



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 15th July 2020**
Order: Agreed
- 2 **Questions to the Director of Services South City**
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 25/08/2020 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Request Status Report at 04/09/2020.**Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted.
- 4 **South Central Area Matters** **5 - 18**
 1. Report on Regeneration Proposals for St Teresa's Gardens/Donore Avenue.
 2. Initiation of Part 8 Demolition of former Ardscoil Eanna, Funeral home and ancillary buildings at Crumlin Road / Rafter's Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
 3. Initiation of Part 8 for new house at 31 Croftwood Drive, Ballyfermot.
 4. Feasibility Study: Bridgefoot Street, Merchants Quay.
 5. Historian in Residence Report.
 6. Director of Service's Report.**Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted. Agreed to proceed to Part VIII Planning Process.
3. Report noted. Agreed to proceed to Part VIII Planning Process.
4. Report Noted.
5. Report Noted.
6. Report noted, (see attachment).
- 5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation report for September 2020**Order: 1. Report noted.**
- 6 **Planning & Property Development Matters**
 1. Proposed grant of a 15 year Lease of Ground Floor and First Floor Units of Bridgefoot Court, Dublin 8 to Innovate Dublin Communities Ltd.
 2. Proposed grant of a licence at 48-49 Meath St., Dublin 8, to Meath Street Youth Activity CLG.
 3. Proposed disposal of a plot comprising part of the rear garden of 86

Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

4. Proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 312 Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
5. Disposal of Fee Simple in premises at Kylemore Park South, Dublin 10

- Order:**
1. **Agreed. Recommend to Council**
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7 **Emergency Motions**

Order: No Emergency Motions taken.

8 **September 2020 Motions**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th September 2020

M.50 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

That this area committee is very concerned about the proliferation of 'bangers' in the local area so early this year and we agree to write to the Superintendent expressing our concerns and asking what steps they are taking to seize illegal fireworks and clamp down on this activity. We also call for imaginative solutions so that public information campaigns on the dangers of bangers continue in schools, despite Covid-19.

Order: Agreed.

M.51 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

That this Area Committee requests the Planning department to give us a presentation on how Dublin City Council is planning the future for this area, to give the vision Dublin City Council has for the area:
The Camac area in Bluebell is going through many planning changes, George Cook Industrial Estate is for sale, some houses have been added to the Camac area etc.

Order: Agreed.

M.52 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the ongoing issue of anti-social behaviour with the Play-ground at the new Skateboard Park at the Lawns Park Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be addressed with the construction of new railings, opening closing times, proper signage, inter-agency approach. The facility, minus the anti-social behaviour, offered thousands of children a lifeline after the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions. The provision of railings is something many facilities offer like the play facility in the Phoenix Park. If we get a second round of lock-down we need to be in a position we can close off this facility. I am aware most of the problems happen after BYS staff leave the facility after dark.

Order: Agreed.

M.53 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee expresses deep concern at the increasing level of fireworks being used in recent months. It is only by working together can Gardaí, youth services, Dublin City Council and the public tackle the causes and consequences of this problem. We call on the Garda Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner for the Dublin Metropolitan Region to give extra resources to Garda stations so Gardaí can respond in an adequate and timely manner.

Order: Agreed.

M.54 Councillors Sophie Nicoulaud and Michael Pidgeon

That Dublin City Council will develop a clear safe mobility plan for each primary and secondary school in the south-central area to:

- remove school traffic congestion near the school
- ensure COVID social distancing measures can be complied with
- enable walkers and cyclists to safely access each and every school

Order: Agreed.

M.55 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council look at the operation and running of the Ashtown Dog Pound in Dublin 15. There is serious concern with the welfare of animals kept at this facility I would ask that we seek a full report to include all aspects of its operation and aggressively look at other contractors to provide a service when this tender expires. How much is the current contract costing DCC and what service do we get for that? When does the current contract expire?

Order: Agreed.

M.56 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee agrees that Dublin City Council will work on a plan with Gardaí to tackle the problem of illegal parking on footpaths and cycle lanes in Drimnagh. This plan will be presented to the October South Central Area Committee meeting.

Order: Agreed.

