



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

1. **Presentation on SHD0029/20 - Former Steelworks Site, 32A,32B,33, 34 & 35 James Street, and site off Basin View**  
**Order: Presentation given by Suzanne White, Executive Planner, Planning & Property Development Department. Members made observations on the application which will be factored into the submission to An Bord Pleanala. Presentation Noted.**
2. **Presentation on SHD0031/20 - Former Player Wills site and Undeveloped Land in Ownership of Dublin City Council, South Circular Road, Dublin 8**  
**Order: Presentation given by Carol Smyth, Assistant Planner, Planning & Property Development Department. Members made observations on the application which will be factored into the submission to An Bord Pleanala. Presentation Noted.**
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**Order: Agreed.**
4. **Questions to the Director of Services South City**  
**Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.**
5. **South Central Area Matters**
  1. Presentation on Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme.
  2. Public Domain Annual Report 2020.
  3. Nomination of 1 member to the Kilmainham Inchicore Network.
  4. Nomination of 1 member to the Canal Communities Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force.
  5. Nomination of 1 member to the New Children's Hospital Resident's Project Monitoring Committee Consultative Forum.
  6. Director of Services Report.  
**Order: 1. Presentation given by Stephen Coyne. Presentation noted.**
    2. Report noted
    3. Deferred to February Meeting
    4. Deferred to February Meeting
    5. Deferred to February Meeting
    6. Report noted. (see attachment).

**6. Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services**

1. Sports and Recreation report for January 2021 – South Central Area

**Order: 1. Report noted.**

**7. Planning & Property Development Matters**

1. Notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Proposed Demolition of St Michael's Community Centre and Health Services Executive clinic at Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8.
2. Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of No 3 Hanover Square, Christchurch, Dublin 8.

**Order: 1. Report Noted**

**2. Agreed. Recommend to Council**

**8. Emergency Motions**

**Emergency Motion 1**

This Area Committee expresses deep concern at the recent fire in Thornton's recycling plant. We commend the emergency services for their prompt response. We call on the Chief Fire Officer to ensure the investigation is carried out as soon as possible and the findings are made public and available to this committee for further scrutiny."

**Cllrs Daithí Doolan and Máire Devine**

**Order: Agreed without debate**

**Emergency Motion 2**

That this Area Committee support the residents of Rialto Street, Court, Cottages and Park in the unacceptable and hazardous circumstances they have endured. The access to their outdoor space has been severely disrupted with the arrival of hundreds of construction workers on a daily basis, who commandeer their streets with vehicle parking, often for 19 hours at a time. This has very recently escalated with workers removing planters and many vulnerable residents unable to exit their homes.

We call on the council to implement temporary "residents only" parking to mitigate contamination and infection of Covid 19 while they await the installation of residential permit parking. This request is in response to serious concerns of health breaches by construction workers that threaten the public health and safety of this area.

**Cllrs Máire Devine, Tina MacVeigh and Daithí Doolan**

**Order: Report to Councillors.**

**Emergency Motion 3**

This Area Committee, noting that –

- under section 54 of the Planning and Development Act 2002 the making of an addition to the record of protected structures is a reserved function of the elected council,
- under section 132 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, it is the duty of the chief executive to advise and assist the elected council, and to carry into effect its lawful directions, in relation to the exercise and performance of reserved functions,
- section 55 of the Planning and Development Act sets out procedures to be followed by a planning authority which proposes, at any time other than in the course of making its development plan, to make an addition to its record of protected structures,
- in November 2018 Dublin South Central Area Committee resolved that the Player Wills Factory Building be added to the City Council's record of protected structures,
- in November 2020 this Council passed a motion seeking that councillors be urgently updated on the progress of adding the Player Wills Factory Building to the record of

protected structures, and immediately mandating the Executive to begin the process of adding the building to the record,

· the Law Agent has subsequently furnished a legal opinion to the effect that initiating procedures in relation to a proposal to add a building to the record of protected structures is an executive and not a reserved function,

directs the Chief Executive, pursuant to section 132 (2) (a) of the 2001 Local Government Act, as amended by section 47 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, to obtain the opinion of senior counsel as to –

1. the duties if any of the Chief Executive arising from the passing of the resolutions by the Dublin South Central Area Committee in November 2018 and by this Council in November 2020,

2. whether the reserved function of the elected council under section 55 of the Act of 2000 in relation to adding buildings to the record of protected structures other than in the course of making the development plan is confined exclusively to considering only such proposals as may be formulated and progressed by the Chief Executive under section 54 of that Act in the performance of his executive functions, and

3. such other matters related to these questions as appear to senior counsel to be relevant.

**Cllrs. Darragh Moriarty, Michael Pidgeon, Michael Watters, Tina MacVeigh & Máire Devine**

**Order: Agreed without debate**

## **9. January 2020 Motions**

### **DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL** **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE** **20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

#### **M.79 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee notes with concern that the current Service Site Fund undermines Dublin City Council's ability to develop affordable homes on publicly owned sites.

This Area Committee calls on the Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, to increase the Service Site Fund from €50,000 to €100,000. This, along with extending loans from financial institutions to 40 years, would allow Dublin City Council to deliver affordable homes to rent or purchase.

**Order: The members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing**

#### **M.80 Councillor Máire Devine**

That this Area Committee view with trepidation the granting of permission for Co Living at the Old Glass Factory, Liberties. Given the recent Ministerial decision to ban these inappropriate units, this permission has caused huge concern both locally and nationally. We acknowledge the sterling work by local residents with their campaign to stop this unsustainable development that will have significant negative impact on their area. Furthermore we note that the only recourse communities have to appeal these decisions is a costly Judicial Review which is beyond the reach of the majority."

**Order: Agreed**

#### **M.81 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to ensure that a representative from the Ballyfermot Disability Collective is represented on the structures overseeing Cherry Orchard LAP.

**Order: Report to Councillors**

**M.82 Councillor Máire Devine**

That this Area Committee agree that a report on planning applications and decisions regarding "Change of Use" be included in the monthly agenda".

**Order: Report to Councillors**

**M.83 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

That this Area Committee will organise to ensure that recycling of Christmas trees will be provided for in Dublin South Central as a matter of urgency, it is unacceptable that no provision is made for recycling in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh, Inchicore or South West Inner City, particularly with the current Covid restrictions.

**Order: Report to Councillors**

**Councillor Vincent Jackson**

**Chairperson**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson, (Chairperson)  
Tina MacVeigh  
Hazel de Nortúin  
Darragh Moriarty

**Members:**

Michael Pidgeon, (Vice Chair)  
Michael Watters  
Daithí De Róiste

**Members:**

Maire Devine  
Daithí Doolan  
Sophie Nicoullaud

**Officers**

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;  
Bruce Phillips, Local Area Manager, South West Inner City;  
Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot / Drimnagh;  
Stephen Coyne, Local Enterprise Officer, South West Inner City;  
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area;  
Cora Roche, Acting Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
David Quearney, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Roads & Traffic  
Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Roads & Traffic  
Carol Smyth, Assistant Planner  
Suzanne White, Executive Planner  
Bríd Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent