill the commercial life as people, many elderly and from Cherry Orchard, travel to collect their pensions and get groceries in the shops. I am asking for a proper Maintenance Plan for the area including additional car-parking, road repairs to the broken concrete, cleansing on a regular basis. I would welcome an onsite meeting with residents and traders to discuss the ongoing issues.

Order: Report Noted.

M.41 Councillor Daithí Doolan

That this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council, the Gardaí and Department of Justice to work in partnership and actively support the action plan agreed in the Building Resilience report.

Order: Report Noted.

9 A. O . B.

The meeting took place in the Council Chamber to facilitate the presentation of the SHD to the Members. As the meeting occurred during the COVID-19 Restrictions the members could not attend the meeting in person. However, members were invited to participate by logging onto the DCC website and watch the Presentation. The Director of Services listed and gave advise on all the Agenda points. All members were encouraged to give notice by email stating that they noted all reports listed on the Agenda.

Vincent Jackson

Chairperson South Central Area Committee

18th March 2020

Attendance

Officers

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;

Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South West Inner City;

Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area;

Cora Roche, Staff Officer, South Central Area;

Kiaran Sweeney, Senior Executive Planner, South East Area Team

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
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COVID 19

Dublin City Council area offices are continuing to operate. While public counters open to the public, the use of alternative methods of contact is being encouraged. Non-essential face to face meetings are being rearranged. Housing Maintenance is reduced to essential repairs only. The following report is based on timelines not being interrupted, which they may well be.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Active Public Realm Projects

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme: Utility works by Irish Water are ongoing at Francis Street and will be completed in the next week or so. Tendering for the main construction works is now closed and tenders are being assessed. It is expected that main construction works will begin in April.

Bridgefoot Street: New orca-protected cycle lanes are currently being installed. Civil works to relocate an existing cycle parking facility will be undertaken in Q3/2020, while agreement on a contraflow section of cycle lane at the north end of Bridgefoot Street (that will in turn link in with the Liffey Cycle Route) is being sought from NTA.

Bridgefoot Street Park: Contractor Bracegrade is now onsite. Parks Department advise that while construction is expected to take 8 months, it is not intended to open the park to the public until early 2021 to allow the landscaping to establish.

St. James's Graveyard: Landscaping works to complete the ongoing programme to conserve and restore this historic burial ground are expected to begin shortly. The ambition is to open the refurbished and accessible graveyard to the public as a new amenity and attraction.

Reuben Street: Work commences 23rd March to install 6 no. tree pits with trees and underplanting on Reuben Street and Haroldville Avenue. The Area Office and Parks Department will look to add further trees to other locations using this buildout method as resources permit.

Oisín Kelly Park/Basin Lane Flats: Parks Department will be undertaking tree and landscaping works in coming weeks. The intention is to make improvements to the boundary later this year as part of an overall upgrade of this amenity space.

Economic Development

LoveD8: A number of local businesses supported the successful LoveD8 event in St. Catherine's Church on 29th February. SCAO would particularly like to thank those who sponsored the event or donated prizes.

SmartD8: The Area Office, together with Digital Hub and other local partners is establishing a Smart Dublin testbed area for Dublin 8 called 'SmartD8'. Funding has now been secured for the project and the programme is expected to formally launch in late April/early May.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2020: Applications are currently invited for this year's scheme. The scheme assists business with small grants to support the refurbishment of their shopfronts and building fronts. The scheme details have been amended to include promotion of grants for the use of Irish language (Forás na Gaeilge).

Kilmainham Mill

The invitation to tender for a construction team to carry out the enabling works has been issued with a closing date of April 8th. Work continues on the Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth grant programme.

International Women's Day: Inchicore College of Further Education 10th March 2020

A talk was held with the leading Trinity College researcher Dr. Sabina Brennan on the ageing brain and dementia and how to prevent memory loss. Dr. Brennan also shared her own inspirational story of her career progression including leaving school at 16 to her doctorate in Trinity College. It was followed by Q&A with refreshments afterwards for attendees. The event was well subscribed and was pivotal in creating links with the wider community and DCC in Inchicore and the further establishing our relationship with the college and its use as a community space. It also celebrated the empowerment of women through successful community role models.

St. Andrews Community Centre: Celebration Of Women 6th March 2020

An evening of Poetry, music, food and entertainment was held with our support and collaboration in St Andrews. This very successful event, now running annually, involves a large number of community groups and individuals from the local area and environs connecting and engaging with them. The varied groups involved and the cross section of the community that attend ensures successful and ongoing social cohesion.

