



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 19th June 2019**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 July Questions to the South Central Area Manager**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's report circulated.
- 3 Roads & Traffic Matters**
 1. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 25th June 2019 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Request Status Report at 20th June 2019.**Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted.
- 4 South Central Area Matters** **5 - 12**
 1. Presentation from Irish Water on the National Leakage Reduction Programme.
 2. Presentation on the Strategic Housing Development Application No. SHD0011/19 – : Lands immediately east of the Assumption National School, Long Mile Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12, (Bord Pleanala No. 304686).
 3. Naming proposal for new development at 89 Cromwellsfort Road.
 4. Proposal to declare area of pavement at St. Luke's Ave., Dublin 8, to be a public road.
 5. Area Manager's Report**Order: 1. Presentation given by Stephen O Beirne and Matthew Thomson, Leakage Reduction Programme Project Communications Support. Presentation noted.**
2. Presentation given by Majella Keating, Executive Planner. Members made observations on the application which will be factored into the submission to An Bord Pleanala. Presentation noted.
3. Report noted.
4. Agreed, Recommend to Council.
5. A report was given and was noted by the Members, (see attachment).

- 5 **Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services**
1. Public Library Events for July 2019 – South Central Area
 2. Sports and Recreation Report for July 2019 – South Central Area
- Order: 1. Report noted.
2. Report noted.
- 6 **Planning & Economic Development Matters**
1. Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 29 Walkinstown Drive, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.
- Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.
- 7 **Emergency Motions**
- Emergency Motion No. 1 in the name of Councillors Daithí Doolan & Sophie Nicoullaud**
- This Area Committee condemns the vandalism carried out on the Liffey Gaels GAA pitch and commits Dublin City Council to working with the club to repair the damage as soon as possible.
- Order: Agreed.
- Emergency Motion No. 2 in the names of Councillors Tina MacVeigh, Criona Ní Dhálaigh, Rebecca Moynihan & Michael Pidgeon**
- This Area Committee calls for the immediate closure of the entrance to the construction site of the new National Children's Hospital located in Mount Brown so that a full public and traffic safety assessment can be carried out and measures implemented to ensure that traffic management measures as set out in the original planning application are adhered to.
- Order: Agreed.
- 8 **July 2019 Motions**

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- No. 5 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
- This Area Committee agree to ask the Minister for State with responsibility for the National Drug Strategy to reinstate funding for Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces to 2008 levels.
- Order: Agreed.
- No. 6 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin & Cllr Daithí Doolan**
- That this Area Committee shares its deepest sympathy with those effected and those who have lost loved ones to suicide in the South Central Area. This Area Committee will agree to support the call for a network of relevant services and community members to address the needs of the area with the aim to have an immediate response as soon as possible.
- Order: Agreed.
- No. 7 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
- This Area Committee agree that a survey of young people in Dublin South Central aged between 13 and 17 will be conducted to determine their recreational and leisure needs.
- Order: Agreed.

- 1) The meeting was taken by Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive (in the absence of the Executive Manager South City).
- 2) The Members observed a minutes silence at the start of the meeting on Brendan Grace RIP, comedian and singer from the Liberties. The members consideration be given on the selection of a fitting memorial to honour Liberties area.
- 3) It was agreed that a report on the motions would be emailed to all members meeting.

Chairperson
Councillor Vincent Jackson
Wednesday 22 July 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)
 Sophie Nicoullaud
 Críona Ní Dhálaigh (Vice Chair)

Members:

Daithí De Róiste
 Michael Pidgeon
 Tina MacVeigh

Members:

Daithí Doolan
 Hazel de Nortúin
 Rebecca Moynihan

Councillor Pat Dunne also
 attended.

Apologies:

Michael Watters

Officers:

Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area;
 Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, Liberties Area Office;
 Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South Central Area;
 Stephen Coyne, Project Manager, Liberties Business Forum;
 Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;
 Cora Roche, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
 David Quearney, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Area;
 Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area.

