



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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Order: Agreed.**
2. **Questions to the Director of Services South City**  
**Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.**
3. **Roads & Traffic Matters**
  1. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Request Status Report at 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Report noted.**
4. **South Central Area Matters**
  1. Presentation on Update on Industrial Lands Study & Proposed Draft Variation to the City Development Plan.
  2. Presentation on Notification of initiation under Part VIII Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Dolphin House Phase 2 – Proposed demolition of 2 blocks nos. 45-68 and 69-92), Dolphin House, Dn. 8.
  3. Schedule of Lighting of Christmas Trees in the South Central Area.
  4. Halloween 2019 Report South Central Area.
  5. Director of Service's Report.**Order: 1. Presentation given by Deirdre Scully, Senior Planner, Planning and Property Development Department. Presentation noted.**  
**2. Presentation by David Conway, Executive Engineer, Environment and Transportation. Presentation noted. Initiation of the Part VIII process agreed.**  
**3. Report noted**  
**4. Report noted.**  
**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 November 2019 – South Central Area
  2. Sports and Recreation Report for November 2019 – South Central Area**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Report noted.**

## **6. Planning & Economic Development Matters**

1. Proposed grant of licence of Car Park Space No. 4 at La Rochelle Car Park, Lamb Alley, Dublin 8.
2. Proposed grant of licence of Car Park Space Nos 6, 7 & 50 at La Rochelle Car Park, Lamb Alley, Dublin 8.
3. Initiation of the Statutory Process for the Proposed Addition of the Former Guinness Power Station, Guinness Brewery, James's Street, Dublin 8 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

- Order:**
1. **Agreed. Recommend to Council.**
  2. **Agreed. Recommend to Council.**
  3. **Agreed to initiate the Statutory Process.**

## **7. Emergency Motions**

**The order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motion: -**

### **Emergency Motion from Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council responds to the serious ongoing sewage problems of some city residents when it is quite obvious the residents have no control what so ever over the under lying problem. One such man in Ballyfermot has had everyone up to see what the problem is and because he is at the end of a sewage run he gets everyone else's problem. What supports / action are we going to take to assist this and other persons to sort out the problems, asking neighbour to gain access to their waste pipes, looking for financial support from neighbours to engage a private contractor have no legal foundation and this issue requires a City Council City wide response. Public Health issues and people's mental health are now an issue which must be taken into consideration when dealing with these complex issues. I have control over most of the issues pertaining to my home however the sewage is outside the scope of all residents.

**Order: Report noted.**

## **8. November 2019 Motions**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### **M. 18 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

That this Area Committee send sincere condolences to the family of Neeraj Jain, the young cyclist who was killed at the junction of South Circular Road and St James Hospital, Rialto, and call for an immediate safety audit of this junction. Local reps and residents have raised their concerns re safety at his junction for some time now. Can the council please consider introducing the scheme that exists in London whereby lorries, without safety measures to protect pedestrians and cyclists, face a fine of €550.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **M. 19 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee takes the opportunity to thank Dublin City Council's local area staff, the Gardaí and the local services for working together to ensure Halloween was a safe and enjoyable time for the community.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M. 20 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

In light of the traffic death of a cyclist on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, this Area Committee agrees to an immediate safety audit of SCR/Brookfield road junction and the area outside Kilmainham shops for cyclists and pedestrians.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M. 21 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

That this Area Committee support the residents of Oliver Bond in their demand to have a fit for purpose community centre built and that this be done as soon as possible. The old rat infested centre is to be demolished, but as of yet there is no time frame for a much needed modern community centre to replace it. It is vital that a community centre is built here that will serve the whole community.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M. 22 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee welcomes the adaption of the Cherry Orchard LAP. It is essential that the Implementation Group is established as soon as possible and that the community are included in its structure.

