



MINUTES OF THE South Central Area Committee MEETING

HELD ON Wednesday, 15 March 2017

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 15th February 2017**
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 24th February 2017 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 - (ii). Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th February 2017.
Order: (i) Noted.
(ii) Noted.
- 4 **South Central Area Matters**
 - (i). Presentation on Weed Management in the Area
 - (ii). Presentation on the National Children's Hospital
 - (iii). Presentation on St. Thomas's Abbey
 - (iv). Presentation on Francis Street
 - (v). Report on the 2017 Discretionary Fund Report.
 - (vi). Review of Shopfront Improvement Scheme.
 - (vii). Naming and numbering of new Housing Estate and Dwelling, 17 Crumlin Village, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
 - (viii). Naming and numbering of new Apartment Complex, Raleigh Square, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
 - (ix). Gully Cleaning Programme Report for the South Central Area.
 - (x). Area Manager's Report.
Order: (i) Presentation given by Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent and Shane Casey, Biodiversity Officer. Presentation noted. It was agreed that the South Central Area, in particular the Ballyfermot Area, would be a pilot area for the initiative.
 - (ii) Presentation given Eilish Hardiman, Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Hospital Group. Presentation noted.**
 - (iii) Presentation given by Ruth Johnson, City Archaeologist. Presentation noted.**
 - (iv) Presentation given by David Healy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area. Agreed to proceed to Part VIII Planning Process.**

- (v) **Agreed. Document circulated.**
- (vi) **Noted.**
- (vii) **Noted.**
- (viii) **Noted.**
- (ix) **Noted.**
- (x) **The following report was given and was noted by the Members: -**

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 15th March 2017**

April Deadline for Questions and Motions

The next Area Committee Meeting falls immediately after Easter and as such we are missing 2 working days. With the co-operation of the members I propose to revise the deadline for receipt of questions and motions to Monday the 3rd of April.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY AREA OFFICE REPORT

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. Site works commenced in February with an expected completion date of summer 2017.

St. Audoen's Park, High Street

St. Audoen's Park is included in the Liberties Greening Strategy. As part of the proposed improvements to High Street it is planned to enhance the area by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation throughout the park.

A Part 8 planning application for the project was agreed at the July 2016 City Council meeting. Tenders documents were issued in February with construction works likely to commence in early summer.

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 28th November last year. Councilors will be informed of a second community workshop which is expected to take place shortly.

Newmarket

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket Square and its environs is now complete. The Plan describes, supports and guides the implementation of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area. Following agreement at the February Area Committee meeting a Part 8 planning application for the project was advertised on 20th February. A copy of the plan is available for inspection in the Planning Department in the Civic Office for 6 weeks from that date.

Francis Street

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Francis Street is also nearing completion.

As part of this process Councilors, local residents and retailers have been invited to an information meeting which is scheduled to take place on 14th March. The plan provides for a more pedestrian friendly environment which encourages people to visit the area on foot. The plan also supports the continued commercial operation of the Arts and Antiques quarter. A report in relation to a part 8 planning application will be presented at this month's Area Committee meeting.

Michael Mallin House

Works to convert 4 bedsits into 2 x 1 bedroomed units are due to commence shortly. Similar work is ongoing in Basin Street to convert 8 bedsits into 4 x 1 bedroomed units.

Playgrounds in Jim Mitchell Park and Bluebell

Works to refurbish the playgrounds in Jim Mitchell Park, Inchicore and in Bluebell commenced on Monday, 16th January and were completed by the middle of February.

Allotments

There are 5 allotment sites in the South West Inner City. Licences have recently been renewed for 2017 at Weavers Square (27 plots), Braithwaite Street (19), Bridgefoot Street (20) and Grattan Crescent (40). In addition 17 new plots at St. Thomas Abbey, South Earl Street were allocated for the first time. A small number of allotment holders surrendered their plots which were re-allocated from the existing waiting list.

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 2 occupied flats in the 4 remaining blocks awaiting demolition. Tenders are being prepared at present to demolish the 2 rearmost vacant blocks.