M.57 Councillor Vincent Jackson (Amended 16/09/20)

That Dublin City Council please look again at our practice of ending the spraying of weeds in our City without any alternative. I, like many in our City, are shocked at the state of our community with weeds 2 to 3 feet now a feature of our streetscapes. I regret areas like Drimnagh, Ballyfermot Inchicore seem to be particularly bad. I regret a large number of people have expressed a view they will not pay their Local Property Tax because they don't see the benefit of same. I am aware we are bringing contractors on board to look at the problem with a view of addressing same. Can the Director of Services indicate what this service will look like and ensure that no products harmful to the environment are used for this service?

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

Wednesday 16 September 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)
Darragh Moriarty
Michael Watters
Criona Ní Dhálaigh

Members:

Sophie Nicoulaud
Hazel de Nortúin
Daithi De Roiste

Members:

Michael Pidgeon
Tina MacVeigh
Daithí Doolan

Officers

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;

Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot / Chapelizod;

Cora Roche, Staff Officer, South Central Area;

David Quearney, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Area;

Officers Remotely

Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South West Inner City;

Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager Housing

Ray Yeates, Arts Officer

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
16th September 2020**

Work is ongoing with setting up structures to implement the recommendations of the Building Community Resilience report. This will be dealt with in more detail at the Joint Policing Committee later this month.

A draft of the research on gaps in youth provision in Drimnagh has been circulated to the Drimnagh Task Force for comment.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

COIS ABHANN - LIFFEY VALE BIODIVERSITY CENTRE

Dublin City Council (DCC) is embarking upon an exciting project to restore the derelict Georgian house at Liffey Vale on the banks of the River Liffey on the Chapelizod Road as a biodiversity education centre and park only a few kilometres from the City Centre.

The site will offer the opportunity for all to spend time in nature, and learn about the animals, plants, and ecological systems that thrive in close proximity to the city. Using the principles of sustainable management of the landscape and sustainable conservation of an historic building the site will be open for the public to enjoy. The house and gardens will intertwine to form one unique experience of nature with learning opportunities throughout.

Liffey Vale House will include interpretation on biodiversity, a multi-purpose learning space (large enough for school groups) a small café and associated public toilets.

The ground will open onto a series of paths which will be provided to allow access for all through a range of natural features, including woodland, wetland, the river edge etc. A range of interpretative methods will be used to inform and guide while a significant area of the site will be left inaccessible and wild.

Re-wilding is the key theme for the outdoor experience. Over the coming months our expert team of ecologists, architects and bio-diversity experts will work to create optimal conditions for flora and fauna to grow as it would have over a hundred years ago. This will be a carefully managed process to ensure that more modern greenery doesn't dominate the landscape.

What are your views?

As part of ongoing engagement we are seeking your views on the proposal in advance of completing the design development and lodgement of a planning application in late 2020.

You can submit your views by completing an online questionnaire at -

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/parks/liffey-vale-biodiversity-centre>

For information go to www.dublincity.ie/liffeyvale or email parks@dublincity.ie

Study of D8 Community Facilities

A review has commenced of community facilities in D8. The review will look at both the existing and future provision of community facilities. The focus of the study is to identify the

future requirements, best practice, and make recommendations on the quantum and model of future provision. The study will take account of the changing demographic trends, new communities, major current and future developments such as Baily Gibson / Player Wills and the proposed development on the Diageo lands. The study brief is currently being prepared and will be finalised in the coming weeks. It is planned to appoint consultants to undertake the study and provide future recommendations to the City Council.

PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bridgefoot Street Park – Construction will continue until the end of 2020 with expected opening of this new amenity in late spring 2021. A landscape scheme for the central median of Bridgefoot Street will shortly go out to tender for completion later this year. The Area Office is also liaising with Parks Dept on a range of issues including future security and CCTV, future use of the planned community garden, and public realm improvements to the park environs.

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme – DCC Roads Design & Construction will oversee a 10-month programme to refurbish Francis Street, which is expected to commence in October. The contractor KN Networks has been appointed and is currently making arrangements to get to site. Ongoing information will be provided to local residents and businesses for the duration of works detailing the stages of work, traffic management, advance notice of pavement works, etc. The street will remain ‘*open for business*’ and every effort will be made to minimize disruption during the period of works.

Meath Street & Environs Public Realm Project – It is hoped to advance this scheme to Part VIII stage by end of 2020, early 2021. Roads Design & Construction are currently undertaking internal departmental discussion on various aspects of the earlier concept scheme to further develop the design. Initial public consultations on the scheme were held in 2018.

Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue tree planting – civil works to install 6 no. tree pits and planted areas were completed in August. Tree planting will take place later in the year. There has been a very positive response from residents to the new features.

St Catherine’s Park – A conservation-led project to relocate a number of grave markers in the park has been completed. Further work to landscape the east end of the park, resurface paths and generally improve the appearance of the park will be undertaken shortly to allow the park to reopen to the public.

Oisín Kelly Park/ Basin Lane – the Area Office is working with local Parks team to undertake tree maintenance, landscaping works and boundary improvements to this amenity area.

James Street/ Cromwell Quarters – the Area Office is working with Parks Dept to refurbish the small public space on the median of James Street and resurface nearby Cromwell Quarters as part of wider work to improve the west end of James Street. It is hoped to tender for the work later in the year.

Vicar Street/ Molyneux Yard – there is an ambition, as outlined in both the former Local Area Plan and the Liberties Greening Strategy to redesign and upgrade the tarmac kickabout area at Vicar Street and more widely to enhance the public realm of both Vicar Street and Molyneux Yard lanes as pedestrian connections to Thomas Street. The Area Office, assisted by the Parks Dept, intends to engage with the local community, surrounding businesses and other stakeholders to progress an appropriate redesign of this space to

create a more attractive, inviting and usable amenity area. The tarmac area does not form part of either of the two recently approved developments on Vicar Street and Molyneux Yard.

Pedestrian and cycle prioritization measures – A new School Zone was unveiled by Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu at Francis Street CBS on John Dillon Street last month. The area features markings and bollards that aim to deter vehicle parking and drop off congestion at the school entrance. The Sustainable Mobility Section is currently assessing other locations for similar measures including Canalways ET at Basin Lane, while the Area Office has also suggested St Brigid's School, St Luke's Avenue.

Economic Development

Smart D8 - The Area Office, together with Smart Dublin and the Digital Hub, is leading a partnership of local stakeholders in research, tech and health to establish *Smart D8 – a Smart Healthcare and Well-being Testbed District* in Dublin 8.

- Smart Districts are strategically selected locations where targeted smart city projects can be piloted to measure impact and potential scalability. Smart districts are developed through a partnership model bringing together industry, academia and citizens, anchored by local government through the Smart Dublin office. www.smartdublin.ie
- Smart D8 will run for an initial two years and will be led by a dedicated project manager based in The Digital Hub.
- The particular focus of Smart D8 will be community wellbeing, environmental improvements, and healthcare innovation including medtech, social prescribing and community healthcare solutions.
- The Smart D8 Partners are drawn from DCC, local enterprise clusters, academia, healthcare institutions and health agencies and the intention is to build a wider network with businesses and community to establish Dublin 8 as a healthcare innovation district.
- It is expected to formally launch Smart D8 in October.

Innovate Communities for Dublin 8 – the Area Office has been supporting the development of a new social enterprise hub at Bridgefoot Street with Innovate Communities. The hub will bring a dynamic new use to Bridgefoot Street, including investment to complete an empty office unit at the corner with Usher Street, and add to the wider developments taking place in this area. Innovate Communities support local community development, social enterprise and innovation and co-working and SME incubation.

www.innovatecommunities.ie

Social Enterprise Strategy for Dublin 8 –

The Area Office together with a consortium of local community development organisations are developing a D8 Social Enterprise Strategy. It is hoped to complete the social enterprise strategy over the next two months.

In the coming week we are planning to undertake a survey of social enterprises in the area. The consortium wishes to map social enterprise activity in Dublin 8 and to identify the needs of the sector to inform its future work in supporting social enterprises in the Dublin 8 area. It is part of a wider strategic planning process that the consortium is undertaking.

The consortium is a collaboration of organisations. Its membership includes Dublin City Council, Dublin City Local Enterprise Office, Inner City Enterprise, Dublin South City Partnership, the F2 Centre, Dublin Inner City Community Coop and the new children's hospital.

Housing Updates SWIC

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build

57 26 x 1 bed 26 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q3 2021
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Mark McInerney) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Mark can be contacted @ 0877371254 mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie

Cork St/ Weaver St. Volumetric Build

55 32 x 1 bed 10 x 2 bed 13 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q1 2022
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Veronica can be contacted @ 0870997512 veronica.hand@dublincity.ie

Margaret Kennedy SQ. Dublin 8

54 8 x 1 bed 18 x 2 bed 28 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q1 2021
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St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8

The design team have engaged consultants to commence site investigative works on the Emmet Road site commencing Monday 14th September.

Tyrone Place Dublin 8 Regeneration

Study underway. Report due for completion.

Liberties Cluster Dublin 8

Study underway.

Oliver Bond Regeneration

SIMS building. Three options explored. New community centre and football pitch to be considered as part of the scheme. Model and plans to be presented to newly established local consultation group for feedback.

Meeting to take place with Community Reps late September.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8

Consultation meetings to take place with DCC and Dolphin House Regeneration Board regarding agreement for a Dolphin House Masterplan.

Dates of workshops

It is currently envisaged that:

- There will be 4 workshops 15th, 22nd, 29th September and 6th October
- Times: 14:00 to 16:00

Community

Culture Night Friday 18th September.

Dublin's Theatre Royal Remembered

St James's Church, James's Street, Dublin 8.

Doors open at 19:00 hrs.

Due to Covid 19, places are limited. Bookings can be made from 9.30 – 12.30 pm Mon/Fri
Tel. 01 4531143

The show can also be view live on via the Church Webcam [https//stjamesparish](https://stjamesparish)

Please see attached flyer



**Dublin's Theatre
Royal Remembered**

This sell out show features photographs, songs and archival footage that will transport you back to the glorious days of Dublins Finest Theatre.

DATE Friday 18th September

VENUE St James's Parish Church, James's Street, Dublin 8

TIME Doors open at 7pm

Places are limited due to Covid 19
Bookings can be made from 9.30am-12.30pm Mon to Friday
Ph. 01 4531143

Narrator: Conor Doyle
Soprano: Kathleen Noonan
Baritone: Gerry Noonan
Pianist: Pauline Cooper

The show can also be viewed live on the church webcam: <https://stjamesparish>

 Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Atha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Social inclusion Week

Dancing Goats and Percolators

St. James' Church, James Street, 29th September 2020 19, 00 hrs.

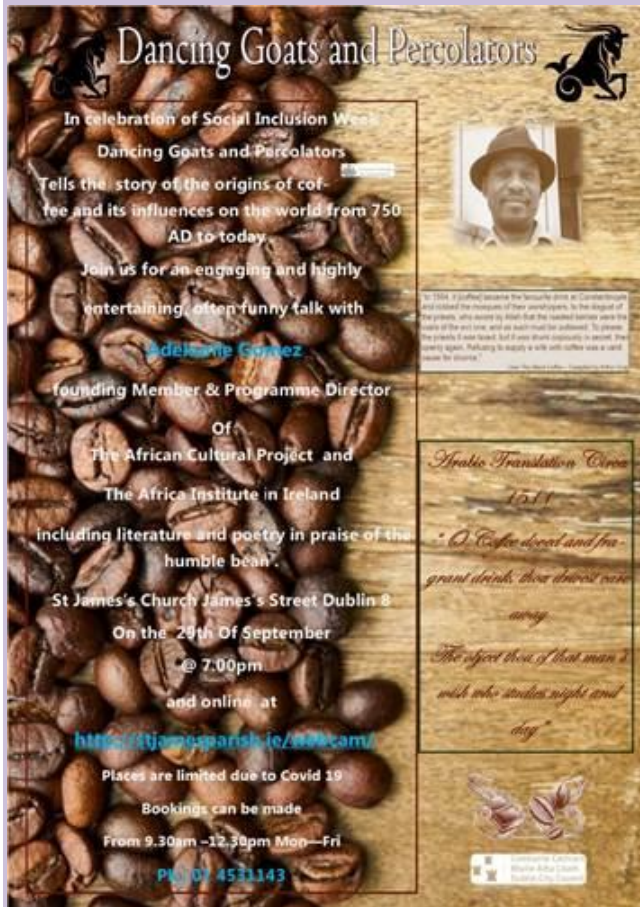
An evening with Adekunle Gomez Director of The African Cultural Project telling the story of the origin of coffee.

Interspersed with history, literature, poetry and stories, Adekunle introduces us to the heritage and culture of Africa and the how the arts can support a positive engagement with that culture and its people,

Due to Covid 19 restrictions there will be a limited number of seats available on the evening, booking enquires Mon – Friday 9.30 – 12.30 pm Tel. 01 4531143.

Streamed live via <https://stjamesparish.ie/webcam>

See attached poster:



My First Holy Covid – Story on your Doorstep Tuesday 28TH September to 2nd October

The Breadline World premiere of MY FIRST HOLY COVID, a new play by TKB produced as part of the new Story on Your Door initiative.

Due to popular demand,

Dublin City Council's Arts Office in collaboration with South West Inner City Community Development Team is delighted welcome "Summer Reece Fagan & Reece Howard" back to secret locations throughout the SWIC in alignment with the national guidelines for social distancing, to perform this highly popular short play. Story on Your Door aims to reimagine residential areas in the city and bring theatre to new spaces in the face of the challenges posed by Covid19.

Summer Projects July/August

Despite the strange summer experienced by all families due to the Covid 19 pandemic summer projects proved to be a winner in a number of communities in the SWIC,. The Community Development Team was delighted to support the work and commitment of the volunteers who planned and organised many home based summer projects. Many old traditional activities proved to be very popular along with some new initiatives introduced to the young people. Some of these is listed below:

Mask Challenge

Due to the popular demand, following its introduction at the recent Crinniu Na Nog event held earlier this year, Dublin City Council Arts and Community Development Sections were delighted to support a number of voluntary summer projects with a Mask Challenge. The Community Development section provided participants with a colouring pack, t-shirt, mask, and instructions.

Masks where decorated by young people; their parents/guardians/ project leaders are taken pictures of the children with their mask and T-Shirt on and forwarding the image on to the outlined email or WhatsApp number.

All images will be linked together in a Mask Challenge video's for the Projects.

Play Development Support

Dublin City Council's play development also provided support for voluntary summer projects through the following themes;

Inside out' play activity- Projects using local parks, playgrounds and green spaces for play activities. Financial support was given for an activity these could have included: a Magic Show, Activity Workshops, and Circus Skills Workshops etc.

Inside out play kit'- projects where given a provision of Community Play Kit 'Re-create Creative Play Pack' – for arts and crafts etc.

A limited number of zoo passes was provided to each project free of charge.

Community Environmental Initiatives

A number of environmental enhancements and community Clean ups have taken place in the SWIC area over the summer months.

Planters were provided to a number of community groups who are proactive within their communities such as Rialto Cottages, Tenters, Clanbrassil Close, Robert Emmet Close, and Bulfin Estate.

It is proposed to continue to support these community/environmental groups, with a view to organizing deliveries of autumnal shrubs and plants for their environmental works locally.

All local residents/groups will be requested to sign and agree to strict protocols with regard to receiving plants and communal planting will be discouraged.

Public Domain

The Weed Treatment programme is progressing in the South Central Area, both in the South West Inner City and Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Areas. Waste Management crews are operating across the city at weekends to remove weeds from footpaths, roads and cycle ways. Pimlico, Hanover Lane, Meath Street and environs, Rialto, Inchicore & Kilmainham Village have had sections of the worst affected roads treated. Greentown Environmental will be operating in the South Central Area from next week using the innovative Foam stream method of weed treatment. Both manual and foam stream methods will be employed over the coming weeks.

The City Neighborhoods will be limited to local areas and a number of applications have been received. The Closing date was 2nd September however, some late applications have been accepted and adjudication is underway. There will not be any awards ceremony, however groups will benefit from the funding usually provided by the Litter Prevention Officer.

Environmental initiatives with Community Development, Stakeholders and local groups have been supported by Public Domain – Rialto Cottages, Mallin Ave, Clarkes Terrace, Clanbrassil Close and Emmet Crescent, Still Garden, Goldenbridge Industrial Estate. Groups have been supplied with tools and other resources to clean and plant communal/public areas.

Local Area Halloween meeting has taken place. Cllrs will be updated on contacts, flyers, technology and operational supports next Area Committee Meeting.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Inchicore Food Bank have made it to the finals of Bank of Ireland Bring Together Awards 2020. This interagency initiative (KIN, DSCP, St Pat's FC, Frontline MC) ran throughout the first 4 phases of Covid, distributing over 1000 food parcels to vulnerable families in the Inchicore area. This initiative showed a true community led response to an emerging food insecurity problem. Many volunteers gave us their time to get involved and deliver parcels on a weekly basis.

Grand Canal Path Vincent St W to Blackhorse upgrade of street lighting. The 13 light poles along this stretch of the north side of the Grand Canal will be upgraded in the coming weeks.

For Your information:

Kevin Tierney, researcher for the Royal College of Surgeons, is in Inchicore Primary Care Centre working as a link worker/social prescriber aiming to improve patients health and possibly reducing medication and GP visits in the long term. Kevin is collating information on all community groups/initiatives in the area. If you have information to share please contact: kevintierney@rcsi.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Public Consultation Process. The IRCF are meeting with DCC, Connect the Dots and Bucholz McEvoy to discuss the forthcoming phase 1 of the Public Consultation Process for the development of the DCC Emmet Road site. This first phase of public consultation is due to take place in the coming weeks.

Kilmainham Mill

The tenders applications for the enabling works have been received and evaluated. A preferred bidder has been identified. The Corporate Projects Support Office (CPSO) have requested additional information on all capital projects. This information has been provided and we await approval to appoint the construction team at the next CPSO meeting in September.

The application for the Failte Ireland grant scheme "Platforms for Growth" has been finalised and submitted. Kilmainham Mill has successfully passed 2 rounds thus far, winning out over 120 original projects to be in the final 21. A final decision by Failte Ireland is due in January 2021.

Following discussions with the planning dept. regarding the Inchicore / Kilmainham redevelopment strategy, Kilmainham Mill is being considered for inclusion in DCC's next URDF application which should open in April / May 2021.

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

HOUSING PROJECTS

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

The contractors, Sisk and Son Ltd., are on site since 18th May. We are awaiting a court date for the judicial review hearing. Work on the site is progressing well with roofing and windows being installed in some blocks by October. Expected completion date is Q4 2021.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

The next stage of the process for the site at Sarsfield Road involves Stage 1 proposal and funding application from DCC to the Dept. Housing, Local Government & Heritage. City Architects are working on a detailed proposal but it is likely it will take another 3-4 months to complete this stage since it will incorporate 190 housing units, parklands, a new road through the site and community facilities. A further meeting of the Sarsfield Working Group is scheduled for October 2020.

OLV site on Sarsfield Road

Site investigations have commenced on site on 20th May 2020. The proposal is for six units to be provided by AHB Respond with an approximate completion date of Q2 2021.

Cornamona Site

The contractors are on site since Monday 18th May. Due to the strict adherence to Government guidelines around H&S, there is a reduced workforce on site at present. 190 expressions of interest forms for the units have been registered to date. The expected completion date is Q2 2022.

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site

The demolition and site clearance planning process is on going.

Bluebell

An on-site investigation of the Old Irish Water Site by the archaeology consultant is to take place in the coming weeks. Funding for the restoration of the CCTV along the canal has been secured from the NTA and work has begun, it should be completed in approximately 3 weeks. Waterways Ireland has removed the 'kissing gate' at DCC's request to help tackle a recent increase of bike theft at that location.

Lissadell Maisonettes

Refurbishment has begun on the vacant maisonettes at Lissadell. Work is being carried out in conjunction with the Public Domain Unit and Housing Maintenance to tackle illegal dumping and improve the aesthetics of the area.

Cherry Orchard Green

A fence has been erected around the swale at Elmdale in order to secure it. Landscaping works have commenced in order to dissuade illegal dumping and anti-social behavior in the area. Consultation is ongoing with residents regarding a collaborative approach to maintaining the area.

Skate Park Le Fanu Road

Unfortunately, there are still incidences of anti-social behavior in the playground of the Park late at night, which is causing serious issues for the residents. The suggestion has been made to remove some of the play equipment but this may not prevent the anti-social behavior. Parks Services have agreed to inspect the playground with a view to look at the feasibility of fencing. When that inspection is complete, Parks Services staff will update us on the outcome.

Kylemore Park

A provisional start date for the upgrade of Kylemore Park playground is 21st September. We will inform as many residents as possible in advance of the works.

Springvale Allotments

40 replacement allotments have been completed adjacent to Donore Harriers. The water connection has been installed and soil testing was carried out which showed good organic matter content. There has been a huge interest in the allotments and the process of allocating them will begin in conjunction with the previous committee.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

Good feedback received from residents in relation to the proposed People's Park. Costings are being finalised at present. There is a proposal to locate a sculpture in the Park and a local representative has been invited to sit on a selection panel for the public art commission. A small group of residents are meeting on Friday 11th Sept. to nominate a representative to the selection panel who will be the link between both groups.

Community

The Orchard Community Centre continues to observe Covid-19 Instructions and has seen a small increase in activity in the centre over recent weeks.

Organisations based in the centre have been advised to be Covid-19 compliant at all times as per national guidelines.

The Sports Hall extension is having its floor installed and is on target for a revised completion due to Covid-19 by end August.

A cost of circa €50k has been quoted for the replacement of the original floor in the "old hall" as it has water damage and is broken in sections.

From Friday 14th August, St. Vincent De Paul foodbank resumes operation in the building. This has been a collective piece of work between DCC/CE Scheme/SVP and we look forward to assisting those most in need in the area.

Halloween Festival discussions are ongoing with a potentially different approach to Halloween 2020 due to social distancing etc.

A community resilience fund was released for the Wider Dublin 10 area in conjunction with the Cherry Orchard Social plan, Making Cherry Orchard Better. Supported by the Cherry Orchard Development Group.

The Cherry Orchard Development Group continues to support the Restorative Practice Movement in the area as well as the Community Garden and Social Enterprise projects all funded from Dept. Rural & Community and Dublin City Council.

Staff in the Orchard Centre continue with their colleagues in the monitoring of the Community Response requests as they came in during July and August and shall continue to do so until the service is no longer active.

Community Development

The Community Development staff have noted a large increase in residents getting involved and volunteering with local initiatives. Volunteers are taking part in community clean ups in Drimnagh, Inchicore, Chapelizod and Bluebell on a regular basis. Voluntary groups have painted, decorated and carried out clean ups around many of the Sport Halls and Community Buildings.

The City Council staff are supporting local organisations and the smaller voluntary groups to get their activities up and running again and providing guidance around holding safe meetings, using technology and organising smaller and outdoor events.

The “Friends of the South Central Newsletter”, which is circulated monthly, has over 400 subscribed, and is a great way to keep Residents and groups in the area informed and share useful information.

Council staff have supported the residents in Belgrove Lawns /Glenaulin, Chapelizod to set up a Residents Association. The Group formed over the summer to organise community events on their green and carry out clean ups.

Council staff are working with the Cherry Orchard integrated Youth Service to set up a Residents group in Cherry Orchard Green. A committee of 10 residents have volunteered to help liaise with the residents to organise community clean ups and activities for the children. The group are enthusiastic and have raised issues that the Council will address with them.

The Council is working with the Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre to establish a Dementia Support Group in the Area. The Group will be launched during social inclusion week and plan to organise Dementia Awareness training and create friendly spaces in local cafes. The HSE is supporting the project.

Covid Responses

The City Council Covid Helpline is operating 5 days a week. There are few requests to the Helpline at the moment. There are volunteers throughout the area that can be called on should the need arise later in the year.

The Food Banks that opened during the Lockdown in Ballyfermot, Inchicore and Walkinstown have now closed down. The foodbank still operates from the Orchard Centre and the Bluebell Community Council supported by the community Church have moved their foodbank, The Peoples Foodbank, to a warehouse in Park West and will continue to provide food parcels to those in need in the Dublin 10 area, including requests to the Helpline.

Halloween 2020

The Ballyfermot Halloween Committee are working hard to plan a programme that is within the public health guidelines yet does not lose the positive momentum built over previous

years. The local Youth Organisations will target young people to keep them occupied over the Halloween period and organise local family friendly events. The Council is working with local resident groups to decorate their areas and support low-key outdoor events.

The Council will promote the Bulbs not Bonfires Campaign throughout the area during October and November providing daffodil bulbs for Resident groups, Schools and local community facilities

Social Inclusion Week

The Council has organised or supported the following events for social inclusion week, which takes place between Sept. 28th and Oct. 4th. Numbers attending events will comply with public Health guidelines and events will be held outdoors or virtually.

Beekeeping Talk, Bluebell Allotments, Sunday 26th September @ 12.00 Noon

A local Beekeeper will explain the complex and fascinating world of the life cycle of a domesticated beehive and share their knowledge of what it takes to be a beekeeper.

Limited number of spaces

Booking is essential.

Contact: scott.watson@dublincity.ie

Drimnagh Treasure Hunt, available online from Monday 28th September.

The Drimnagh treasure hunt consists of historical riddles of place names in Drimnagh, created by our very own historian in resident Cathy Scuffil.

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Ballyfermot Understanding Dementia (BUD) Launch.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre & Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre, Wednesday 30th September at 11.00am.

Keynote speaker Professor Katie Irving (DCU Clinical Nursing, Dementia policy and training), followed by "Movements with Bex" from Make Movement Your Mission.

Contact: Victoria.kearney@dublincity.ie or frances@ballyfermotfrc.com.

Plurilingual storytelling for adult's workshop, Richmond Barracks, Wednesday 30th September & Sunday 4th October.

This is an inclusive experience where we explore, in a peaceful environment, aspects of our identity through storytelling in multiple languages and discussing our experiences as parents with multicultural backgrounds.

Contact: atelierdefrancais.dublin@gmail.com

Ballroom & Sequence Dance Classes, the Cherry Orchard Community Centre, Wednesday 30th September, 11.00am – 12.30pm

Taking place in The Orchard Community Centre on Wednesday 30th September. Join our dance teacher Marion for an enjoyable and fun experience. Dancing 11am-12.30pm
Tea/Coffee/Biscuits and a friendly [Contact Paul on 087-6125520](tel:087-6125520)

Storytelling for Social Change Workshop, Tuesday 15th September at 2pm

The Ballyfermot Chapelizod Disability Action Collective are organising a series of STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS with Dublin Story Slam* commencing on Tuesday 15th September at 2pm.

An audience will be invited to a Dublin City Council Social Inclusion Zoom Event called Storytelling for Social Change on Tuesday 29th September at 8pm to hear some of these stories.

Contact bcdisabilityactioncollective@gmail.com

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Public Domain

Greentown Environmental will begin operations in South central in the Drimnagh Area both Public Domain teams are working together to ensure shared areas/boundaries are treated. Waste Management crews have provided excellent reports on areas treated over the past two weeks. Chapelizod to City Boundary, Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard have been treated in worst affected cycle auto and pedestrian routes. This programme will continue for a number of weeks.

Biodiverse gardening course in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden has been very successful and a 2nd course will follow shortly - (strict adherence to HSE Covid Guidelines) The Cherry Orchard Green Anti-Dumping Initiative is progressing well. Public Domain, Community and Housing in partnership with local community groups are turning the tide on littering and illegal dumping in this estate. The SWALE has been fenced off and the grass verges, and greens are being maintained by MCD until the Grassed areas are added to Parks Maintenance Schedule. Other Landscaping works and community initiatives are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Many City Neighbourhood Awards have been received and even though there will not be any awards ceremony. All groups will benefit from the scheme.

The local Halloween Meeting has taken place and South Central area and South East Area will be adopting a shared approach to ensure all resources available are deployed to protect infrastructure and the environment this Halloween. Councillors will be fully briefed.

Report from: -

Kay Noonan,
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Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.