**Area Manager's Report
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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Kilmainham Mill

The contract for the emergency stabilisation works, (Enabling Works), to the Mill has been awarded to Howley Hayes Architects. The process of creating detailed design drawings will begin next week, followed by a construction phase to make safe the building structures. A tender document for the completion of the overall works programme is currently being created and that process will run concurrently with the enabling works. The overall works programme will include a rigorous consultation process with all stakeholders.

Street Renewal

- **Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – The tender package for construction of this approved scheme is now being finalized and will issue shortly. It is expected to commence the main works in autumn with an 8-10 month build. It is proposed to advertise details of the new street design on the street ahead of works. The plans provide for widened pavements, trees and planted areas, new street lighting and furniture and the creation of two new formal 'threshold' areas to the front of Iveagh Market and St Nicholas de Myra church.
- **Newmarket Public Realm Scheme** – the Area Office is in discussions with Environment & Transportation Department to see how best to progress a permitted public realm project for Newmarket and adjoining streets.
- **Dolphin's Barn Public Realm Plan** – this project is awaiting allocation of resources to proceed to detailed design. The project also needs to be considered in the context of the current Busconnects 'Corridors' consultation phase.
- **Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – a concept plan for Meath Street is being finalised as the first stage of a planned improvement scheme for Meath Street. The next stage will entail detailed design and discussion with internal stakeholders to progress the plan to Part VIII stage.

Greening Programmes

- **Bridgefoot Street Park** – tendering for construction of a new community park at Bridgefoot Street has been completed. The project is awaiting further approval to proceed.
- **Linear Park St. James's Walk to Suir Bridge** – A draft masterplan was presented to local stakeholders and the public on Thurs 4th July in the F2 Centre, Herberton. The plans will shortly be posted online for information purposes. The next phase of work will see the design refined ahead of a planned Part VIII application later this year.
- **Marrowbone Lane** – Due to a short delay, tendering for a planned landscaped area at Marrowbone Lane will issue in July and the expectation is to start the work by the end of summer. Informal carparking will be permanently removed once the planned landscaping works commence. The Area Office is working with Parking Enforcement Services to remove occurrences of cars parking fully on footpaths in the area.
- The Area Office and Parks Department will be undertaking some replacement planting at **Gray Street and Coombe Court** area in coming months to improve the public realm. New trees will be planted at Coombe Court in the winter planting season. The Area Office is working with Parks Department to examine more opportunities for street tree planting in SWIC.

Street Management

- The Area Office has requested a new signalized pedestrian crossing at The Coombe as well as overall improvement of pedestrian facilities at this location. It is expected the new crossing will be installed later this year, following completion of the new hotel under construction alongside.
- The Area Office hopes to begin work shortly with Traffic Section to develop the first of a number of Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes in SWIC.
- A new public lighting scheme for The Coombe will be installed later this year as part of a wider South City programme of lighting improvements.

Community Report

Wild about our Canal

A Wildlife Information Panel will be installed on the Canal Bank between Suir Bridge and Herberton Bridge in the coming weeks. The panel has been commissioned by Rialto Environment Group in association with Dublin City Council and Tidy Towns. It will feature the wild flowers, insects, birds and mammals of the Grand Canal and will be of great assistance to school teachers and parents when introducing children to the world of environmental science. It will hopefully foster a greater understanding of the local biodiversity and wonderful amenity of the Grand Canal.

WiFi4EU Funding opportunity

WiFi4EU aims to advance free and open access to WiFi for citizens in public spaces including squares, libraries, community centres, public parks, leisure centres, sports centres, art facilities, and community and Council facilities. The WiFi4EU funding will pay for the equipment and installation costs of Wi-Fi hotspots at selected locations. Dublin City Council will cover the costs of the connectivity (Internet subscription), maintenance and operation of the equipment for at least three years and also procure the necessary equipment, and plan and supervise related installation services. The deadline for receipt of applications has been extended to 22nd July 2019. The online form takes approximately 5 minutes to complete. The application is also available in word document, which can be downloaded at http://bit.ly/Download_Wifi4eu_Form. Applications can also be posted to WiFi4EU, Smart City, 3 Palace Street, Dublin 2 or emailed to: smartcity@dublincity.ie

Irish Public Bodies Pride of Place Competition 2019

The Liberties Cultural Association have been nominated by Dublin City Council to represent the South Central Area in the 2019 IPB Pride of Place Competition. The group are currently busy putting the final touches to their presentation for the adjudication process, which will take place on Monday 29th July. Best of Luck to the Liberties Cultural Association.