The football club moved into new ground floor premises in the front refurbished block in January whilst the boxing club are due to make a similar move shortly.

Enabling works for the building of 34 houses and 16 apartments are ongoing. Tenders documents are due to be issued in quarter 2 with a view to the construction of the new dwellings starting in quarter 3 this year.

Precinct Improvement Works in the area between the refurbished blocks are expected to take place during the summer months. 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 in early 2016 whilst the new build and refurbishment commenced on 17th October last year and is progressing satisfactorily. Work is scheduled to be completed in Autumn 2018.

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 2016 for 42 units of this type of accommodation together with a

community centre. Construction is expected to start in mid 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.

Culture Date with Dublin 8

Culture Date with Dublin 8 is finalising details of its programme for the weekend 12th - 14th May. Events and activities will take place in IMMA, Kilmainham Gaol, Richmond Barracks and Goldenbridge Cemetery with guided walking tours from Pat Liddy who will link all the institutions together over the weekend. All events will be free to the public. Activities to take place on the weekend include: A new exhibition launch at Richmond Barracks, free guided tours, an artist studio workshop and family activities at IMMA, speciality tours and family activities in Kilmainham Gaol, and the re-opening of Goldenbridge Cemetery with an outdoor public concert.

The workspace scheme initiative is currently underway with institutions being paired with local workspaces to provide free lunch time tours on the Friday of the programme. There is great interest from the local workplaces for the project in general. Promotional and marketing material will be launched in April and a map is being created for the project which will highlight the route between all the institutions taking part in the initiative.

SOUTH INNER CITY COMMUNITY UPDATE FEBRUARY 2017

Dolphins Barn Easter Celebrations

The Back of the Pipes Residents Association will host their Easter programme of events in the park at Dolphins Barn.

Creating a Sense of Pride in Modern Ireland

The Irish U.N. Veterans Association will visit local schools throughout the South Central Area in the coming weeks to raise awareness of how Ireland and its Defence Forces are perceived around the world.

Environmental Activities

Planning begins in all areas to promote environmental competitions such as Tidy Towns, Pride of Place and City Neighborhoods' Awards including area cleanups, spring clean Week etc.

Community & Social Development staff are involved in the installation of Schwegler Triple Cavity Swift Nest Boxes at St Bridget's School in the Coombe to include sound systems for playing attraction calls in addition to Swift Conservation talks and workshops for the teachers and pupils.

Community & Social Development staff are acting in an advisory capacity to the students from NCAD who are designing Swift Conservation nest bricks using materials similar to those used in the Dolphin's Barn Brick which is very much a part of the heritage of the Liberties and surrounding area's.

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.

International Women's Day

A number of events have been successfully held across all areas to celebrate International Women's Day including:

- A Celebration of Women's Fashion down through the years.
- A piano recital by a local composer from the Liberties.
- A presentation from the Curator of The National Museum who will speak about "The Origins of The Irish Costume".
- A presentation Local Historian Cathy Scuffil on the "History of Weaving in the Liberties Area".

The Kilmainham Arts Group hosted an Arts Night showcasing female talent and vision.

The Basin Lane Residents Group hosted a lunch time get together for the residents of Basin Lane.

A safety talk by the Local Community Gardaí was held for the Crumlin Senior Citizens group in St Kevin School Clogher Road.

Dublin 12 Mediation Group in hosted free taster sessions in mediation, head, shoulder, hand massage and ear acupuncture In the St Kevin's College and Stannaway Court Wednesday.

CRUMLIN AREA OFFICE REPORT

New Children's Playground – Stannaway Park

Works to create a new children's play area in Stannaway Park commenced last month.

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 is funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue

Improvement works at Cashel Avenue consisting of new parking zones, new footpaths and a plinth wall surrounding the green commenced on 16th January and are due to be completed by the middle of this month. Similar works at Captains Avenue started on 6th March with an expected completion date of mid April. The works are funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

Brickfield Park

Works to install an all weather pitch in Brickfield Park are now complete. A licence agreement is being prepared at present to ensure the optimum operation of the facility. The new pitch was funded by Dublin City Council and Sports Capital grants.

