



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020

- 1 **To it, Not Through It: An Inchicore Mobility Plan Presentation by Lauren Tuite**
Presentation made by Lauren Tuite
- 2 **Minutes of Meeting held on 21st October 2020**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Questions to the Director of Services South City**
Order: Replies to Questions circulated.
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 30/10/2020 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/10/20 and 28/10/20.
Order: 1. Report noted.
2. Report noted.
- 5 **South Central Area Matters** **5 - 16**
 1. Presentation on Regeneration of Oliver Bond House.
 2. Halloween 2020 Report South Central Area
 3. Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new development at 110 – 111 Cork Street.
 4. Director of Services Report.
 1. Presentation given by Martin Donlon, Senior Architect, City Architects
Presentation noted
 2. Report noted
 3. Report noted
 4. Report noted (see attachment)
- 6 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation report for November 2020
Order: 1. Report noted.
- 7 **Planning & Property Development Matters**
 1. Initiation of the Statutory Process for the Proposed Addition of No. 31 Old Kilmainham Dublin 8, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures.
Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council

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Emergency Motions

This Area Committee expresses deep concern at the recent revelation that half of Labre Park has been designated as a flood threat. This has huge implications for the proposed development of Labre Park and the residents who live there. The Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to circulate the engineer's report identifying the site as a flood risk and examine any works that can be carried out to mitigate the threat of flooding in Labre Park.

This Area Committee;
 commends the residents of Labre Park for their resilience and patience,
 assures residents that any agreed development remains focused on meeting the needs of the residents and they are central to any consultations,
 reassures Labre Park residents that all the stakeholders will redouble their efforts to ensure the redevelopment of a Labre Park moves forward without further delay.

Cllrs Daithi Doolan, Vincent Jackson, Maire Devine

Order: Motion agreed

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November 2020 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th November 2020

M.66 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

This Area Committee agrees that the Iveagh Markets will not be used as a hotel, student accommodation or a co-living accommodation scheme and calls on the Council to do everything in its power to prevent this happening. This iconic building was once a hub of community activity and commerce. Its history is dynamic and rich as is being evidenced through the oral history project with the Folklore society in UCD. We are witnessing the destruction of the Liberties through the wrecking ball of transient and gated accommodation that is springing up everywhere. The fabric of the inner city neighbourhood is being rapidly eroded. Preserving a building like the Iveagh markets for civic and community use must be a priority for us.

Order: Agreed.

M.67 Councillor Maire Devine

That this Area Committee agree to establish a "conservation plan" for the 3 adjoining sites that are Brú Chaoimhín, Quakers Cemetery and The James Weir Home For Nurses.

Order: Agreed. The members agreed to write to the HSE

M.68 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee would like to express deepest thanks to all the services including Dublin City Council, Gardaí, Dublin Fire Brigade, ambulance service and youth services for their hard work over the Halloween season. They ensured communities had a happy and safe weekend.

Order: Agreed.

M.69 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

This Area Committee supports those who suffered unnecessarily at the hands of the Mother and Baby Homes. We support their call for transparency when seeking information on their time spent in these institutions.

Order: Agreed.

M.70 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

This Area Committee sends a message of solidarity and support to Polish women living in our community and to their friends and family back home involved in the struggle for women's reproductive rights.

Order: The members agreed to write to the Polish Embassy and the Bibliary Polish Community Centre & Library.

M.71 Councillor Maire Devine

Under Section 205 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that this Area Committee agrees, forthwith, to seek a Tree Preservation Order for the trees at the Brú Chaoimhín Campus in Cork Street, Dublin 8.

Order: Report to councillors.

M.72 Councillor Maire Devine

This Area Committee supports residents whose streets, homes and wellbeing have been significantly discommoded by the construction of National Children's Hospital- A National Infrastructure Project. Furthermore, we call on BAM to manage the traffic in the areas surrounding the site and urgently provide alternative arrangements for the worker's car parking. We request that DCC grant "derogation" from the parking bye-laws that prioritises residents parking to allow safe access and egress for the time of the construction.