**Order: Report noted.**

**M. 23 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

This Area Committee agrees to complete a safety audit and junction re-design of Cornmarket.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M. 24 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

This Area Committee agrees to do a traffic audit of the Tenters/SCR with a view to establishing the parking capacity of the area and what steps can be taken to ease traffic congestion in the area.

**Order: Report noted.**

**Councillor Vincent Jackson**

**Chairperson**

**21st November 2019**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson, (Chairperson)  
Críona Ní Dhálaigh, (Vice Chair)

**Members:**

Michael Pidgeon  
Michael Watters  
Daithí De Róiste

**Members:**

Rebecca Moynihan  
Daithí Doolan  
Sophie Nicoullaud

**Apologies**

Cllr Hazel de Nortún

**Officers**

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;  
Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South West Inner City;  
Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area;  
Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Environment & Transportation;  
Cora Roche, Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
David Quearney, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area.

**Director of Services' Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**December South Central Area Committee Meeting**

Just a reminder that our meeting for December is scheduled for Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. The closing date for receipt of Questions and Motions is **5.00pm on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November**.

**SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA**

**South West Inner City Area Report**

**Bonham Street Site**

Sisk, contractors for the development, are on site and site preparation works are ongoing with 75% of the hoarding erected. The contract will take approximately 18 months. This development will consist of 57 homes comprising 26 No. 1 bedroom apartments, 26 No. 2 bedroom apartments, 5 No. 3 bedroom apartments and 2 commercial units. The apartment units will be contained in 3 residential blocks; Block 1 to the East 8-storeys, Block 2 to the North 6-storeys and Block 3 to the South 6-storeys. The commercial units are at the street level and first floor of Block 3. This scheme will be constructed using modern methods of construction (Volumetric construction solutions), employing a high degree of off-site manufacture and construction.

**Public Realm Projects in South West Inner City**

- **Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the invitation to tender for construction of this project will issue this month. Advance utility works by Irish Water are expected to commence in January for a period of 6-8 weeks. The main paving work will commence thereafter. Advanced public information sessions for businesses and residents are being arranged for early December.
- **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 Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the Area Office is seeking to advance this approved scheme under the BusConnects Corridors programme.
- **Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the Area Office is awaiting budget and resources allocations to advance this project to preliminary design stage and Part VIII in 2020.
- **Cork Street/ St Luke's Avenue/The Coombe** – a new signal arrangement and pedestrian crossing is being completed at the junction of St. Luke's Avenue & the Coombe. With the completion of the new hotel, the original road layout reverts and new road markings along The Coombe/ Dean Street include provision for cycle lanes. Work is also underway to upgrade the public lighting along The Coombe.
- **Dolphin's Barn Street** - A new toucan pedestrian crossing is proposed from entrance to Coombe Hospital to junction Reuben Street on Dolphin's Barn Street.
- **Footpath and Carriageway Reconstruction Works** - to take place at Marrowbone Lane, Vauxhall Avenue (Maryland), James Street [footpaths] and Bridgefoot Street, Echlin Street [carriageways] under the outstanding RMS works programme 2019.

**Greening Projects and Parks**

- **Bridgefoot Street Park** – Construction of this new community park is expected to commence by the end of the year and continue to the end of summer 2020.
- **St. James's Linear Park** – the process to develop a masterplan for the parkland from St. James's Hospital to Suir Bridge is ongoing.
- **St. Catherine's Park, Thomas Court** – planned works to reconstruct the main park entrance and make improvements to inside the park. A survey of trees in the park undertaken earlier this year identified a number of trees which are badly diseased or have significant cavities and which are recommended for removal. Work to remove 4-5 trees will take place in December. Parks Dept have advised local residents.
- **Marrowbone Lane Greening** – The project will permanently remove informal car parking from the hard-standing area here and create a raised planted area alongside the boundary of Summer Street flats, landscaped with trees and seasonal planting. Construction will take place through December.
- **Reuben Street Trees** - Parks Dept is advancing a first phase of street tree planting on Reuben Street (6 no trees in buildouts) to take place over the coming winter planting season.

### **Economic Development**

- **Smart Dublin: SmartD8** – the Area Office and local partners are currently seeking to designate Dublin 8 as a 'test bed' smart district under the Smart Dublin initiative (see: [www.smartdublin.ie](http://www.smartdublin.ie)). An initial two year programme that supports service innovation, use of open data and new opportunities in healthcare and well-being in the area is planned from January 2020. The programme will include a dedicated project manager and work to foster greater cooperation and improved outcomes between the hospitals, enterprise hubs, third level, the City Council and community in the area.

### **Kilmainham Mill**

Our multi-disciplinary design team will have all relevant surveys returned to them by 22<sup>nd</sup> November and will look to tender for a construction team to carry out the enabling works by the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Community Report**

#### **Halloween**

All community events were organised and supported by local communities throughout South West Inner City area. Dublin City Council was delighted to fund and support the Liberties Haunt Parade 2019. It was the first parade of its kind to take place in the Liberties area and kicked off with the Chottlebotzer Band, (who were on a visit to Dublin from Switzerland) and its massive group of followers. The parade started at the Oliver Bond Complex, then meandered through the designated route, crossing Thomas Street, through Vicar Street and Pimlico, gathering an estimated 1,000 children and adults along the way, before reaching the final destination in the Digital Hub car park, Rainsford Street where everyone enjoyed the Halloween treats some of which included Face Painting, Monster Bouncy Castle, Haunted House, Stilt Walkers, Playstation Competitions and Local Dance Group Performances. This event could not have happened without the commitment of the local residents and communities of Oliver Bond, Vicar Street, Pimlico and surrounding communities and such groups as, An Gardai Siochana, The Solas Project, SWICN, SICCCA, The Digital Hub, Liberties Training Centre and Joined Up & Happenings Event promoters, The following link is well worth visiting <https://vimeo.com/372435844/fcbbb96b7f>

#### **Weaving in the Liberties:**

The "Weaving in The Liberties" course is now in its 7th week. Participants have been learning about the fascinating history of textiles and fabrics in this area going back to the time of the

Huguenots. They have visited the vast collection at 'The Way We Wore' exhibition at the National Museum. They've also enjoyed a private viewing of the amazingly elaborate vestments at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The weaving students have become familiar with some very old methods of hand weaving and are now using warping frames and hand looms (made especially for the course by the Solas Project). Due to the interest and popular demand, an application has been made to the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDTEB) to fund an additional 10 weeks after Christmas. We will also be running an evening course for those who are currently on the waiting list from the Taster Workshops that took place earlier this year. This project is jointly funded and supported by Dublin City Council's Community Development, Dublin City Council's Historian in Residence and the CDTEB.

### **IPB (Irish Public Bodies) Pride of Place Awards 2019**

Best wishes to the Liberties Cultural Association in the IPB (Irish Public Bodies) Pride of Place Awards **2019** who have been nominated by the South Central Area. The winners of the IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland will be announced on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at a Gala awards ceremony in the Lyrath Hote, hosted by Kilkenny County Council. This all-island competition which acknowledges the work communities are doing all over the island of Ireland.

### **Age Friendly**

Dublin City Council is honoured to host the 2019 Irelands National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards which will take place in the Hogan Suite, Croke Park on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The guests will be welcomed by Sharon Ni Bheolain, Master of Ceremonies and entertained by the Memory Lane, Happy Voices, and the Crumlin Community Choir Age Friendly Choirs,

### **Have you Memories of Dublin's Iveagh Markets?**

A Memories and Stories consultation of the Iveagh Markets Folklore consultation is to take place Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Little Flower on Meath Street, Dublin 8 from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. The night will be led by Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald, UCD Folklorist. This night will be the beginning of an Oral History/Folklore project capturing which will commemorate the iconic building the Iveagh Markets.

### **"Once Upon A Time in Dublin" A Trilogy of Plays by actor Vincent Smith**

There was a large attendance for the World Premiere of - "Once Upon A Time in Dublin" which took place in The Little Flower Centre in Meath Street on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This trilogy of plays by well-known actor Vincent Smith gave a great insight into the life of working class communities in Dublin down through the ages. The amazingly talented actors brought the audience on a journey from 1950's Dublin through to the present day. All proceeds from the performance went to the Little Flowers Penny Dinners.

### **Public Domain Report for South West Inner City**

386 meters of Graffiti was removed from the Public Domain at various locations in the Month of October. Survey of Planters, Sign Poles and other unlicensed street furniture is ongoing in the area. The Weaver Park Skate Bowl will have some treatment to eradicate all the offensive graffiti. Illegal Dumping in Ashgrove, Rialto Cottages, and Inchicore Bye Law enforcement still ongoing with fines issued for households not demonstrating compliance.

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Elmdale**

All 72 houses have been let in Elmdale and a "welcome evening" will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm in St. Ultan's School for all the new residents. The residents from the Co-Op

Housing in Orchard Meadows have also been invited to attend. Community Groups and statutory agencies will be on hand to offer support and advice.

### **Cornamona Court**

A number of derogation orders have been granted to allow Cunningham Contracts to work outside the permitted hours over recent weeks. It is expected that additional orders may be requested before the end of the year.

### **3.8. Acre Field at Sarsfield House, Lower Ballyfermot**

Community consultation meetings were held recently to discuss the development of the 3.8-acre site. Representatives from Orione Care and DCC attended on the nights, which were very well attended. A very open discussion was held where residents were encouraged to voice their views regarding the site and what they would like to see being built there within certain parameters. These ideas will be incorporated into any future design for the site. It is intended to hold further consultation meetings in 2020.

### **Chapelizod (Springvale Site)**

The proposed development of 71 units on the site is to proceed. Approval has been given to proceed with the installation of the allotments in Liffey Vale to facilitate the allotment holders from the former site.

### **Environmental Works**

The Probation Service continue to work at various locations throughout the area. A clean up of Elmdale estate took place this week with litter picking, sweeping, overhanging shrubbery all tidied up. A number of skips were provided by the Ballyfermot Area office though out the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area to help alleviate the build-up of rubbish that could have been illegally collected and dumped on bonfires over Halloween.

### **Kylemore Park**

A meeting to discuss plans for the Park was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October in Ballyfermot Library. Locals were invited to meet with staff from Parks, Ballyfermot Area office and An Garda Siochana to look at proposals for the Park and ways of mitigating some of the anti-social activities. A further meeting will be held in a number of weeks.

### **Ballyfermot Civic Centre**

Centre Management, Ballyfermot Community Association and Dublin City Council will be collaborating on hosting the Christmas Fare on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 5pm in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre. Thirty-five stallholders have already registered their interest in a stall to display and sell their produce. All stalls are free and there will be entertainment for the children and spot prizes on the day. The charity Aware have been invited to hold a collection on the day and all donations will be gratefully received. Discussions are taking place between Centre Management and Dublin City Council libraries around using the Centre for a book swap or incorporating the use of a mobile library, which would supplement the existing service.

### **Le Fanu Skate Park**

No further incidents have been reported at the site. The skate park is expected to be completed by spring 2020.

## **Community Report**

### **Halloween Initiatives 2019**

The programme of events in Ballyfermot was a great success. The Youth Services provided staff, programme budgets, equipment and insurance for elements of the day without which the events could not have taken place. Over 40 young people volunteered throughout the day to support events. The fireworks in Cherry Orchard were spectacular with 2,500 estimated in attendance.

The programme of events in Drimnagh was equally successful. Great credit to the St. John Bosco Youth Service that remained open until 10.30pm on Halloween Night with a targeted programme for older teenagers. The main organisers of the events in Drimnagh are the Drimnagh Residents Community Group and Tidy Drimnagh Committee. The group is struggling to recruit volunteers or local organisations to get involved and have requested that the City Council work with them next year to develop the project.

### **Environmental Projects**

DCC has initiated a pollination project in Drimnagh involving Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, Tidy Drimnagh and the Parks Department. The project involves planting wild flowers in the local parks and green spaces around the area. To launch the initiative local sports heroes will be joining the students to plant bulbs on the roundabouts.

A new group is forming in Drimnagh to encourage residents to plant trees in their front Gardens.

### **International Men's Day**

DCC are supporting a local Men's Club called Video Craft launching their debut DVD titled "Reflections on the History of Crumlin, Drimnagh and Walkinstown" on Wednesday of November 20th at 18.30 in Walkinstown Library. The film features the bombing of the Halfway House.

### **Older People**

- Carnation theatre will perform their comedy play "Turkey" in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Tuesday December 10th at 2.30pm. The Council are organising this Christmas Show for residents from the sheltered housing complexes in the area.
- *Chair Yoga & Mindfulness*, a new health initiative funded by Healthy Ireland and tailored for sheltered housing complex residents, is beginning on Thursday 21st November. This 10 week programme will be based in the Ballyfermot library and will enable participants to practice mindfulness and yoga in a friendly and accessible group setting.
- The City Council will promote the Alone Christmas campaign throughout the area and provide information on their befriending and support services.
- During December, Cold Weather Information sheets will be circulated throughout Ballyfermot. The Information sheets provide useful tips and contacts for older people during the winter months.

### **Ballyfermot Home Project**

The City Council is supporting the HOME project to establish their committee. The group are working with Familibase to organise a Santa run on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of December in La Fanu Park at 2.30pm.

### **Mental Health initiatives**

The City Council is working with the D10BEWELL Group and the Restorative Practices Steering Committee to promote two positive mental health initiatives over the Christmas

period. Posters with positive affirmations designed by local women will be displayed throughout the area and an Art competition to design an information card will take place

### **Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh**

Aprox 300 meters of offensive Graffiti has been removed from the area including Bluebell, Rossmore, Rafters Road and Kylemore Park. Intensive cleaning of Claddagh Green and Ballyfermot Road Shops (Cole Park to Grange Cross) is almost complete. Chapelizod Village will follow shortly. A survey of the area will take place between end of November and December to identify unlicensed furniture and any public domain issues.

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

#### **1. KIN - Sense of Place Autumn/Winter 2019 Talks and Walks.**

This fourth series of five talks have been completed. The talks were a collaboration between KIN, DCC, OPW and DCC Historian-in-Residence, Cathy Scuffil. The series was well attended and well received by attendees.

#### **2. "1b site" development at the former St Michael's Estate**

Planning Permission for the "1b site" has been lodged by Circle VHA and Alone. The planning reference number is 4260/19. The *Inchicore Housing with Supports Demonstrator Scheme* is a new model of housing for Ireland. The scheme will provide 52 homes for older people, both couples and singles, that will provide 'life time housing', support and promote independence and ageing in place. Circle VHA will develop it with staffing on-site supporting tenants and a 24-hour presence on site will be provided by ALONE. The public observation period is open until 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### **Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum**

#### **1. Strategic Workshop.**

A Strategic Workshop for IRCF delegates and KIN members is in the process of being organized. The aim is to comprehensively outline the community view on objectives and requirements for the proposed development of DCC lands on the former St Michael's Estate. The outcome of this workshop will feed into the upcoming Master Plan Design Process due to begin early 2020.

#### **2. IRCF Education Subcommittee:**

The Education Subcommittee of the CF are hosting an Information Sharing Event for Education and LifeLong Learning local leading practitioners within the Communities of Inchicore, Kilmainham and Bluebell. The aim is for the educational leadership to meet and share information on their educational purpose. This event takes place Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 in Inchicore College.