

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2016
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**432. Minutes of Meeting held on 21st September 2016
Order: Agreed.**

**433. Questions to Dublin Chief Executive
Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's report circulated.**

434. Roads & Traffic Matters

- (i) Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 27th September 2016 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
- (ii) Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 19th October 2016.

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

435. South Central Area

- (i) Update on Proposed Project Monitoring Committee for National Children's Hospital and recommendations on Dublin City Council participation.
- (ii) Nomination of three Councillors to join the Kilmainham Inchicore Network.
- (iii) Report on the National Cultural Institutions and Neighbourhoods.
- (iv) Report on Community Initiatives for the Halloween period.
- (v) Report on Public Domain initiatives for the Halloween period
- (vi) Gully Cleaning Programme report for the South Central Area
- (vii) Area Manager's Report.

Matters arising:- Standing Orders were suspended for 10 minutes in order for the Members agree nominations to Item 435 (i) and (ii).

**Order: (i) The Members agreed the following nominations: -
Councillors Críona Ni Dhálaigh, Pat Dunne and Rebecca Moynihan.**

**(ii) The Members agreed the following nominations: -
Councillors Vincent Jackson, Paul Hand and Greg Kelly.**

(iii) Report noted.

(iv) Report noted.

(v) Report noted.

(vi) Report noted.

(vii) The Area Manager's report was noted by the Members: -

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 19th October 2016**

DUBLIN SOUTH CENTRAL JPC MEETING

A reminder that the Dublin South Central JPC Meeting is scheduled for next Monday the 24th October in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2.30pm.

Visit to Cherry Orchard Equine Centre for Councillors

The Manager of the Equine Centre recently gave a presentation to the Area JPC Parks Health and Safety Sub Committee. During the presentation the Manager invited Councillors to visit the centre. The Councillors present at the meeting agreed that such a visit would be a worthwhile exercise. It is now proposed to arrange a site visit to the equine centre for

Councillors. The visit will take place on Friday 11th November at 11am subject to the agreement of the Area Committee.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY AREA OFFICE REPORT

New Public Park, Cork Street

A Part VIII 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. Enabling works (including archaeological investigations) were completed in July. Tenders for the main park works have been invited and will be evaluated next month. It is expected that the park will be completed by summer 2017.

Dolphins Barn

Works to create a pop-up linear park in the area between the new boundary wall to the rear of the houses at St. James Terrace and the public footpath was completed in September. The cost of these works is provided for in the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016. A consultant has been appointed to prepare a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphins Barn. The cost associated with the plan is also provided for in the Discretionary Fund. It is expected that community workshop(s) will be held next month.

Crane Street/Sugar House Lane

It is planned to enhance pedestrian access along this important and busy tourist route. The works include the widening of the existing footpaths and the narrowing of the carriageway. Following agreement at the June Area Committee meeting a Part 8 planning application for the project was advertised on 22nd June. A report in relation to the Part 8 planning application will be prepared for the November City Council meeting. If the application is agreed construction is likely to commence early next year with a works period of 3 to 4 months.

Newmarket

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket Square and its environs is substantially complete. The Plan describes, supports and guides the implementation of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area. A report in relation to the plan was presented at July's Area Committee meeting whilst it is expected that agreement will be requested at next month's meeting to initiate the Part 8 planning process.

Francis Street and Meath Street

South Central Area Office is working to enhance these commercial streets with a programme of pavement repair, greening initiatives and enhanced cycle parking. A number of businesses have also expressed interest in taking part in the Shopfront Improvement Scheme. The Council's initiatives support the wide number of small businesses active on these streets.

Pimlico

The upgrade of the open space at Pimlico was substantially completed in September. The works included the removal of the concrete pillars, new lighting and the relaying of the footpath.

High Street

As part of the Liberties Greening Strategy a series of planters were installed in High Street on 16th September. Further planters are due to be located here at the end of October.

Thomas Abbey, South Earl Street

Works to create a new allotment site at South Earl Street, Dublin 8 are now complete. The site, known as Thomas Abbey or Meath Market, has its entrance between nos.12A and 13 South Earl Street. The site is designated as a National Monument and, in order to protect any underground archaeology, the surface area has been covered with a geotextile layer.

The site includes 12 x 30 sq. m allotment plots and 5 smaller beds. It should be noted that all allotment plots will be constructed as raised beds and that the existing surface will not be disturbed. The project will also include a compost storage area, water butts, timber benches and a storage shed.

Re-roofing Programme

The renewal of the roofs in Thomas Court Bawn, School Street, Marrowbone Lane Flats, Meath Place, Braithwaite Street and South Summer Street has been completed. Works to the roof lights, chimneys and tank houses were included.

Similar remedial work to the roof in Pimlico Terrace commenced on 18th July and is due to finish this month. This will complete the programme.

Oliver Bond House

The upgrade of both playgrounds and the football pitch in Oliver Bond House commenced last month and is due to be completed on 14th October. The cost of these works is provided for in the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

Ceannt Fort, Mount Brown

Following a series of meetings agreement has been reached with local residents for the refurbishment of the play area at Ceannt Fort. It is expected that this work will be carried out later this year.

Thomas Street Renewal

A programme of repaving work on the south side of Thomas Street will be completed by the end of October, meaning that the planned scope of work envisaged under the Thomas Street-James Street QBC programme will be largely completed. Outstanding elements include new heritage-style street lighting on Thomas Street and James Street and additional planters at locations along Thomas Street, both of which will be installed by year end. The completed work will represent an approx. €4m investment by Dublin City Council on this route.

Private Sector Investment: Shopfront Improvements

Dublin City Council's Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2016 has supported 16 no. projects in the main commercial streets of The Liberties this year. The scheme has encouraged building renewal, shopfront improvements and good practice signage and advertising. The Area Office has made grants to the value of c. €35,000 in 2016 supporting an estimated overall spend of c. €120,000 by private sector partners.

The most high-profile refurbishment on Thomas Street to date has been the restored Arch of Chadwick's Builders Providers, which was supported by both the Council's Shopfront Improvement Scheme (in 2015) and the Built Heritage Investment Fund. Work has also recently begun on two major refurbishment of office property on Thomas Street: 10-13 Cornmarket, which is being refurbished by HSE for its own use, and 138-140 Thomas Street (Emmet House) which is being remodelled and refurbished for landmark office use.

New Children's Playground – Stannaway Park

A new children's play area in Stannaway Park is intended to be created. The play area will cater for young children aged between 2 and 7 years of age and it is expected that the works will be carried out and completed before the end of 2016.

This small play area 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.

Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue

Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue, consisting of new parking zones, new footpaths and a plinth wall surrounding the green, have gone to tender. Works should commence in November 2016 with a completion date of December 2016. These works will be funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016.

Brickfield Park

Works have begun on the all weather pitch in Brickfield Park involving erecting a temporary fencing, establishing an access road and stripping the soil at Brickfield Park. Whilst construction works at this time of year are very much weather dependent, it is expected that the project will be completed by March 2017.

Young at Heart Dance:

The annual Young at Heart Dance for the senior citizens of Dublin 12 takes place on Tuesday 25th October at 8pm in the Transport Club on Clogher Road. It promises to be a great night with music provided by the [Garda Band](#).

Cycle Stands

Cycle stands are currently being installed at a number of locations in Crumlin Village.

BALLYFERMOT AREA OFFICE REPORT

LECP Consultation

Dublin City Council and the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership have completed work on the LECP Consultation. Information received will inform the local and city SICAP plan for 2017.

Halloween Activities

- A Halloween Safety Programme to approx 200 primary school children, Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre on Wednesday 19th October 2016 from 9.30am to 1.00pm With Gardai, Dublin Bus and Fire Brigade.
- The Cherry Orchard Equine and Educational Training Centre are hosting a Halloween Grotto and fun day on Monday 31st October 2016.
- The Orchard Community Centre and the community are holding their annual Costume disco and Fireworks Display on Halloween from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
- D10 Autistic Spectrum Disorder Support Group will have their Haunted Walk in Marley Park on Sunday 30th October 2016.

Ballyfermot Dementia Choir

Funding has been secured for the formation of a Choir in the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod area that supports persons with Dementia and their carers. There has been great interest from both areas and meetings are currently being held to secure practice areas, transport and a choral director with experience in this type of Choir.

SCA Network Groups

Meetings have been held for South Central Area Mens Network and Environmental Groups Network. It is envisaged that these groups will share knowledge and experiences, support each other, advocate for resources and projects across the area and seek to address issues affecting the South Central area.

Other Projects

The Community & Social Development Team continue to support all community & voluntary groups in the Ballyfermot, Chapelizod and Cherry Orchard Areas. We also provide information on funding and other activities on a weekly basis in the area. Over the rest of the summer we are continuing to provide play days, summer project supports, environmental cleanups and other assistance to groups and individuals in the area.

436. Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services

- (i) Public Library Events for October 2016 – South Central Area.
- (ii) Sport and Recreation Report for October 2016 – South Central Area.

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

437. Housing and Residential Services

- (i) Dublin City Council Social Housing Delivery Report 3rd October 2016
- (ii) Housing Voids Report for South Central Area.

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

Councillors expressed anger and disappointment at the continuing refusal of Housing Department Officials, responsible for compiling the Reports, to attend the Area Committee and clarify questions arising. Councillors consider this unacceptable and requested that the Area Manager write in the strongest possible terms to the Deputy Chief Executive expressing their views and requesting that relevant officials from the Housing Department in Wood Quay attend the Area Committee quarterly to handle questions pertaining to the Reports. Councillors also agreed to have the matter raised at Protocol. In addition Councillors will send their specific questions pertaining to the Housing Reports to the Area Office and the Area Office will forward same to the Housing Department requesting replies and circulate replies to all Councillors on the Area Committee.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th October 2016

October Motions

438 Councillor Ray McHugh

This Area Committee agree that the Area Manager should write to the Board of Dunnes Stores to seek an urgent meeting with the board, to discuss the boards plan for the site on the Crumlin Road.

Order: Agreed.

- 439 Councillor Michael Mullooly**
This Area Committee condemns the mode and manner in which residents of the Kilmainham /South Circular Road were notified that the extensive road works from the junction of Brookfield Road to the Junction of R111.
Order: Agreed.
- 440 Councillor Paul Hand**
That this Area Committee condemns the recent actions of Bank of Ireland in closing down the bank account of the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign. It is disgraceful that a bank that has received billions in state aid would close down a registered not for profit company that is promoting human rights at home and abroad. Furthermore, this area committee requests that we write to the CEO of Bank of Ireland with the contents of this motion outlining our opposition to the actions they have taken.
Order: Agreed.
- 441 Councillor Ray McHugh**
This Area Committee agrees to call on the Minister of Transport, The Carraige office and Dublin City Council, to urgently address the non control of Rickshaws in our City.
Order: Agreed.
- 442 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
That Dublin City Council bring forward a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan for Ballyfermot Road. The current volumes of traffic using this road is not sustainable & recent erection of traffic lights by Dublin City Council outside the Ballyfermot Primary Centre coupled with very poor time signals have all added to a very poor situation. Ballyfermot is being choked to death by traffic. An air quality report is also needed here as we have to live with the effects of traffic seven days a week.
Order: Report to all Councillors.
- 443 Councillor Greg Kelly**
This Area Committee recognises the great work done by WALK in Dublin 8 and 12 and commends them for doing so with a reduced budget in 2016. The Councillors are now asking the Area Manager to commit to not only keeping the funding for WALK by the area office but to increase it back to original funding of €40,000. The removal of funding will result in a loss of services in the area and also the loss of 2 jobs.
Order: Agreed.
- 444 Councillor Daithi Doolan**
To ensure the community has a peaceful and safe Halloween season this Area Committee asks that every resource necessary, both financial & personnel, is made available to Dublin City Council and to Gardaí in Dublin South Central.
Order: Agreed.
- 445 Councillor Criona Ni Dhalaigh**
That this Area Committee commend the environmental improvements at the Dolphin's Barn linear park and the positive impact this has had on the area. We call on the Area Manager to continue to improve the area but in particular the area from the junction at Dolphins Barn traffic lights down to SCR/St Anthony's Rd junction. This was to take place as soon as the 1st village improvement plan was finished (from the round about to the Church) but so far no works have taken place.
Order: Agreed.
- 446 Councillor Hazel de Nortuin**

This Area Committee agrees that the playground in Convent lawns be removed by Dublin City Council and replaced as a community garden for the residents of Convent Lawns. With the refurbishment of the community centre, it will ensure that the resident's will have a use of both the Community Centre and adjoining green area.

Order: Agreed.

447 Councillor Michael Mullooly

This Area Committee calls on the Area Manager or a delegated member of his staff to visit and report to this Committee on the potential for improvement, maintenance, condition of Poddle Park (the green area across from the KCR along the Poddle River). This little park has significant potential but it is poorly maintained and because of this attracts illegal dumping and anti-social activity.

Order: Deferred to the November meeting.

448 Councillor Ray McHugh

To arrange with Tag the possible changing of the parking zone on Brookfield Rd Kilmainham from a low demand zone 4 orange, to a high demand zone 1 yellow, because of cheap parking in this zone. Residents are being squeezed for parking since the commencement of work for the new Children's Hospital.

Order: Agreed.

449 Councillor Greg Kelly

This Area Committee recognises the vital amenity that St John Bosco youth centre is to Drimnagh. The services and facilities that St John Bosco offer the community can only be provided by various grants that the centre receives. While the grants that are available provide programmes and staff they do not contribute to the up keep of the build. This Area Committee is now asking for DCC to provide St John Bosco with a capital grant, which has been provided before to the centre, to cover the costs of repairs to the centre. Without the St John Bosco youth centre DCC would have to provide there own building in Drimnagh to cover the services that is offered so as a result the grant would be a cheaper option that having our own building.

Order: Agreed.

450 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Committee please impress upon the Homeless Section of DCC to ensure that all emergency hostel providers etc allow those residents the dignity of staying in the facility for the days they are resident .The practice of turning out vulnerable people onto the streets of Dublin doesn't assist in there long term progression into stable accommodation.

Order: Refer to the Housing SPC.

451 Councillor Paul Hand

That this Area Committee supports the construction and provision of :- *Welcome to Drimnagh* signs and for these signs to be erected as soon as possible.

Order: Agreed.

452 Councillor Ray McHugh

This Area Committee agrees to write to Irish water for an update report on the Vartry Tunnel Project, which supplies drinking water to around 25% of Dublin and is in a state of collapse and is in urgent need of replacing.

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Paul Hand

Chairperson

25th October 2016

Attendance

Councillors

Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Paul Hand, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Ray McHugh, Councillor Tina MacVeigh, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, Councillor Hazel de Nortúin and Councillor Michael Mullooly, Councillor Daithí De Róiste.

Others

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Officials

Peter Finnegan, Area Manager, South Central Area
Stephen Shiels, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Pat Teehan Community & Social development Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;
David Healy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;
Adrian Dowling, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;
Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;
Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department;
Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Martha Mahon, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office.