Order: Report to councillors.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)
Darragh Moriarty
Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)
Tina MacVeigh

Members:

Maire Devine
Michael Watters
Daithi De Roiste

Members:

Sophie Nicoulaud
Hazel de Nortúin
Daithí Doolan

Officers

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;
Bruce Phillips, Local Area Manager, South West Inner City;
Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot / Drimnagh;
Cora Roche, A/Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Roads & Traffic
Michael Donlon, Senior Architect, City Architects
Mark McInerney, Project Estate Office, South Central Area

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
18th November 2020**

December South Central Area Committee Meeting

Just a reminder that our meeting for December is scheduled for Wednesday the 9th of December. The closing date for receipt of Questions and Motions is **5.00pm on Wednesday the 25th of November**.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme

Contractors for Dublin City Council, KN Networks, are undertaking a 10-month programme of public realm works at Francis Street. The programme will take place in stages with traffic management in operation for the duration of the works. Ongoing communication with businesses and residents will be provided by KN Networks.

Meath Street and Environs Public Realm Improvement Project

Preliminary design work on planned public realm improvements for Meath Street is ongoing.

Bridgefoot Street Park and Environs

Construction work on the park continues until the end of 2020. Tendering for landscaping work to the central median on Bridgefoot Street is now complete. The project will entail removing paving, additional tree planting and lush under-planting to visually enhance the street. It is hoped to undertake this work in December/January.

James Street Median

Public realm improvements and a planting scheme have been developed for the median area at James Street. The scheme will enhance existing features such as the historic Rutland obelisk and the mature trees here and aim to create a more attractive focal point for local businesses and residents on James Street. Tendering for the work will begin shortly.

St Catherine's Park

The final tranche of work to this small park will get underway shortly including laying a gravel surface along the east side of the park where gravemarkers are clustered, upgrading paths in the park and clearing overgrowth. Completion of these works will allow the park to reopen to public use.

St James's Walk Linear Park

A first tranche of work to landscape the section of the linear park at MISA entrance/ Fatima Luas stop is now scheduled for early 2021.

Busconnects

The third iteration of plans for Core Corridors proposed under the Busconnects programme have now been published by NTA. The plans include extensive documentation on traffic management and environmental screening. The current consultation phase continues until 16th December 2020. Plans may be viewed at www.busconnects.ie.

Economic Development

Smart D8 is a new Smart City district led by a partnership of Dublin City Council, Digital Hub, St James's Hospital and a range of other local stakeholders in healthcare, enterprise and education in Dublin 8 www.smartdublin.ie . The focus of SmartD8 will be healthcare

innovation and community wellbeing. Orla Veale is the new Smart D8 Programme Manager, joining the wider Smart Dublin team, and it is hoped to introduce Orla and the plans for Smart D8 to Councillors in due course.

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.

Emmet Road, D.8 (St. Michael's)	Design Team Appointed May 2020. Planning to be lodged April 2021.
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Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration.

Study underway. Report due for completion.

Liberties Cluster D.8.

Study underway.

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

Oliver Bond short and long term proposals to be presented to the Councillors at the South Central Area Committee Wednesday 18th Nov 2020.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

Three consultation meeting have taken place with DCC and Dolphin House Regeneration Board regarding agreement for a Dolphin House Masterplan.

Status: Ongoing

Community

HALLOWEEN UPDATE

THE LIBERTIES HAUNT FESTIVAL 2020 was a huge departure from the regular large-scale festival event that took place in several locations across the Liberties in 2019.

The process throughout was particularly challenging as the city entered several different lockdown phases over the past 7 months.

Members of the organising group were on hand once again to manage workshops, distribute materials and link in with communities, youth groups and schools in the area. Everyone across the Liberties area were given the opportunity to submit their entries for the best dressed balcony / window competition, their fancy dress and Mask Challenge photos and were supplied with materials such as activity packs to keep little ones entertained. The new website <https://thelibertieshaunt.com/> online show is now an asset for Dublin City Council and the community and stands as a great example of how a quality show can be produced featuring young local talent.