The first match to be played on the new pitch was an u/18 women's match between St. John Bosco FC and Terenure Rangers FC. The game took place on Sunday 12th March and finished in a 2-2 draw with 'the Bosco' winning on penalties.

CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development team are organising Birds of Ireland workshops during March and April in a number of Schools in the Crumlin area. The first of these will take place in Rosary College within the next

few weeks.

A working group is to be set up to investigate the possibility of using Restorative Practices as a mechanism for working throughout the Dublin 12 and Dublin 8 areas. The focus will be on building sustainable working relationships throughout the community, voluntary and statutory. The first meeting takes place on Thursday 23rd March in Eblana House at 4pm.

Crumlin Walkinstown Forum

Community and Social Development are continuing to support the Crumlin Walkinstown Forum in their environmental improvement activities. The Crumlin Village clean up will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 6p.m.

St Patrick's Day/Seachtain na Gailge

Community & Social Development staff is supporting a Monster Céilí with local schools in the Liberties during St Patrick's Week (15th or 16th March) in St. Catherine's Sports Centre.

CCMA and the Community & Social Development staff are providing singing and dancing with the Memory Lane Choir and the CCMA set dancing troop in St. Agnes' Hall on the 15th March with members of the RTE Symphony Orchestra and the CCMA Trad Group.

Easter Celebrations

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development team are supporting Fr. Kitt Court Committee in hosting a tea dance for Residents to celebrate Easter.

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BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE REPORT

Ballyfermot Road Public Realm Improvement Plan

The consultants engaged for the project will present their Draft Design Proposal to the South Central Area Manager on Thursday 16th March for review and a further Public Presentation will then take place in early April.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Ballyfermot / Chapelizod

The Community Development team are working closely with the Ballyfermot Partnership and the South City Partnership to ensure that both teams work collaboratively on initiatives regarding capacity building, environment, older people and mental health.

Teanga Beo – Naionra – Pre School, Convent Lawns

The first Irish language Pre-school “Teanga Beo – Naionra” and Irish Language centre is now open and accepting registrations in the newly refurbished Convent Lawns bungalow off Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot. The centre will also host Irish language and cultural events in association with the local residents and the surrounding community.

Passion Project D10

Planning on the D10-Art Passion Project is well underway. The Art project is in collaboration with Dublin City Council's Local Area and Arts Office, Dublin Culture Connects, Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre Social Economy Ltd., and various community and local school projects.

The project is taking place on April 8th and 9th 2017 commencing in Cherry Orchard and finishing up in lower Ballyfermot. Promotion and publicity for the project will be commencing this week.

Resident Groups / Community Clean Ups

Community staff are in contact with Resident Groups in Ballyfermot, Bluebell and Chapelizod to support and encourage clean ups during the month of April which is An Taisce spring clean up. Community groups will be encouraged to get involved with the Good Friday Big Clean Up.

International Women's Day

Dublin City Council supported local community organisations to organise events to mark International Women's Day. In Drimnagh and Bluebell the Ladies Club and Bluebell Centre organised a talk titled "Be bold for Change"

Drimnagh / Walkinstown

It is proposed to host a welcome/information event in local venues for the new residents of the modular housing units in Drimnagh. Information leaflets of services, facilities and local amenities are being prepared. Council staff are working with local community organisations towards organising welcome events / open days in early June.

Walkinstown Green

In conjunction with the parks department and the local schools in Walkinstown community staff are arranging tree planting on Walkinstown Green. The aim is to continue promoting the importance of the environmental and follows on from the "Bulbs not Bomb fires" campaign organised last autumn.

Inchicore Residents Association

Following a request from the A.G.M. of Inchicore Residents Association the Community Development Team will support the committee:

To hold a family day to coincide with an official opening of the revamped play area in Ring Street Park.

To set-up a volunteer environmental team for each street to enter the City Neighborhoods' Competition

Bluebell Environmental Group

The City Council continue to support the monthly clean-up in Bluebell which will take place on Saturday 25th March in the Camac Park area.

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Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services

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

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

6 Planning and Economic Development Matters

- (i) With further reference to the disposal of a site at Ushers Street, Dublin 8 to P. Elliott and Company Limited, (disposal of the fee simple in the common areas to the Management Company).
 - (ii) Proposed grant of a licence to Liam Hicks (on behalf of St. Teresa's Football Club) at 64-66 Donore Avenue, St. Teresa's Gardens, Dublin 8.
 - (iii) Proposed disposal of a site at Dolphin Park, Dolphin House, Dublin 8, the grant of a Building Licence and of a Right of Access at same address to Fold Housing Association.
 - (iv) Proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in part of the premises at No. 67 Keeper Road (now known as 67A Keeper Road), Crumlin, Dublin 12.
- Order: (i) Agreed. Recommend to Council.**
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(ii) Agreed. Recommend to Council.

7 Emergency Motions

**Standing Orders was suspended to deal with the following
Emergency Motions: -**

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors Daithi Doolan, Greg Kelly and Criona Ní Dhálaigh

The South Central Area Committee wishes to acknowledge the important work carried out by city council staff in local offices. Local offices provide an essential service to elected representatives and the public. This committee express concern that the Crumlin Area Office has been closed to the public on a number of occasions over the past fortnight forcing the public to access services from other offices. We call on management to ensure the Crumlin office remains open to the public Monday to Friday during office hours.

Order: Report noted.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee notes with dismay the effective closure of the Crumlin Area office as of the Monday 6th March when the last clerical officer based in Crumlin was transferred to Marrowbone Lane. We further note that despite months of protestations and earlier motions, that the office has closed with no public access to services. We call for the immediate re-opening of the office with a full compliment of staff.

Order: Report noted.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

1. That this Area Committee is concerned at the negative impact of proposed traffic changes in the city on the Liberties area. These changes coupled with the already increase in traffic in the area due to new residential developments, tourist destinations and general development in the area will increase traffic particularly on the roads and streets around the Cork Street and Bridgefoot street area.
2. That we believe that increased traffic for instance on Cork Street could have a negative effect on the already significant pedestrian use, especially on those walking to schools and numerous child care facilities nearby, with

increased pollution and difficulties trying to cross this street daily. Much of the traffic is through traffic and is not local.

3. That this Area Committee believes that there is a need for a traffic study (including an audit of the existing traffic, the pedestrian and cyclist volumes in the area) to be carried out and steps taken to lessen the negative impact of the increased traffic before the life is choked out of local community. That that study would also look at projections for increases in traffic specifically around increased development on local sites, displaced parking from nearby areas, traffic avoiding the Quays and other traffic changes proposed or connected to ongoing LUAS works. That such a study would also examine issues such as the increase in air pollution; or pedestrian safety especially for vulnerable people such as children and older population?
4. That the study including the analysis of the negative effects of increased traffic on areas being split by increased through flows and that it lays out recommendations regarding mitigation measures to address the future traffic problems and impacts such as: traffic calming; speed cameras; new pedestrian crossings such as at Brickfield Lane where a major new development is to begin; tree planting and general greening of the streets and an overall environmental scheme.

Order: Agreed. Refer to the Transportation SPC

8 March 2017 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
15th March 2016

494 Councillor Ray McHugh

This Area Committee agree that the Area Manager should contact the HSE to request if their disused premises on Parnell Road could be considered for the use of a Men's Shed for the Crumlin area.

Order: Agreed.

495 Councillor Paul Hand

That this Area Committee condemns the Minister for Transport for his recent actions regarding the Bus Eireann dispute. This Area Committee requests that the Minister proactively engage with Bus Eireann management and unions to resolve this situation and in doing this guarantee that the state subvention to Bus Eireann be increased to pre-2008 levels to guarantee this valuable public service. Furthermore we request that this motion be sent to the Minister for his consideration.