Summer Projects 2019

Dublin City Council's South Central Community and Social Development Team has supported 17 summer projects voluntary and non-voluntary. The majority of the projects are now well under way throughout the month of July.

Dublin City Council's Play Development also provide a summer project support initiative through the following themes: -

- Playful Day Trip' – financial support regarding coach hire to biodiversity rich play environments
- At Home Playful Activity' – using local parks, playgrounds and green spaces for play activities.

Each project hosting this type of activity will receive five Zoo family day passes free of charge.

Age Friendly

Dublin City Council hosted a training for Older Persons Councils in association with Age Friendly Ireland on Friday 12th July 2019 in City Hall. The workshop was informative and enlightening and included the following: -

- presentation on the Overview of Age Friendly Ireland;
- Setting up our Older Persons Council ;
- Membership & Roles;
- Managing conflict;
- AGM;
- Representing the voice of the older people.

Historian in Residence.

The ever-popular talk on Dublin Street Names by Cathy Scuffil, South Central Area Historian in Residence, was the theme for the Donore Senior Citizens group at their weekly Monday night group in Donore Community Centre. The talk was the first of many for this lively and interesting group

Public Domain Report for South West Inner City

Some landscaping improvements in the area will begin shortly at Reginald Street/Gray Street and The Coombe. The weeding, planting and minor paving repairs will greatly enhance the area. James Street and environs of the hospital have been intensively cleaned. Thomas Street will follow, along with pedestrian access routes to the Guinness Storehouse Visitor Centre. An extensive graffiti removal / over-painting programme is ongoing, with high footfall locations being treated as a priority i.e. Cornmarket/High St/Patrick St. Thomas/Meath St, Newmarket, Pimlico. A Smart Bin has been ordered for Thomas Street, outside the Spar/Tesco area and will be in place in the coming weeks.

The SCA City Neighbourhoods judging is complete. The standard this year is very high, with 17 entries due in part to Community Development and Public Domain promoting the competition and supporting entrants to achieve their goals. The Award Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 10th September, Bulfin Court, Inchicore.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Cherry Orchard

The Project Manager for CHI has confirmed that MDY have completed the works in Cherry Orchard and CHI have moved families into most of the remaining 36 houses. The other houses will be let very shortly. There are some defects still outstanding and these will be addressed over the coming weeks.

Elmdale (New Build)

The keys for five two-bed houses in Elmdale Park were handed over to DCC on Thursday 11th July and the new residents took occupation that afternoon. A further 6 two-bed houses on Cherry Orchard Green was handed over on Monday 15th July with a further 8 three bedroom houses ready by early next week. All prospective applicants have already signed their tenancy agreements and support will be given around all aspects of moving home. It is hoped that the units will continue to be let on a phased basis until all 72 units are occupied. An open evening will be arranged as soon as the new families have settled in their new homes. Work on the four additional parking spaces at Elmdale Park will commence on 17th

July. This will involve the closing of the pedestrian access to Elmdale Crescent across the green space for approx. 2 weeks to allow the installation to take place.

Cornamona Court

The contractors, Cunningham Contracts Group, commenced the development of Cornamona on 24th June. A traffic management plan and the hours of work have been requested. The Ballyfermot Area office will engage with the contractors and the residents to address any issues that may arise. There has been no issues reported to date.