We applaud everyone involved in organising and most importantly the participants, schools, families, youth services and community organisations for committing to delivering this project whilst struggling through some difficult circumstances.

Of course, a huge thank you must go to all the wonderfully talented young performers and contributors. Finally, we would like to thank all the young people and their parents/families who took their responsibilities seriously and joined us in making the decision this Halloween to Stay Home and Stay Safe. We will hopefully see better times next year

COVID 19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The Community Development Team continue to support Dublin City Council Community Call. 7 days per week 08.00 : 20:00. Callers will be offered practical support in through local volunteers or community groups with the delivery of food, collection of medication, or referral to reliable community supports in their area.

CITY NEIGHBOURHOODS PRESENTATIONS

Dublin City Council Community Development team were delighted to encourage environmental groups to apply to this year's South Central area City Neighbourhood competition, and were honored to visit some of this year's winners to present them with their certificates and prizes.

DUBLIN CITY COMHAIRLE AGM

This year Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg AGM will be a virtual AGM, and will take place online on Saturday 24th November.

Dublin City Council Community team circulated relevant information to schools and youth organisations locally on how they can take part.

Applications were open to young people aged 12-17 years, and closing date for new members to register was Saturday 14th November.

Further information available online on <https://futuretalks2020.com/>.

Christmas Virtual event 2020

Dublin City Council Community Team is in the process of developing an exciting new virtual event to celebrate Christmas this year. It is anticipated this will coincide with the lighting of Christmas trees at Cornmarket and Dolphins Barn. Further information to follow.

SPRING BULBS

Dublin City Council Community Team have been busy bringing smiles to the faces of many environmental enthusiasts with the delivery of spring bulbs for autumn planting, this small initiative has received such a good response from communities who are delighted to get out with their neighbours and friends to meet and also enhance their communities and open spaces.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES, - PRIDE OF PLACE.

Best Wishes to our neighbours in St. Patrick's Cathedral, one of the many projects nominated by Dublin City Council for their recognition and contribution to community projects and initiatives throughout the Dublin 8 area, in the 2020 Irish Public Bodies, Pride of Place. A virtual awards ceremony will take place on Saturday November 21st at 7pm. The awards will be streamed from Pride of Place website; www.prideofplace.ie

WEAVING IN THE LIBERTIES

In what has been a very difficult year for many groups, we are delighted to say that the Weaving in the Liberties initiative has continued to flourish and indeed provide a very important creative outlet for its students. Due to the continued popularity, two weaving workshops continue on Tuesday morning's in the new venue, meeting face to face in Buí Chaoimhin, and in The Liberties College for the evening session on Wednesdays. Attendance has been excellent for both groups.

Throughout the first wave of Covid 19, this determined group of artists continued to network and support each other on weekly basis via zoom.

The participants have also had a series of lectures on zoom on the history side, from Dublin City Council's Historian in Residence, also a lecture from the Worth Library, a film night on silk weaving in India and next week a lecture on an 18th century botanist from Francis Street on useful plants of the Liberties. We have also developed a very good relationship with Dolphins Barn library who have been fantastic in providing us with reference books on extended loans.

Our plans include collaboration with the Tenters 100 group celebrations, with demos on weaving for families. In addition, we hope to run workshops in the Library.

Living in the time of Covid - Stories from Dublin 8 Archival Project.

In the coming weeks local schools will be invited to take part in a Covid 19 archival project. The aim of the project is to record the schoolchildren's personal interpretation on what everyday life was like during the time of Covid 19. For some it might have been very exciting as they got to spend extra time with their parents and siblings. For others it might have been a sad and anxious time as they missed valuable playtime with their friends and were denied visits to elderly relatives.

Children can tell their own personal stories through various mediums i.e., songs, poems, stories or pictures. A representative from each of the participating schools will present their stories to the Lord Mayor who will formally hand the material over to the Dublin City archives where it will be stored for future generations to come.

Community Grants 2020

Finally arrangements are in place for the payment of community grants for 2020, all applicants are being notified at present and requested to submit/confirm where applicable their bank details.

Public Domain

A successful Halloween campaign has concluded in co-operation with Gardaí, Waste Management, Housing and the South East Area. 178.66 Tons of bonfire material was removed from the public domain.

The City Neighbourhood Awards is supported by the Litter Management Office and the Area Office. Certificates and One4All vouchers have been hand delivered to all recipients. 1st Prize €500 voucher, 2nd prize €300 voucher, 3rd prize €200 voucher and merit €50 voucher. Photos will be posted on South Central social media.

An online sustainable gardening course for 28 participants began on Tues 3rd November. There will be a second launched next month due to high demand. Aoife Munn is delivering the course.

The waste byelaw campaign to encourage greater compliance in domestic waste bag collection areas is underway. Signage advising of "Tuesday Collection Day" will be erected in bag collection areas off Marrowbone Lane and environs of Pimlico Green. Flyers similar to those delivered to Gray Street, Reginald Street and Brabazon Square will be distributed. A graffiti survey is under way and as many locations as possible will be treated before end of year.

KILMAINHAM INCHICORE NETWORK:

DCC SCA City Neighbourhood Awards Many projects in Inchicore received awards: Inchicore Environmental Group 1st Prize for Community Environment Initiative; Ken Murphy and Joan Stapleton, IEG joint 1st first prize for Individual Contribution; Stillgarden 1st prize for Business Initiative; Frontline Bikes 2nd prize for business Initiative.

NCH Community Benefit Programme A community consultation on the 2020 BAM Community Benefit Grants Scheme is taking place to get feedback and suggestions on the themes of the grant and the grant making process. More information on future possible grant rounds will most likely be available in December or January. Here is a link to consultation survey. Deadline Friday 20th November.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JTXHHZC>

Inchicore Graveyard Survey Project Historic Graveyards continue to survey of graveyards in the Kilmainham and Inchicore Area. Part 1 is a mapping exercise to collate all information about locations and contact details. Part 2 is a community engagement project involving TY students at Mercy Secondary School, recording and documenting over 400 gravestones at Bluebell Graveyard, in particular looking at flu pandemic deaths in Bluebell in 1918/1919 with the help from research carried out by Cathy Scuffil. RTE nationwide filmed for the Six One news Tuesday 20th October. <https://www.rte.ie/news/2020/1022/1173254-graveyard-survey-students/> This project is funded from discretionary funds.

Turvey Park Turvey Park is undergoing an enhancement, following community requests to carry out extra planting in the park and an upgrade of the tarmaced small pitch, current works are underway. Local community involvement has led to them planting over 400 spring bulbs. Parks have cleared pathways and increased maintenance on the Park. Local interest in hosting football tournaments on the pitch are being discussed - given the forthcoming pitch resurfacing, reinstating goal posts and lighting.

Tyrconnell Rd at Jamestown Rd : Phase 2 of environmental improvements at this western gateway to Inchicore will commence shortly. This will include the planting of 5 trees and the expansion of the flower beds. This project has been funded by discretionary funds.

Planting at Patriots Way: Clearing of the flower bed has taken place at Patriot's Way. IEG are going to trial maintenance of this flowerbed over the coming months.

Spring Bulb Planting Copse at St Michael's Church and Camac Close - Inchicore Environmental Group, with the support of KIN, DCC Parks, DCC Community Office and DCC Public Domain are planting spring bulbs and pollinator plants within public areas in the community.

Emmet Crescent Planting: A collaboration between Our Lady of Lourdes NS, Core YS, Local Residents, DCC Parks, Public Domain and Housing are facilitating new flower beds and tree planting in Emmet Crescent, maintenance will be carried out by OLOL NS Green Team and caretaker.

Bus Connects The 3rd round of Bus Connects Public Consultation is underway. Route 7: Liffey Valley to City Centre <https://busconnects.ie/initiatives/core-bus-corridor/liffey-valley-to-city-centre/> Is available for viewing. A Community Forum Zoom for Route 7 will take place Monday 23rd November at 6.30pm to 8pm. contact cbc@busconnects.ie to find out more information.

INCHICORE REGENERATION CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The Phase 1 Consultation Process Survey deadline was 6th November. Over 1550 surveys were completed, 1355 on line on and 200 in hard copies. A Survey Analysis Report will be published in December 2020. Information gathered will be used by the Integrated Design Team to inform their design considerations.

The Emmet Road Project Office is due to open at 6 Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore Village on 21st November 2020. Under current covid restrictions, the office will not be open to the public. A design theme display is planned in the windows of the Project Office. This will be launched on the 21st November.

Bucholz McEvoy, the design team Architects, for Dublin City Council's Emmet Road site, have prepared a display of their design thought process, through the use of five design layers. The information within the layers provide insight into the research and findings of the design team to date and the design principles at this feasibility stage.

Along with the display there will be worksheets available to receive public feedback-thoughts and ideas on the displayed information - to feed into the overall design process. As a result of the constraints of Covid19, an outdoor community exhibition on the Emmet Road site has been rescheduled to January 2020.

An IRCF Consultation Process Subcommittee has been set up to help with the practicalities of the Consultation Process, this group will meet bi-weekly.

The IRCF Education Subcommittee will meet with Bucholz McEvoy, the integrated design team. This group of about 70 comprises of persons engaged with youths in the Inchicore Area (school principals, youth workers, FRC, preschool etc.). This meeting takes place Thursday 19th November 2020 at 1pm.

The next monthly meeting of the IRCF takes place: Monday 16th November 2020 at the new time of 1pm.

Report from: -

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

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing Projects

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

Work on the site is progressing well with no issues arising. No further update in relation to legal position Expected completion date Q4 2021.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

Stage 1 application for presentation to Dept. Housing Local Government & Heritage being finalised by City Architects.

Cornamona Site

Work continuing on site although at decreased capacity. The expected completion date is Q2 2022.

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site

The demolition and site clearance planning process is ongoing. Part 8 has been advertised and is available for inspection, by appointment, in Crumlin and Ballyfermot Area offices.

Bluebell

An on-site investigation of the Old Irish Water Site by the archaeology consultant was delayed by administrative issues, but is due to take place soon. The CCTV along the canal has been repaired and is in full working order. Bluebell Community Council has been given new premises to work from to facilitate public consultation.

Lissadell Maisonettes

Refurbishment continuing on the vacant maisonettes at Lissadell. While a focus on Halloween over the past couple of weeks has slowed the process down, work on tackling illegal dumping and improving the aesthetics of the area will continue.

Cherry Orchard Green

Landscaping the area around the swale is continuing.

Skate Park Le Fanu Park

The proposed fencing in the skate park has been ordered. The proposal is for a 2.4m high weldmesh to both skate and play park, it will be the same type as around the pavilion and changing rooms in Le Fanu Park. It will be early in the New Year before the railing is installed.

Kylemore Park

The contractors will commence the upgrade of the Park on the 12th November. The residents have been contacted regarding the new date.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

It is hoped to commence work on the Ballyfermot Civic Park in January 2021 when the selection of the preferred contractor has been finalised. A final selection has been made for the artist to commission a piece of sculpture to be installed in the Park. Further meetings will be arranged between the landscape architect, the artist and the community reps. to discuss all elements of the project.

Markievicz Park

At the request of residents, alterations have been made to the gate at O'Hogan Road entry point, an additional bench will be installed, and quotes are being obtained to replace the table and benches, which were vandalized. The damaged bin will also be replaced.

Community

Covid Community Call

The Community Call Helpline continues to operate 7 days a week from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. The Helpline responds to requests for support with: arranging Meals on Wheels, organising shopping or transport to medical appointments for people that are house bound or isolating.

The Helpline is supported by local volunteers, the foodbanks in Cherry Orchard and Bluebell and the Meals on Wheels Services in Drimnagh, Bluebell, Walkinstown and Ballyfermot. The Community Guards, Local Area Partnerships, the GAA, Order of Malta, St. Johns Ambulance and Civil Defence are available to provide support if required.

