



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2024

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 16TH October, 2024.**
Order: Agreed.
2. **Questions to the Director of Services South Central Area.**
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 29/10/24 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/10/24.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Reports Noted.
4. **South Central Area Matters**
 1. Naming proposal for a new development Ref. 2155/20. Located at 25 - 27 Bow Lane West, Dublin 8.
 2. Post Halloween 2024 Reports.
 3. Schedule of Lighting of Christmas Trees in the South Central Area.
 4. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Agreed.
2. Reports Noted.
3. Noted.
4. Noted.
5. **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation Report for November 2024 South Central Area.
Order: Report Noted.
6. **Emergency Motions**
None.
7. **November 2024 Motions.**

M029 Councillor Ammar Ali

That this Committee arranges for the drains on [Bunting Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12](#) to be repaired, to ensure issues with flooding – in and around Bunting park – are resolved. Flooding has been a major issue on Bunting Road for over 25 years and the issue has never been properly resolved.

Order: Report Noted.

M030 Councillor Daithí Doolan

That this Area Committee agrees to invite Solas Youth Project in to the next Committee meeting to make a presentation.

Order: Agreed.

M031 Councillor Daithí Doolan

That this Area Committee congratulates and expresses appreciation to all the Dublin City Council staff, emergency services, youth service and residents groups who worked so hard to make Halloween such a successful family friendly season.

Order: Agreed.

M032 Councillor Daithí Doolan

That this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council housing department to meet with residents from Lissadel Maisonettes as soon as possible and agree on a programme of works to be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Order: Report Noted.

M033 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

That the South Central Area Committee recognises the importance of the Canal Area Community Safety Public Meetings as a vital space for community engagement between local residents, residents associations and community groups with Dublin City Council, their local representatives and senior local Gardaí; that we welcome the increased levels of attendance and community participation in these meetings and acknowledge frustration due to lack of relevant senior DCC personnel; and we call on Dublin City Council to ensure that going forward, these meetings are attended by senior DCC staff to the level of Director of Services and if this is not possible, by at least Area Manager.

Order: Agreed.

M034 Councillor Maire Devine

That this Committee welcomes the enabling works that will commence in next couple of weeks at the former site of St. Michaels Estate D8, in preparation for the construction of 500+ units. As the bid to maintain a walkway across the site has been declined, members request that DCC act with urgency and implement safety measures and improved lighting along Patriots Path/Vincent St. West/Goldenbridge Walk, as this will be the primary route for those used to traversing the large green space.

Order: Report Noted.

M035 Councillor Maire Devine

This Committee requests that a safe crossing be provided at the Rialto Primary Care Centre where dished footpaths on either side of the SCR are already in situ. There had been an Island at this point. This would greatly assist safety for pedestrians, especially those attending the Health Centre who may have difficulties with mobility, vision etc.

Order: Report Noted.

M036 Councillor Maire Devine

This Committee welcomes the recent published report by the respected medical journal "The Lancet" stating unequivocally that gambling poses a huge global threat to public health. We request that this report and this motion be forwarded to the Planning and Urban Regeneration SPC and to the newly established Gambling Regulatory Authority so that they are informed of this global threat when making pertinent decisions that fall within their terms of reference.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2024/oct/24/gambling-poses-huge-global-threat-to-public-health-experts-warn-lancet-commission>

Order: Report Noted.

M037 Councillor Maire Devine

This Committee welcomes the proposed housing development at Forbes Lane/Marrowbone Lane Garrison (Part 8) and request that the Relatives of 1916 Rising and other local interested parties be invited to a site visit by the project team to discuss the protection/retention of what remains of this historic battle site that shaped this nation's future.

Order: Report Noted.

M038 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council look at allowing the operation of a Sunday Market in the Ballyfermot Road Area in some location such as the Car Park At Tesco Shopping Centre Ballyfermot Road as a vehicle of trying to reverse years of bad planning in the area. The employment of a specific staff member to work with traders, community groups to develop street activities, markets etc. could bring back footfall to the area. I am asking that we also get a full retail strategy done for the commercial / retail heart of Ballyfermot to plan a way ahead. The current do nothing approach has not done anything to help the area.

Order: Report Noted.

M039 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Road Engineer / Engineers call out to Ballyfermot in the next few days to see at first hand the disaster that is the current traffic arrangements around our Schools. St Setons on Le Fanu Road needs some support to address serious concerns along Le Fanu Road. The Dominican cluster of primary schools, St Michaels, St Raphael's and St Gabriel's Schools at Kylemore Road next to the Assumption Church is a disaster waiting to happen. I am asking for meetings for the past few months without any success, this is an accident waiting to happen.

Order: Report Noted.

M040 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council please arrange a meeting with the Road Engineer/ Engineers to see at first hand the serious traffic issues children have to contend with on a daily basis at Gael Scoil Inchicore next to the War Memorial Gardens Dublin 8. I am aware that school personal and parents are going to organise major protests to ensure DCC address the concerns of parents at this location. Some of the busiest roads entering the city pass close by resulting in real danger for children in addition the St. John of Gods Special School operates next to Gael Scoil again leaving more young people with complex needs in a very vulnerable position. I would welcome a date for this meeting on site following this meeting.

Order: Report Noted.

Councillor Vincent Jackson
Chairperson
20th November, 2024

Attendance

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)
Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)
Ammar Ali
Jen Cummins
Darragh Moriarty
Máire Devine
Philip Sutcliffe
Ray Cunningham
Daithí Doolan
Hazel de Nortúin

Officers:

Bruce Phillips, A/Executive Manager, South Central;
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC;
Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area;
Linda Fanning, Area Housing Manager, SWIC;
Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, SWIC;
Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Brid Brosnan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscape Services;
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;