Environmental Work

The planters, which were placed at various locations last month, have been painted and we are engaging with the residents about other designs on them and taking ownership with planting etc. The additional trees that were planted have taken and we have received good feedback from the community about the various environmental upgrades. We hope to continue to work with residents around any environmental plans and cleanups that take place. Two new planters were installed at Annamore Court on the footpaths at the entrance to prevent illegal parking, which blocks the view of residents egressing the complex. The Probation Service continue to work at various blackspot locations throughout Ballyfermot and Chapelizod. Their work includes litter picking, painting of exterior walls, cutting back overhanging shrubbery etc.

Lists of streets with footpaths in need of weeding are being compiled as reported and submitted to Public Domain and Waste Management until a decision is made regarding a weed spraying programme.

Claddagh Court

Painting work is still ongoing of the railings in Claddagh Court and a yellow box has been installed at the vehicular entrance. The recommended works to be carried out to the stairwells to prevent the pooling of water has been prioritised on the Maintenance Works Programme. In addition, preventative measures are to be carried out by Roads at the entrance of the car park to stop vehicles parking on the footpath, which blocks visibility by the residents when they are exiting the complex. These works will be carried out over the coming months.

Chapelizod

The formal Part VIII planning procedure will commence shortly with notices appearing in the local papers and site notices to be erected. A quote to carry out the preparatory work at Liffey Vale for the installation of the allotments has been submitted to Parks and is currently being appraised.

Business Community

Public Domain are considering improvement works for the Ballyfermot Road and when that is completed, a meeting with the business owners will be arranged to discuss the impact of the improvements to the streetscape and to work with them with new initiatives. We are hopeful that the row of shops adjacent to the Gala building will be painted soon as the weather improves. The owners are organising this work and it is hoped that this will encourage other shop owners to link with us regarding their own shop fronts. Improvements to the shop fronts on Decies Road will commence shortly and it is hoped will vastly improve their appearance. It will include gutter cleaning and repair, painting of shop fronts, power hosing of pavements and replacing dead trees.

Skate park at Le Fanu Park

The installation of the proposed skate park for Le Fanu Park commenced on site on 1st July 2019. The expected completion date is December 2019 but there may be a requirement to continue landscaping and planting in the spring 2020 as it's weather dependent. C & A Build & Civil are the contractors with specialist skate park installers, Freestyle, completing the

build. An ongoing consultation process will take place with the residents as the development progresses.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

DCC's landscape architect has carried out a preliminary study and consultation has taken place with staff in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre around ideas to develop the space for events in conjunction with the Centre. Further, ongoing consultation is planned with the wider community to include their views as to how the space could be used and managed.

Memorial at Ballyfermot Civic Centre

The local community, in conjunction with DCC has been working on a project to identify a site and erect a memorial stone to honour those who served and are still serving from Ballyfermot in the various State emergency services. A site to the front of the Ballyfermot Civic Centre was identified and work has been progressing to design a fitting tribute. Nine organisations have confirmed in writing their support for this project and given their permission for their respective emblem to be included in the design. The memorial stone was installed this week but a formal event around the unveiling is set for the 28th September 2019 at which the Lord Mayor has been invited to attend and preform the official unveiling.

Community Report

Environmental Projects

The Inagh Road Residents have carried out environmental improvements on their road including the installation of the bright bikes from the main road and the addition of planters that the residents will maintain. The group have organised a street party to celebrate their achievements.

The Ballyfermot Men's Shed group have commenced work on extending their premises with funding from the 2019 Discretionary funds.

The City Council are working with the Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre to improve the gardens at the Resource Centre. The Parks Department have provided equipment and expertise

Older Peoples Summer Programme

Rather than organise events in individual sheltered housing complexes, the City Council organised three events for older people during the month of July. Events included trips to the Tenement Museum Henrietta Street, the Hugh Lane Gallery and a performance of the drama Greyhound on the Train in the Civic Centre. The events were well attended. The Council will work with the Ballyfermot Civic Centre to establish a regular tea dance for older residents.

Young People

The City Council has provided funding to engage two summer students that will work with the Ballyfermot Youth Service to set up a Pop up Youth Programme three days a week over a six-week period in Kylemore Park. The Ballyfermot Youth Service hope to generate positive activities in an area where young people are gathering.

The City Council are working closely with St John Bosco Youth Centre. The Youth Centre, in partnership with Our Lady's Hall, has set up Drimnagh Sustainable Energies Community Programme. The group has been allocated €15k from Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland, to identify plans to reduce carbon footprints of both buildings and to host household energy saving information events.

The Bosco Youth Centre is running 6 weeks of summer activities for young people in June and July for 10-18yrs; this programme has been funded by the City Council.

Community Festivals

- Drimnagh Summer Festival took place over three days the first weekend in July this year and was a great success. Despite poor weather on the Saturday, over 1,000 people attended events in Brickfield Park, which included music, games, sport, food and community stands. The City Council organised a Walk 'n Talk along the canal on the Sunday with a kayaking event for young people in the canal. The kayaking proved very popular and it is something that the Youth Projects in Drimnagh may look to develop. The Drimnagh Summer Festival is organised by a voluntary committee supported by the City Council with funding from the Area Office, Discretionary Funds and Creative Ireland.
The Lord Mayor has extended an invite to the Festival Committee to a reception in the Mansion House on 31st July.
- Chapelizod Festival took place the first week in July. The Voluntary Committee put together a tremendous programme with over 40 events taking place. The highlight was a street party held in the Village on Sunday 30th facilitated by a road closure for the afternoon. The City Council supported the festival with funding from the Area office and the discretionary fund. The Council also organised the Liffey Walk with Éanna Ni Lamhna and a Heritage Talk by Cathy Scuffil.
- Ballyfermot Festival took place over the first two weeks in July. The committee that organised the Ballyfermot 70th last year put together a programme of over 50 events involving local art, sports and voluntary organisations. The real success of this festival was the high involvement of community organisations that put on events in different venues throughout the area. The Ballyfermot Youth Service organised 5 outdoor play events in Markievicz Park, Cherry Orchard, Le Fanu, Drumfinn and the Civic Centre parks that attracted over 1,000 children. The Council supported the festival with funding from the Area office and the discretionary fund. The Council also organised the Liffey Walk, Carnation theatre performance, Street League Tournament and the finale in Markievicz Park.
- The Cherry Orchard Fair, which was postponed in June, will take place on Saturday August 31st.
- Community staff are working with residents from Ring Street and surrounding area to organise a Family Fun Day and Dog Show in Ring Street Park in September 2019.

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

The railings at the entrance to Cherry Orchard from Park West have been painted. CCTV has been erected. There will be ongoing improvements along with enforcement actions and education and awareness initiatives to try to tackle increased illegal dumping at the rear of Barneville Park, Park West Ave and along the route to the Green space at Cherry Orchard Crescent. The Public Domain Officer will be carrying out a door-to-door waste audit on Bye Law compliance in accordance with the 2018 Bye Laws which came in to effect on May 1st 2019, commencing Saturday July 13th. Every effort is being made to engage with local community members to raise awareness and encourage compliance.

Funding has been set aside to carry out a precinct improvement programme at Decies Road shopping precincts. The area is to be intensively cleaned and all street furniture is to be painted. The Area Office and Public Domain are working together on this. A number of improvements have been carried out to support Chapelizod Tidy- jointly funded by the Area Office and Public Domain i.e. painting street furniture, replacing bollards, planting and landscaping. CCTV has been erected on St. Laurence's Road to alleviate illegal dumping under the bridge. A sustainable gardening course in Bluebell Community Centre and on site at Bluebell allotments has been advertised commencing 31st August. Participants must

register directly with Course Director Aoife Munn. Graffiti removal has been completed in Bluebell, Kylemore, Ballyfermot, and Drimnagh. Twenty Traffic Signal Boxes have been identified for artwork by local artists under the Dublin Canvas Initiative. This will be completed over the summer months,

27 City Neighbourhoods entries have been received for the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area. The judging is complete. Many of the entries have been supported by Community Development, Parks and Public Domain. The standard is very high. The results will be announced at the awards ceremony on Tuesday 10th September, Bulfin Court.