LCDC Grants

The LCDC Dublin City Community Enhancement Programme Round 2 is now open. The application system is on line and the closing date is November 13. A total of €478,005.00 is available to Dublin City.

Community and Voluntary Groups and Non Profits can apply for a maximum grant of €50,000. 30% of the grants will be ring fenced for grants of €1000 or less. Funding is for capital projects.

Full information and details is on www.dublincity.ie/lcdc

Information on the grants has been circulated to 30 organisations in the Area.

Christmas Newsletter

The Council is preparing a Community Newsletter for distribution in early December. The Newsletter will contain information on Emergency Contacts, local Services and handy local Numbers including tips for staying active and safe over the winter.

Working through the Family Resource Centers and local Environmental Groups in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh, we have a network of volunteers that are connecting with people that are housebound. The resource centers will set up local lending hubs providing books, Jigsaws and wool for a knitting project.

In the absence of Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, the newsletter will extend an invitation to residents to light a candle on December the 8th to remember those that have passed away this year, especially from Covid-19. Thank You to the Area Councillors for their contributions to the newsletter.

We have identified volunteers throughout the area to deliver the newsletter on a street-to-street, basis providing volunteers an opportunity to check in with neighbours and identify residents that could do with the information. Thank you to the Residents Committees, Environmental Groups, Summer Projects and the GAA.

Ballyfermot Festival

The Ballyfermot festival Committee will launch their programme of events for 2021 in early January. The committee is supporting and organising events that will run throughout the year. Events include a short film competition on the theme “Enjoy Life Be Happy” organised by the Ballyfermot Youth Service that will be broadcast on the festival YouTube Channel.

Together FM plan to hold a poetry competition. Photography and art competitions and exhibitions are planned and a traditional Music Ceilí House for Seachtaine Na Gaeilge. The Festival Committee is open to all community organisations that want to promote the area and their activities.

Ballyfermot Environmental Group

The Environmental Group is supporting two new committees that have formed to keep their area clean by carrying out regular Clean Ups.

Le Fanu Road Residents have placed plant boxes around the trees on the road and planted spring bedding. They have also placed solar lighting on the 18 trees to brighten the road. Transition year students from St Johns College will carry out weekly litter picks of the road.

Elmdale Residents are forming a committee to work with the Environmental group to carry out regular Clean ups of the open space between Elmdale and Cherry Orchard Grove.

Creative Ireland Mural

The City Council Community Development Section and Social Inclusion Unit are working with the Ballyfermot Youth Service to produce a community mural under the theme of diversity. The group are working on the design and location with All City street artists. Creative Ireland will fund the mural.

Oisin Park

Oisin Park on Bunting Road was identified in 1990 as a conservation area. This small area at the edge of Bunting Park has become overgrown and quite an eyesore. The Crumlin /Walkinstown Forum supported by the City Council are working to clean the area, remove the ivy from the walls and replant the area around the sculpture.

Fr. Kitt Court

The City Council is working with the Residents in Fr. Kitt Court to clear out and replant the community garden at the back of the complex. Residents spend more time in this area since the common room remains closed due to the Covid restrictions.

The Community Development staff contact details for Ballyfermot /Drimnagh area are:

<u>Scott.watson@dublincity.ie</u>	087 1643170
<u>Miriam.flynn@dublincity.ie</u>	086 8151320
<u>Victoria.kearney@dublincity.ie</u>	087 6009002

Orchard Centre Update.

Due to coronavirus, 2020 has been a changed time for the Orchard Centre. Having had to close to most groups due to Covid restrictions the centre has not been the hive of activity that it normally is.

As present restrictions under Level 5 prevent us opening to any of our groups, we are currently operating mainly as a much-needed Food Bank for the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard areas. The food bank is a service that has been running from the centre over the past number of years and is very successful. Each Friday up to 100 food bags are given out to the neediest in the area. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul run the food bank and hold their weekly meetings in the centre. Food pallets are delivered each Monday and the boxes stored in the centre. During the week VDP, volunteers and Centre staff pack the food bags, which are then stored until given out each Friday.