Order: Agreed.

496 Councillor Greg Kelly

This Area Committee reconfirmed our full support for Dublin Fire Brigade, and call on DCC management to go back to the consultative process at the Ambulance Forum. The action of DCC management to collapse the process has been disgraceful and needs to be addressed.

Order: Agreed.

497 Councillor Daithi Doolan

This Area Committee welcomes the declaration that Travellers are to be recognised as a distinct ethnic minority in Ireland. This is a positive development and the Committee congratulates all those who have campaigned on this issue.

Order: Agreed.

- 498 Councillor Michael Mullooly**
 This Area Committee calls on the Housing SPC to review the priority given to homeless persons in the Housing Allocation Scheme, 2013 in particular, the definition of homelessness, the lack of priority given to those about to fall into homelessness, to reflect the fact that persons can be de facto homeless but not availing of homeless services provided by the local authority or others and the lack of priority for children who are homeless or about to fall into homelessness.
Order: Deferred to the April Meeting.
- 499 Councillor Paul Hand**
 In light of the upcoming lands initiative on St. Michael's Estate in our area, this Area Committee requests that local employment clauses be inserted into any tender documents in order to provide the maximum local gain for the wider Dublin 8 area. Additionally we would request that Dublin City Council use the construction as an opportunity for the Housing Maintenance Section to employ new apprentices who can gain experience on this site and replace our ageing staff profile in this section of Dublin City Council.
Order: Agreed. Refer to the Housing SPC.
- 500 Councillor Daithi Doolan**
 This Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to designate racially motivated violence as a distinct type of anti social behaviour and those involved will be in direct breach of City Council's tenancy agreement.
Order: Report noted. Report to Councillor.
- 501 Councillor Michael Mullooly**
 In light of the fact that Dublin City Council spends €650,000 cleaning up 2,600 tonnes of illegal waste and given the proliferation of fly-tipping in Dublin South Central, this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to consider the use of drones in addition to CCTV as a key resource to detect and provide evidence of fly-tipping and the dumping of waste.
Order: Deferred to the April Meeting.
- 502 Councillor Daithi Doolan**
 This Area Committee calls on the DRHE to facilitate the sharing of names and contact details of those families from Dublin 10 who are in emergency accommodation with the Ballyfermot Homeless Initiative. This will allow the organisation to contact them and provide support services to families in hotels and B&Bs.
Order: Deferred to the April Meeting.
- 503 Councillor Paul Hand**
 That this area committee supports proposals to reinvigorate Lansdowne Valley Pitch and Putt complex as a mixed Footgolf and Pitch and Putt facility for the local community. This would provide additional recreational facilities for the area, provide for new and local jobs for the area and safeguard the recreational amenity at this location for all to enjoy.
Order: Deferred to the April Meeting.

**9 February Questions and Answers
 Listed**

**10 Any Other Business
 One minutes silence was observed at the start of the meeting as a**

mark of respect for the tragic loss of the 4 crew members from Rescue 116, the Coast Guard Helicopter that crashed off the Mayo coast on Tuesday the 14th of March.

Councillor Paul Hand

Chairperson

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Paul Hand (Chairperson)
Michael Mullooly
Greg Kelly
Criona Ni Dhalaigh

Members:

Hazel De Nortuin
Ray McHugh
Pat Dunne

Members:

Vincent Jackson
Rebecca Moynihan
Daithi Doolan

Officers

Peter Finnegan, Area Manager, South Central Area
Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;
Kay Noonan Cork, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Declan Ronan, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office;
Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, SWIC Area Office;
David Healy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;
David O'Donovan, Community & Social Development Officer, South Central Area;
Miriam Flynn, Asst. Community Development Officer, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh;
Scott Watson, Community Development Officer, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh;
Niall O'Neill, Graduate Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;
Nial O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Environment & Transportation Dept.;
Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Cora Roche, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Martha Mahon, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.

Apologies:

Tina McVeigh

Non-Members: