



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022 VIA HYBRID MEETING  
IN EBLANA HOUSE, MARROWBONE LANE, DUBLIN 8**

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Order: Agreed.**
  
- 2 Questions to the Director of Services South Central**  
**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 25/10/22 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/10/22 and 25/10/22.  
**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Report noted.**
  
- 4 South Central Area Matters**
  1. Post Halloween 2022 Report, South Central Area
  2. Community Grants Scheme 2022 Report
  3. Schedule of Lighting of Christmas Trees in the South Central Area.
  4. Two Nominations to the EirGrid Powering Up Dublin Study.
  5. Director of Services Report.  
**Order: 1. Report Noted.**  
**2. Report Noted.**  
**3. Report Noted.**  
**4. Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud nominated to the Community Forum of the EirGrid Powering Up Dublin Study. There was no nomination to the Business Forum.**  
**5. Report Noted.**
  
- 5 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
  1. Sports and Recreation Report for November 2022 South Central Area.  
**Order: Report noted.**
  
- 6 Emergency Motions**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**M204 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council please ensure that proper fit for purpose re-instatements of all footpaths in the Ballyfermot Area takes place as the current situation with one contractor is leaving a lot to be desired. We have holes in the footpath, barriers all just left in a poor state in addition some of the re-instatements are very poor with no proper details or proper finishes. Can DCC please tell me who is responsible to ensure the works are carried out to a satisfactory state.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M205 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That DCC please report on the Fire Officer's decision to prevent the usage of the Car-Park on the Metropolitan Apartments in Inchicore Dublin 8 at a time the residents, management company were in constant contact. The Fire Officer claims the progress was too slow from his initial concern on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January last. The works on top of an extensive Fire Alarm system put in at the owner's expense in 2018 will result in additional costs of approx. €2,500 per apartment this is causing difficulty for some tenants in these inflationary times. To date 50% to 60% of the funding required has being collected it is very draconian to leave many vulnerable people without car-parking and without any real alternative. I am very surprised how all these serious defects passed the building regulations at the time of construction. I would welcome an opportunity to question our Fire Department of what's going on at the above complex and is this something other property owners are going to have to address, will apartments have to be vacated?

**Order: Agreed.**

**M206 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council approach the owners of the now closed De La Salle School Ballyfermot Road to look at re-purposing the use of the School to house the people of Ukraine in these difficult times, the School could be retro fitted fairly quickly to provide a reasonable location for families escaping the current war being waged by the Russian Federation on the population of this Country.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M207 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

This Committee calls on DCC to give the members a verbal update on the legal limbo in relation to the Iveagh Markets Francis Street Dublin here we are over 25 years since the Market closed and this iconic building continues to fall into near total disrepair. How much longer do we have to wait to take back full ownership of this part of Dublin built heritage?

**Order: Agreed that the Chairperson would write to Richard Shakespeare and request a meeting with Elected Members.**

**M208 Councillors Daithí Doolan and Vincent Jackson**

This Area Committee congratulates Dublin City Council, local youth services, community groups and Emergency Services for working together to ensure this year's Halloween was successful, safe and enjoyable.

**Order: Agreed without debate.**

**M209 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Area Committee expresses deep frustration and concern at the poor level of service provided by the new G Spine Bus Connects for residents in Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard and Inchicore.

This Area Committee calls on the National Transport Authority to carry out an immediate and swift review of the new G1, G2 and 60 with the sole aim of improving the services or returning to the original 79, 79a and 60 bus routes.

**Order: Agreed to write to the NTA and Minister Eamon Ryan.**

**M210 Councillor Máire Devine**

This Committee welcomes the recent launch of the New Play Strategy 2022-2027 which was a response and commitment to supporting and upholding UNCRC Article 31; the child's right to play. We acknowledge that the Liberties is disadvantaged given the lack of public open space, playing pitches, play facilities. We ask that a study be undertaken as to how the Public Sector Duty on human rights and equality can be implemented within the Liberties with regard to environmental quality that includes the UNCRC.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

**Chairperson**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)  
Daithí Doolan  
Hazel De Nortúin  
Deirdre Cronin  
Vincent Jackson

**Members:**

Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)  
Darragh Moriarty  
Máire Devine  
Michael Watters

**Officers:**

Derek Kelly, Director of Services South Central Area;  
Bruce Phillips, Local Area Manager, SWIC;  
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;  
Miriam Flynn, Community & Social Development Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;  
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Máire Nic Reamoinn, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;