Dublin Circus Project.

This group have set up base with us in the centre and will be running a variety of Circus projects in the community. They will be running classes from the centre and in the community working with various groups. They have already started working with Youth Services in the area and this will grow over time. The Circus Project is a fantastic addition to what we already offer the community and will no doubt be a great success in the area. The group work with all ages from very young to a little older and a bit older again. There is no age limit on the courses. So something for all in this fun and active activity.

Future use of Centre.

The building of the new extension now allows for the old sports hall in the centre to be rented out to other groups in the area for various activities from Exercise Classes, Badminton, Football, Disability Groups etc. This will mean that the centre can offer more to the community especially at nighttime. Groups interested in taking up slots to rent should contact the centre manager.

Regular Groups.

Unfortunately, over the past few months we have had to cancel most of our groups due to coronavirus restrictions. At all stages we allowed groups in where possible, managed social distancing, and ensured safety first for all. After the first lock down, we opened up in line with Government advice on June 29th. We had some groups back that week including our Ballroom Dancing group who are all retired women.

To ensure social distancing this group all danced alone without a dance partner and it worked brilliantly. We will take this approach again as soon as restrictions are lifted and reopen the centre to as many as we can all working to stay safe and to allow social interaction again which is so important for many people who use the centre. We are very aware of the social exclusion people are suffering due to lockdown restrictions and how important it is for them to get back out and to interact again with others.

Public Domain

The Halloween campaign concluded resulting in apx.120 ton of Bonfire materials removed from public areas in Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Cherry Orchard, Drimnagh and Walkinstown. A Clean-up operation is under way at St Oliver's Training Centre Site. A contractor has removed some of the illegal dumping and the costs will be shared between Development, Public Domain and Waste Management. All stakeholders are involved in discussions on how to prevent further illegal dumping and secure the site.

The environs of Lissadel Road and Rafters Lane have been cleaned up in a joint initiative with Housing and Public Domain. The Environmental Initiative in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area was hugely successful and provided an opportunity for residents to dispose of household junk in an appropriate manner. Skips located in Bluebell, Drimnagh and Cherry Orchard were well-managed and organised in collaboration with community groups, Housing and Public Domain.

The free electrical recycling day in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre and electrical recycling cages deployed in Bluebell proved very popular and with a little more advertising could garner even more support going forward.

The wild flower meadow course due to be held in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden will now be online on November 11th. Aoife Munn delivers the course.

The City Neighbourhood Winners are receiving a certificate and One4All voucher. Among the Winners are Bluebell Environmental Group, Cherry Orchard Community Garden, Tidy Drimnagh, Chapelizod Tidy and Camac Park. All photos of winners will be posted on social media.

Report from: -

Kay Noonan,

Acting Senior Executive Officer

Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.



CHRISTMAS TREES / LIGHTING SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

Christmas Trees / Lighting - SWIC

Christmas Trees

1. Cornmarket (Christmas tree)
2. Dolphin's Barn Church (Christmas tree)
3. Pimlico (Christmas tree)

Christmas lighting on lanes off Thomas Street.

There will be five trees in Inchicore lit with Christmas Lights. These are two large trees on Tyrconnell Road and three trees outside Keatings Pharmacy in Inchicore Village. This will be the third year for these lights, supplied by Fantasy Lights.

Christmas Trees / Lighting – Ballyfermot Area

7 Locations:

- (1) Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, (lighting existing trees)
- (2) Church of the Most Holy Sacrament Cherry Orchard (LED Christmas Tree)
- (3) The Plaza Chapelizod (LED Christmas Tree)
- (4) Landen/Lally Road (lighting existing tree)
- (5) Bluebell, at the Luas Stop (LED Christmas Tree)
- (6) Inchicore, WALK (Golden Soles Building) (LED Christmas Tree)
- (7) Mourne Road Roundabout (lighting existing trees)

Christmas Lighting will also be located in Ballyfermot at:

Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre,

Four corners at Grange Cross,

Father Lemass Court,

A tree is lit in the Grounds of Church of the Assumption.