Lá le Prataí: Flanagans Fields Rialto 17/3/2020

Due to the current Covid 19 situation the community celebration for La le Pratai was postponed until further notice. However, the traditional practice of planting the first crop of potatoes was carried out by the garden group on the day of Lá le Prataí.

Public Domain update

A pilot community street clean in SWIC was completed by the Waste Management Public Domain Crew on Sunday 8th March 2020. Two full crews were in operation from 10.00am on Rialto Street and Cottages, SCR, Rialto, Mallin Avenue, Clarkes Terrace, St. Anthony's Road and James Walk. Flyers were distributed and temporary posters erected at key points to inform residents and request their co-operation. Other locations will receive similar attention on selected dates over the coming year. Consideration will be given to community requests for this service. The Dublin Community Clean-Up Day will take place on Saturday 25th April 2020. Registration information with a web link has been sent to all community groups on file. All enquiries to the Public Domain Officer at southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie for collection points and equipment.

The Tender for effective weed control is being assessed and details of the measures employed going forward will be available shortly. Information will be circulated to all Councillors.

Drimnagh Task Force

A meeting the research consultant planned for Friday 20th March is deferred for now.

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Cornamona Court Site

There has been some compliance issues with sub-contractors on the site, which are under discussion with management.

3.8. Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

At the meeting held by the working group on 28th February, plans and drawings for the site were discussed which includes a mix of older persons units and 2/3 bedroom units. Every attempt is being made to introduce the concept of intergenerational living in the design. A community centre has also been included in the plans.

De La Salle Site

No further update on the development of this site.

California Hills

An approach has been made by De La Salle GAA to use the Park for training, as their pitch is no longer accessible as it is part of the development site. At a public meeting with residents, it has been agreed to consider their application but monitor the effects of traffic/parking etc. while matches are taking place.

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

A High Court injunction is to be sought to halt works that had begun on the site on the 2nd January. A residents group is asking the courts to quash the October decision of the Council to approve the development.

Kylemore Park

A meeting with the residents was held on 10th March. The park upgrade is to proceed with alterations agreed with the residents. Familibase are linking with the youth and the residents have commented on the reduction of anti-social behavior over the last few weeks. Continued support will be provided to the residents over the course of the upgrade.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre

Meetings are ongoing with the Centre Management and occupiers around the refurbishment works, licenses, upgrade of the theatre space, fire safety etc.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

A public meeting to discuss the proposals for the Park was held on 11th March at 6.30pm in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre. A presentation was made by Parks Services to show what the park will look like when all the ideas put forward at the last consultation are taken on board. It was very well received with positive feedback around what could be incorporated into the new design. The National Transport Authority is reviewing the issue around the laneway at Cleggan Road and there has been some positive developments around this issue.

Le Fanu Skate Park

The expected completion of the skate park is on schedule for the spring.

Ballyfermot Sports and Leisure Centre

The upgrade of the pitches is completed and are now re-open for use.

Lissadell Maisonettes

The vacant maisonettes at Lissadell Road have been put back on the framework for refurbishing and will be re-let upon completion.

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane site

Our Architects Department are currently working on procurement documents for a design team for the project. They hope to appoint a design team in Quarter 2 of this year.

Community Environmental Projects

The community Plant Sales are planned for the following Dates:

May 14th Chapelizod, Drimnagh and Walkinstown

May 21st Ballyfermot Library, Community Civic Centre and Markievicz Centre

This year the bedding plants for some of the plant sales will be grown locally in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden. The Community Garden will host the Plant Sale for Cherry Orchard on May 21st.

The Council is working with the Bluebell Environmental group to identify a replanting of open spaces near the Youth and Community Centre to deter cars parking on the pathways.

Community Organisations in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh are being identified and encouraged to take part in the 2020 Pride of Place Competition.

Community Participation

Halloween 2020: The council is working with Community and Youth Organisations in Ballyfermot to plan events for Halloween 2020. The events are gathering larger numbers every year and while this is to be welcomed, it raises issues around event management and safety, which will be reviewed this year.

Ballyfermot Network: The meeting to establish a network of community and voluntary groups in the Ballyfermot Area took place in February. This was a very positive meeting and the groups represented were interested in developing a structure to support existing and developing groups in the area. A working group has formed to agree the aims of this group, which will be presented, to the next open meeting proposed for April 21st.

Ballyfermot Festival Committee are planning the 2020 festival to take place during the first two weeks of July.

Drimnagh Festival and Chapelizod Festival will confirm their dates this month.

Social Inclusion

The Council are identifying community partners and linking up with the HSE to develop Dementia friendly spaces in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre Café and the WALK Green Kitchen. The Ballyfermot committee visited similar projects in Ballymun and Glasnevin and will meet with the HSE understanding Dementia Coordinator to develop the Ballyfermot Café. Dementia awareness training has been scheduled for May.

Seachtaine NA Gaeilge Events: Events in Ballyfermot were very successful and well attended. The Súiloid in Ballyfermot closed the main road for up to 400 young people to parade. The newly formed Drimnagh group organised events in the schools and an excellent Ceili.

The National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) has appointed a research team to carry out an assessment of immediate needs within the Ballyfermot area. The research will map services and gain insights about the range of factors that affect suicidal behaviours and how best to support the local community.

Dublin City Council is supporting the St John Bosco's Youth Centre Celebration of Languages Project to challenge racism. Local community groups have designed a large banner the theme of which is, "Ní neart go cur le chéile", (there is no strength without unity) and "Muintir na hÉireann" (People of Ireland) translated into the 38 languages that are

spoken by people who attend the centre. The banner will be officially launched at 11.00am on Thursday 19th of March, followed by a reception in the centre.

Young Mothers Group Wednesday morning

The group started a drop in Exercise Class in February. Mothers can leave their babies with staff while they take part in the classes.

Family Group Tuesday morning

We have linked in with our local area Sports Development Officer to run a healthy eating class with the group. Price and cost of food, calorie count, along with advice on what activities burn off the least and most calories are included in the workshop. Local Sports Officer Sharon Kelly provides health advice during this time.

Change for Life Programme

We run our first ever Change for Life Programme this year from January to March. We had a good turnout for our first programme with up to 20 people attend on various mornings. The group meet every Tuesday morning in the Centre.

RTE.1 Nationwide Programme - Men's Shed Movement

The Centre was featured as part of a piece on The Men's Shed Movement. Our Music Men's Shed group who are in the Centre every Thursday morning were on the programme on Wednesday 4th March. This was great publicity for the Centre as well as the Men's Shed group and the area as a whole.

Cherry Orchard Junior Park Run

This new group will meet every Sunday morning at 9.30am in Cherry Orchard Park beside the centre. The group is for children up to young teens and is a running group that is part of a countrywide organisation. It is a fun activity and all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult to take part and should register with www.parkrun.ie under the Cherry Orchard Group.

International Women's Day

We held our annual event on Wednesday 4th March. The event was an open invite to anyone who wanted to try Ballroom/Sequence Dancing. The event was free and included tea/coffee/biscuits for all as well as each person receiving a small gift.

Mobile library

In conjunction with our colleagues in Library Services, we are arranging for DCC Mobile Library to begin visits to Cherry Orchard. It is anticipated the service will begin within the next month.

Sports Hall Extension

The building is almost weather proof. The anticipated completion date is May 2020.

Local Area Plan

Dave O'Donovan, secretary to Cherry Orchard Development Group (CODG) is part of the implementation team for the LAP.

Halloween 2020

Preliminary meetings have begun to plan the Halloween 2020 festival.

West Dublin GARDA Community Awards

Through the Orchard Community Centre we nominated our Stilt Walker Group from Cherry Orchard Youth Service to go forward for an award. The nominees shall attend the event on Thursday 12th March in Westmanstown, GARDA Social Club.

Public Domain update

The Cherry Orchard Community Garden in partnership with Public Domain will be hosting a Wild Flower Meadow Workshop Saturday 4th April. Two Sustainable Gardening Work Shops will run from 19th April-17th May on 5 consecutive Sundays, one at The Community garden and the second at the Ballyfermot Civic Centre. Aoife Munn is workshop facilitator and all registrations should come through aoifemunn@gmail.com
Further collaborations are proposed to focus on biodiversity.

Recycle It and Public Domain will be offering WEE recycling days at two locations in the area on a trial basis more information to follow.

A Pilot Community Area Clean at Claddagh Green Plaza was completed by Waste Management Public Domain Crew on 27th February. The dog foul, glass and debris was removed and the area was power washed. A Community Street Cleaning Programme will be rolled out to other locations on selected dates over the coming year.

Registration is now open for the Dublin Community Clean-Up on Saturday 25th April 2020 All 2019 registered groups have been contacted in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area. Any new groups should register at www.dublincommunitycleanupday.ie

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Report from: -

Kay Noonan,

**Acting Senior Executive Officer
Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.**