

# MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th November 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area **Order: Report noted.**

#### 4 South Central Area Matters

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- (i) Presentation on the Strategic Housing Development proposed for the
  - Donnelly Centre, Cork Street, Dublin 8.
- (ii) Dates and deadlines for 2018 South Central Area Committee Meetings
- (iii) Request for 3 nominees to the Consultative Forum on the development of the 12 acre site, (part of the former St. Michael's Estate), Dublin 8.
- (iv) Request to have a delegation from the Ballyfermot Festival Committee to a future Area Committee meeting.
- (v) ) Gully Cleaning Programme Report for the South Central Area.
- (vi) Area Manager's Report
- Order: (i) Presentation given by Emma Deane, Executive Planner.

Members made observations on the application which will be factored into the submission to An Bord Pleanala. Members to be given sight of submission in advance of it being submitted to An Bord Pleanala to ensure that their observations are correctly recorded. Presentation noted.

- (ii) Report noted.
- (iii) The members agreed the following nominees: Councillors Greg Kelly, Vincent Jackson and Paul
  Hand.
- (iv) Agreed.
- (v) Report noted.
- (vi) A report was given and was noted by the Members, (see attachment).

# 5 Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services

- (i). Public Library Events for December 2017 South Central Area.
- (ii). Sports and Recreation Report for December 2017 South Central Area.

Order: (i) Noted.

(ii) Noted.

## 6 Emergency Motions

Standing orders was suspended to deal with the following Emergency motions: -

### **Emergency Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**

The South Central Area Committee expresses concern that families are still waiting to move in to the rapid build homes in Drimnagh. We call on Dublin City Council and the builders to work together to ensure families are moved it as soon as possible and that families are kept updated on the situation. Reason is, this is a DCC contract and councillors were informed at December 4th council meeting that families would be moving in this week. Families are still waiting to move in.

Order: Agreed.

# **Emergency Motion from Councillor Greg Kelly**

This Area Committee expresses our sympathy and sends our thoughts to the friends and family of the Dublin City Council tenant found dead in Bluebell yesterday. The committee ask that Dublin City Council staff from Housing and Community, carry out calls to all our vulnerable tenants over the next week to make sure that they are safe over this time.

We also call on DCC to pilot an Alarm Band scheme in the Bluebell and Jamestown Court senior citizens complex that would allow greater safety for our senior citizens

Order: Agreed.

### 7 December 2017 Motions

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### 559 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

This Area Committee agrees that the following roads in the environs of the National Childrens Hospital works, be balloted for pay and display parking in light of the increased difficulties with all day parking by non residents in the area:

Cameron Square

New Ireland Road

**Upper Cross Road** 

Portmahon Road

Herberton Road

Herberton Park

Rialto Street

Rialto Cottages

Haroldville Road

Malin Avenue

Clarke's Terrace Order: Agreed.

### 560 Councillor Michael Mullooly

Given that 22 different agencies are providing homeless services to Dublin City Council this Area Committee recommends an independent audit of those services to ensure that Dublin City Council and the various service providers are complying with their child protection obligations and also protecting vulnerable adults.

Order: Agreed.

# 561 <u>Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Hazel Norton, Councillor</u> Paul Hand & Councillor Greg Kelly.

This Area Committee asks that Dublin City Council please ensure that the Old ABC Community Centre on Bluebell Avenue is demolished as a matter of urgency and that serious consideration is given for the provision of allotments on this site which is transverse by electric pylons. In addition, there is a serious problem of ongoing prolific dumping at the entrance to the Old ABC site. Can Dublin City Council please ensure this waste is collected in a speedy manner? At a recent meeting of the ABC Community Association, neighbours were up in arms over the very poor physical state of the ABC site with vermin and anti-social behaviour all contributing to a poor living environment. Residents felt Dublin City Council needed to be much more pro-active in addressing issues in the Bluebell area such as illegal planning etc, and failure to address these issues would call into question a partnership approach to future development in the area such as Naas Road Developments and the proposed Bluebell Area Plan etc.

Order: Agreed. Report to councillors.

#### 562 Councillor Paul Hand

That this Area Committee requests Dublin City Council take a more proactive stance in tackling ongoing issues in the Bluebell area. Furthermore this Area Committee congratulates the Bluebell Residents Association on their re-launch and commits to working with them and all community groups now and into the future.

Order: Agreed.

#### 563 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee recognises that Dublin faces an unprecedented homeless crisis, and supports actions taken to tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness. In order to overcome some local hostility, Dublin City Council commits itself to engaging and consulting with communities and their representatives, before any future homeless services are opened in Dublin South Central.

Order: Agreed.

### 564 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

This Area Committee agrees to ask that the section of St. James Walk along the Luas line (from Rialto stop to Fatima stop when the road widens), have double yellow lines installed, as two cars can't pass each other here and is likely to cause an accident.

Order: Agreed.

#### 565 Councillor Michael Mullooly

As a matter of policy that a change of use under Section 179(6)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 will not be invoked or an Order made, without first of all presenting the proposal to the South Central Area

Committee. Order: Agreed.

#### Councillor Vincent Jackson 566

This Area Committee asks that Dublin City Council Planning Department please come along to the next Area Committee meeting, with an explanation on why another two fast food establishments were allowed in the Ballyfermot Area. It is becoming a joke that we are now swamped with certain types of businesses who contribute little to the commercial / retail trade in Ballyfermot. I cannot understand why a strategic view of the area is not taken into consideration by Dublin City Council. There are far too many such businesses in the area and we need a retail plan for the area yesterday. Failure of Dublin City Council Planning Department to properly plan for diversification will kill the retail heart of Ballyfermot.

Order: Agreed. The members agreed to meet with Senior Planning Officials on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 at 2.00pm in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

**November Questions and Answers** 8 Listed.

**Councillor Greg Kelly** Chairperson Wednesday 13 December 2017

#### Attendance:

Members: Members: Members: Greg Kelly (Chairperson) Daithi Doolan Rebecca Moynihan Michael Mullooly Hazel De Nortuin Vincent Jackson Tina McVeigh Ray McHugh Rebecca Moynihan Criona Ni Dhalaigh Pat Dunne

# **Officers**

Vincent Norton, Area Manager, South Central Area: Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area: Gerry O'Donoghue, Area Housing Manager, SWIC Area Office Tony Smithers, A/area Housing Manager, SWIC Area Office: David O'Donovan, Administrative Officer; Cherry Orchard Area; Miriam Flynn, Acting Community Development Officer, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh; Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Office; Cora Roche, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Area; Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.