



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023 VIA HYBRID MEETING  
IN EBLANA HOUSE, MARROWBONE LANE, DUBLIN 8**

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2023**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 2 Questions to the Director of Services South Central**  
**Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.**
- 3 Environment and Transportation Matters**
  1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 28/03/23 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/03/23 and 20/03/23.  
**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Report noted.**
- 4 South Central Area Matters**
  1. Notification to initiate Part VIII Meath Street & Environs Public Realm Improvement Scheme. This item is for information purposes only.
  2. Notification to initiate Part VIII River Liffey Pontoon Project, Islandbridge. This item is for information purposes only.
  3. Proposal to extinguish the Public Right of Way over a laneway at No. 9 St. Catherine's Avenue, Dublin 8.
  4. Director of Services Report.  
**Order: 1. Noted.**  
**2. Noted.**  
**3. Agreed. Recommend to Council.**  
**4. Report Noted.**
- 5 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
  1. Sports and Recreation Report for April 2023 South Central Area.  
**Order: Report noted.**
- 6 Emergency Motions**

**The order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motion:**

## **Emergency Motion 1**

This Area Committee expresses the urgent need to prioritise security at Robinsons Court, Cork St, D8. There are ongoing criminal and ASB incidents- the most recent a few days ago- intimidation and trespass perpetrated on our most vulnerable elderly citizens. They are again extremely distressed by the recent incursions into their homes along with demands for valuables and threats to their persons. We request that a site visit be convened along with a security expert to assess and recommend security measures that include the installation of gates/barriers to this senior citizen complex that has experienced significant, serious and ongoing threatening behaviour which has culminated in 3 murders over the years.

**Cllr. Máire Devine**

**Order: Agreed.**

## **7 April 2023 Motions**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**M238 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee requests a presentation on the proposed development of the Dunnes Stores site on the Crumlin Road, Dublin 12.

**Order: Agreed to request a presentation from Planning Department.**

**M239 Councillor Máire Devine**

This committee agree that replacement of removed trees (planned or otherwise) be prioritised and responded to in a timely manner. We request a comprehensive report on all options available so as neighbourhoods aren't left with barren streetscapes for unacceptable lengths of time.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M240 Councillor Máire Devine**

That this committee recognise that a green space at Margaret Kennedy Road/Donore Avenue is a requirement of the Part 8 Planning Permission for this housing scheme and we agree to open up part of the fenced off green area beside Margaret Kennedy Road / Donore Avenue for play and recreation in time for use for the summer period.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M241 Councillor Máire Devine**

That this Committee acknowledge the increased congestion "between the canals" and in particular concentrated at Dolphins Barn/SCR/Old Kilmainham area. This is affecting not just public and private vehicles/road users caught in tailbacks but residents, businesses and those attending SJH.

We request that a meeting be convened with interested parties so they can present to DCC Traffic Department with a view to agree improving the environment. We request that an Invitation to meet stakeholders be issued to;

- Chief Fire Officer,
- National Ambulance Service,
- An Garda Síochána,
- Dublin Bus,
- Cycling Ireland,
- Businesses along this stretch of the SCR,
- St James's Hospital,
- Children's Health Ireland (new children's hospital)
- Residents Committee's registered with DCC within this area
- EPA – air quality measurements,
- Royal Hospital Kilmainham,
- Kilmainham Gaol,
- DCC to provide peak time drone footage and a report on the impacts of junction(s)reconfiguration.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M242 Councillor Máire Devine**

Committee members are confounded by the unilateral decision to terminate the integrated design team that have been working on the Emmet Road Development for some years now. It is difficult to comprehend why this decision was taken without discussion or consultation with the IRCF. It undermines the collaborative workings of the Forum and damages the high level of trust and understanding that has evolved.

In the interests of continued productive community relations and continuity of the development we request that this decision be reversed. This is vital so as to avoid numerous inevitable lengthy delays that re-tendering poses.”

**Order: Agreed.**

**M243 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to look upon the security of the Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 with the objective of trying to stop the disgraceful anti-social behaviour of a few who has destroyed some of the football pitches used by Ballyfermot United etc. These people volunteer their time to serve the needs of children and youths in our communities. To see this constant hassle is soul destroying on their efforts and we must ensure those responsible are held responsible. Can I ask that repairs be carried out as a matter of urgency to ensure football continues at this busy location for Sport.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**  
**Chairperson**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## **Attendance**

### **Members:**

Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)  
Daithí Doolan  
Hazel De Nortúin  
Deirdre Cronin  
Vincent Jackson

### **Members:**

Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)  
Darragh Moriarty  
Daithi De Roíste  
Michael Watters  
Máire Devine

### **Officers:**

Derek Kelly, Director of Services South Central Area;  
Bruce Phillips, Local Area Manager, SWIC;  
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Máire Nic Reamoinn, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, SWIC;  
Donncha Ó'Dúlaing, Senior Exec. Officer, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;  
Christina Dowling, Sports & Recreation Officer, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;  
Bríd Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscape Services;  
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area;  
Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;  
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Dave Quearney, A/Staff Officer, South Central Area;