



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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021**

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 21st April 2021**  
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 27/04/21 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/04/21 and 26/04/21.Order: 1. Report noted.  
2. Report noted.
- 4 **South Central Area Matters** 5 - 16
  1. Report for Proposed Demolition of Dolphin Park, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8, under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001.
  2. Report for Proposed Demolition of former Health Centre and St Michael's Community Centre, Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8, under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001.
  3. Director of Services Report.Order: 1. Report noted.  
2. Report noted.  
3. Report noted.
- 5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
  1. Sports and Recreation report for May 2021 – South Central AreaOrder: Report noted.
- 6 **Planning & Property Development Matters**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to Council.
- 7 **Emergency Motions.**
- 8 **May 2021 Motions.**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

- M98 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin (Motion deferred from April meeting).**  
Following on from the report: Rapid Assessment and Community Response to suicide and suspected suicide in Dublin South - commissioned after the rise in suicides in the Ballyfermot area, one of the further research pieces was around the connection between suicide in young women and domestic violence. Since then we've entered into a pandemic and we've seen a clear increase in domestic violence as one of the underlying conditions of the restriction of movement. Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard doesn't have its own dedicated Domestic Violence worker and relies on the services in other areas. I'm asking that Dublin City Council, with support of the members, write to the Tusla DSGBV and support the call for a Domestic Violence Worker dedicated to the Dublin 10 area - for reasons outlined. Also that Dublin City Council provides a space within their properties in Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard to ensure ease of access to this much needed service.  
**Order: Agreed without debate. DCC will write to Tusla.**

- M108 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**  
That this Area Committee welcomes the long-awaited development of the derelict site at the corner of Dolphins Barn/South Circular Road for public housing and calls for Dublin City Council to explore and exhaust all opportunities available to provide a public or community service at ground-floor level. The Cork Street, Dolphins Barn and Fatima areas are full of apartment developments with vacant ground-floor commercial units. This Area Committee is of the view that a community use at this prime ground-floor location could inject much-needed life into Dolphins Barn village.  
**Order: Deferred to June meeting.**

- M109 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**  
That this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to immediately reverse plans not to include a 5-aside community sports amenity in the Emmet Rd development (St. Michael's Estate). This Area Committee expresses its strong opposition to this measure which would see an existing sports facility, which is used by local residents, stripped away from this community and not replaced. Previous draft plans in 2018 and 2019 included a community sports facility and this Area Committee calls for that commitment to be honoured.  
**Order: Deferred to June meeting.**

- M110 Councillor Máire Devine**  
That this Area Committee is shocked and dismayed by the recent murder at Robinsons Court of one of our tenants. This complex is for our seniors, many who are vulnerable and very distressed by this fatal incident. Is there a safety audit available for this community and what safety measures, if any, would make the complex more secure? Furthermore what protocols are in place to support residents following calamitous occurrences? We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and his community.  
**Order: Report to Councillors.**

**Councillor Vincent Jackson**  
**Chairperson**  
**Wednesday 19 May 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)  
Darragh Moriarty  
Michael Pidgeon

**Members:**

Tina MacVeigh  
Máire Devine  
Michael Watters

**Members:**

Hazel de Nortúin  
Sophie Nicoullaud

**Apologies**

Daithí De Róiste  
Daithí Doolan

**Officers**

Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City;  
Bruce Phillips, Local Area Manager, South West Inner City;  
David O Donovan, A/Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot / Drimnagh;  
Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;  
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area;  
Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
David Quearney, Acting Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Roads & Traffic;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Environment & Transportation;



**Director of Services Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA**

**South West Inner City Area Report**

**Capital Projects**

**Meath Street Public Realm Project** – the Area Office held two online information meetings on 20<sup>th</sup> April to present draft plans for Meath Street to local businesses and residents. There was generally positive feedback. We're now finalising the design with the aim to initiate a formal Part VIII for this project in summer.

**Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the appointed contractor KN Circet is expected to mobilise to site by mid-month for a planned 10 month build. A site compound will operate at Hanover Lane for the duration of the programme. Works will start between Dean Swift Square to Thomas Davis Street and progress south in stages along the east side of the street. A letter drop to affected residents and businesses will issue shortly.

**Bridgefoot Street Park** – the contractor Bracegrade has returned to site from 4<sup>th</sup> May. The park will be completed over summer and a revised workplan and projected opening date will be advised shortly.

**Various Greening Projects**

**Bridgefoot Street Median (tree planting and greening)** – works will now take place in October over 3 weekends.

**James Street Median (planting scheme and paving works)** – works are expected to commence in summer.

**Carman Hall** – a proposal for street trees along Carman Hall is being developed. Site survey work will be undertaken in coming weeks and a proposal will then be presented to residents.

**Blackpitts** – a proposal for tree planting and raingarden areas has been development for the area between Clanbrassil Terrace and Donovan Lane. Site survey work will be undertaken in coming weeks and a proposal will then be presented to residents.

**Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue and St Anthony's Road** – proposals for further street tree planting are being developed with required survey work to take place over summer.

**St Catherine's Park** – a contractor has been appointed to undertake various landscaping works to the park to allow it to be reopened and brought back into use. The work has been significantly delayed by public health measures however it's now hoped to complete this in coming weeks and reopen the park.

**Oscar Square, Tenters** – the Area Office is assisting the Parks Department to undertake some improvements to this small park. It is proposed to engage with local residents and Tenter's Residents Associated to gauge support for measures including seating, planting and surveying of trees in the coming weeks.

## **Interim Projects**

**Dolphin's Barn Interim Measures** – it is proposed to engage a landscape consultant to assist with a package of greening measures around the village area including tree planting, planted areas and seating. These measures will be complementary to works planned under the approved Part VIII scheme. Painting and cleanup of railings, street furniture and fixtures has also been requested, while businesses in the village are being supported to reopen with incentives such as the Shopfront Improvement Scheme.

Discussions recently took place with the NTA Busconnects Design Team where it was confirmed that NTA proposals for Core Corridor 9 as it passes through Dolphin's Barn now largely align with the approved Part VIII plans. Consideration will now be given to how best to advance this public realm project within our Capital Projects Programme.

**Newmarket 'Pop-up' Space** – the Area Office is seeking to implement elements of the approved Part VIII for Newmarket and Environs to create a largely pedestrianised 'universal square' from summer to be available as an amenity, seating and events space. The proposal will be implemented as a Covid Mobility Measure.

It is proposed to close a large part of the Square to through traffic and remove all parking from the central area. The pedestrian space will be delineated by bollards and planters and a series of installations are being considered to animate the space with seats, markings and planting. The 'pop-up' space will allow for various uses over the summer including potential markets, an outdoor gallery, events and community activities. The area will also facilitate seating for nearby businesses.

## **Economic Development:**

The Area Office has convened a **Destination D8 Group** of local tourism businesses to help plot recovery of tourism in the area from summer. The aim is to undertake a number of shared initiatives to market the area and run events to draw Dubliners to Dublin 8 over the remainder of the year.

The Area Office, together with Economic Development Office and The Digital Hub is hosting a **Modos Training for the Circular Economy** programme for D8-based businesses in June.

**SmartD8** – a successful first call out for pilot projects for SmartD8 was completed in April and is now being assessed. The project also has over 15 shared actions and projects between partners under development. Smart D8 is an initiative of the Dublin City Council and local partners in enterprise, healthcare and the third level sectors.

**Closure of The Digital Hub** – the recent announcement of Government to close the Digital Hub will mean significant changes in 2022 to a number of our shared programmes. The closure will also mean the end of a wider range of community education and skills programmes that are run by the Digital Hub. It's also noted the value of the Hub as an economic anchor and employment centre to The Liberties and knock on effects its closure is likely to have on other businesses in the area.

## Housing Updates SWIC.

### **Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build**

<b>57</b> 26 x 1 bed 26 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q1 2022
--	---------	----------------------	---------

DCC have designated a community liaison (Mark McInerney) to engage with residents regarding their concerns. Mark can be contacted at 0877371254 or email [mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie](mailto:mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie)

### **Cork St/ Weaver St. Volumetric Build**

<b>55</b> 32 x 1 bed 10 x 2 bed 13 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q2 2022
---	---------	----------------------	---------

DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns. Veronica can be contacted at 0870997512 or email [veronica.hand@dublincity.ie](mailto:veronica.hand@dublincity.ie)

### **Margaret Kennedy SQ. Dublin 8.**

<b>54</b> 8 x 1 bed 18 x 2 bed 28 x 3 bed	Completion of scheme	Complete.
--	----------------------	-----------

### **St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.**

Emmet Road, D.8 (St. Michael's)	Design in progress. Lodge planning Q3 2021
---------------------------------	--

### **Tyrone Place Dublin 8 Regeneration**

Local authority housing regeneration of 96 units. Feasibility study underway to determine development options.

### **Liberties Cluster Dublin 8**

Stage 1 submitted to DHPLG

### **Oliver Bond Regeneration**

Stage 1 application being complied for DHPLG.

### **Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8**

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan was approved on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. Dublin City Council and the Dolphin House Regeneration Board have completed consultations awaiting survey results.

## **Community Development Report**

### **Covid-19 Stability Fund 2021**

Dublin City Council Community Team have notified SWIC community groups and organisations advising them of this funding opportunity. The online application form will be available on the portal on the 20th May 2021. Organisations interested in applying for the COVID-19 Stability Fund 2021 must complete and submit their online application before the deadline of 3pm on the 27th May 2021. Only one application can be submitted per organisation.

The primary aim of the Stability Fund is to help organisations which are suffering financially due to a reduction in their fundraising or traded income so that they can continue to deliver eligible critical services to vulnerable people in their community.

Community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises can now apply, including those who were successful in the previous rounds of the COVID-19 Stability Scheme in 2020. Examples of the organisations that can apply include those that provide:

- Family supports and supports for the elderly
- Domestic Abuse and addiction services
- Mental health and disability supports
- Education supports in disadvantaged communities
- Community centres that provide social services

Further information can be found on the below web link:

[www.pobal.ie/programmes/covid-19-cv-stability-fund-2021/](http://www.pobal.ie/programmes/covid-19-cv-stability-fund-2021/)

### **Annual Spring Planting Initiative**

The SWIC Community Team will be delivering plants and bedding for community and environmental groups towards the end of May. All groups will be contacted to arrange collection/delivery in the week.

All groups who will receive plants have been advised of and agree to adhere to strict Covid 19 protocol regarding receiving and planting of same. Groups are delighted to get back to environmental activities and hope to continue to maintain and develop areas within the community throughout the year.

### **Fit Line Initiative for over 50's - free initiative of over 50's**

Dublin City Council Community Team are actively promoting Age & Opportunity's FitLine within our complexes and community groups locally. FitLine is a service that can make regular phone calls to people over 50 who would like to get more physically active. Mentors in the service are older volunteers who understand the challenges of getting more active. They can give information advice and gentle encouragement to help people who wish to sign up get moving. There is no cost to the service and when participant's sign up, mentors ring every two weeks until participants feel they are happy with their progress.

For more information please contact FitLine free phone 1800 303 545 or email [fitline@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:fitline@ageandopportunity.ie)



### **Community clean ups and environmental projects**

With the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions earlier this month, a number of environmental groups and projects are excited and motivated to re-engage with their neighbours, through small community led clean ups, painting and planting. A number of groups will be receiving deliveries of planters, paint and cleaning materials, which will brighten up their communities and most importantly lift their spirits after a challenging start to 2021.

Some of the areas which will be active over the coming weeks/weekends are as follows:  
Planters Inchicore Tyrconnell Road, Grattan Crescent and Turvey Avenue.

Community Clean Ups at James Walk/Maryland Area and CIE Works Estate to name but a few. These projects are supported by the SWIC Community Development and Public Domain Teams Eblana House.

### **Dublin 8 Witness to the Revolution**

Children: Witness, Participation, Victims of 1916 – 1923.

In recent weeks Dublin City Councils' SWIC have commissioned a professional film crew to record a series of local history talks. This project has come about as a result of the huge response from members of the public to a number of history talks which were live streamed from St James's Church during the lockdown period. The talks are presented by DCC's historian in residence Cathy Scuffil and local historian Liz Gillis.

Pupils from CBS and St James's Primary school Basin Lane will take a step back into their history as they participate in the filming of episode 2 in the series.

In this recording the students will get to explore four different scenarios from the bureau of Military History's witness statements. These statements relate to local events which took place during The Rising and War of Independence. Some of the statements are tragic, others are quite humorous but the most important aspect to this project is that all of the events took place around the streets that are familiar to the students.

These recordings will be launched as part of Cruinnu Na Nog 2021 Festival and will be available on social media platforms. It is hoped that these recordings will become a useful educational tool for local schools into the future. Hopefully they will also foster a love of local and national history among our young people.

These recordings will be launched as part of Cruinnu Na Nog 2021 Festival and will be available on social media platforms. <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/dublin-8-witness-to-the-revolution/> on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### **Children's Covid stories from Dublin 8**

The stories have been written!!

The tales have been told!!

It's now time to round them up!!!

In the coming days Community Development staff will be delivering special storage boxes to each of the participating schools throughout the area. All of the written material will be sealed and presented to The Lord Mayor at a special handing over ceremony on the steps of the Mansion House in the coming weeks. The written content is comprised of stories, poems, drawings, paintings with one school in particular got the children to write letters to their pen pals outlining their dreams, thoughts and wishes for a world post Covid.

Fascinating stuff! Well done to all teachers and pupils concerned.

## **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Tourism & Investment Strategy Feasibility Study**

CHL Consulting were appointed to conduct this study and have begun their research. This study is concentrating on improving potential visitor experience through public realm improvement, linkages etc. between heritage sites in Kilmainham and Inchicore.

#### **Waterways Ireland – Grand Canal**

Virtual and outdoor meetings are being held with Waterways Ireland and DCC South Central Office to review issues of access (gates), lighting, ownership, benches, pollinator corridors, planting along the Grand Canal.

#### **Call for new members for KIN**

KIN are interested in hearing from new groups/members who would like to join the monthly meetings and share information about what is going on in the area.

## **Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum**

### **Outdoor Exhibition**

In May 2021, Project architects, Bucholz McEvoy, are displaying their design proposals at an outdoor exhibition, located on the green across from Richmond Barracks in St. Michael's Estate. This exhibition will evolve over time with new panels installed as the design progresses to completion for planning. [www.emmetroad.ie](http://www.emmetroad.ie)

### **Civic and Community Space Subcommittee**

This subcommittee has finished up their work as outlined in their Terms of Reference. The final draft position paper is being prepared outlining the Community's requirements in terms of ensuring that our Community and Civic Spaces at Emmet Road will create a focus for community life and growth in Inchicore and Kilmainham and better quality of life for all. A co-design process with Bucholz McEvoy Architects has led this subcommittee. The Final Report is soon to be sent into DCC and Integrated Design Team for their consideration and response.

### **Meanwhile Activity and Community Building Sub committee**

A new subcommittee is in the process of being set up to facilitate engagement between Local People – Sharing, Working together, Inclusion, cohesion, building trust, community ownership, pride in our neighbourhood.

### **Public Art Process Subcommittee**

This new subcommittee is in the process of being set up.

### **Residential Informal Focus Group**

As part of an early INFORMAL process around the design of the residential homes at Emmet Road, the Integrated Design Team are interested in having a conversation with future notional residents. A small focus group of people are being collated to engage in this conversation.

### **Inchicore Sports Centre – Community Access and Usage**

A second meeting with Aaron Callaghan, Manager of Inchicore Sports Centre, Denis Moran Supervisor and Donnchadh Clancy ICFE Principal has taken place to discuss local group access and usage of Inchicore Sports Centre. This is being facilitated through IRCF. The Sports Centre will be open for full public usage from 7<sup>th</sup> June for the summer months. To utilize the space contact 01 222 8598. Ongoing discussions are continuing re outdoor

space and possibility of upgrading the pitch in order to allow full community usage. The next meeting will take place Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

### **Public Domain**

400 meter sq of graffiti was removed from public areas at James Walk, Mallin Avenue, the entrance at Suir Road linear park, Suir Road Bridge, Herberton Road and Rialto Village. Planters put in commercial district and Emmet Road.

Public Domain Clean Ups for May include Ceannt Fort, CIE Works Estate and Clanbrassil Close. Community Planters provided for Inchicore Village in partnership with Community Development and Inchicore Environmental Group. Clean-up equipment provided for IEG, High Road Kilmainham, Herberton Park, Maryland, Rialto Cottages and Court, Four Terraces, Camac Crescent/Turvey Park, Patrick Street, (Family group packs) provided.

Stakeholder meetings will take place to address public domain issues along Canal. Planting of native Hawthorn scheduled for November 2021. Intensive Wash and Gum/sticker removal completed Thomas Street, Cornmarket, James Street and Meath Street.

### **Kilmainham Mill**

The enabling works (emergency stabilisation works) for Kilmainham Mill are scheduled to commence at the end of the month. The programme is currently being updated in line with government guidelines. A six month construction period is anticipated, at which point the building will be dry and safe to access. This will provide the basis to progress the overall project towards completion.

Report from: -

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

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **HOUSING PROJECTS**

#### **Chapelizod/Springvale Site - 71 Units**

The Springvale site has reopened for construction work from 12<sup>th</sup> April. The timeline for completion of works is being reassessed because of the site closures.

#### **Cornamona Site - 61 Units**

The Cornamona site has reopened for construction work from 12<sup>th</sup> April. The timeline for completion of works is being reassessed because of the site closures.

#### **Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site**

Part VIII approval given for the proposed demolition of the former Scoil Eanna and Funeral Home on lands bounded by Crumlin Road, Rafter's Road and Rafter's Lane, Crumlin, Dublin 12. The redevelopment of the site will be the subject of a separate Part VIII Planning application. The library development will be a separate development.

### **Bluebell**

City Architects is awaiting a response regarding their Stage 1 submission to the DHLGH.

### **Lissadell Maisonettes**

Refurbishment works are still ongoing on the vacant two-bed maisonettes and will be let under Choice Based Lettings.

### **Skate Park Le Fanu Park**

No further works have taken place due to Covid 19 restrictions but An Garda Síochana continue to monitor the area and there have been no further reports of anti-social behavior.

### **Ballyfermot Civic Park**

Awaiting contract signing which is due shortly at which time a clearer programme of works will be devised over the coming months. Discussion ongoing regarding the proposed alterations to the tribute garden to accommodate a larger entrance from the civic centre plaza.

### **Ballyfermot Civic Centre**

Discussions are ongoing with MABS regarding the relocation of their office space in the building. This is to facilitate the relocation of the café from the first floor to the ground floor to link with the upgrade of the civic park. It is likely that the HSE will be using the building for non covid vaccinations for about 5 weeks in the near future. DCC Staff working with Architects and Fire Officers regards safety of building before during and after office relocations.

## **Community Development Report**

### **Environmental Projects**

#### **Local Groups and monthly Clean Ups**

The monthly Community Clean Ups have really gathered momentum. Great credit is due to the residents in Ring Street, Drumfinn, Le Fanu, Cleggan and Cherry Orchard that braved the elements on May the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The date for the next Street Clean is June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Weekly and monthly Clean Ups continue in Drimnagh, Bluebell and Chapelizod.

To support the groups the Council provides equipment and refreshments and in the coming weeks will provide bedding plants and large planters.

The twenty Planter Boxes along the Main Road in Ballyfermot are being replanted by DCC staff member Mark Doyle. Mark usually works with the Fusion Project from Cherry Orchard to maintain the public spaces and roundabouts in Cherry Orchard and has maintained them single handedly throughout the level 5 restrictions

#### **Community Planting 2021**

The City Council will be distributing 1000 trays of bedding plants that were cultivated in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden to over 20 community organisations and sheltered housing complexes for communal planting.

The Environmental Groups in Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Walkinstown, Chapelizod, Cherry Orchard and Drimnagh will receive bedding plants for planting in communal areas at the entrance to roads and around trees on the public footpaths.

The newly formed Intergenerational Youth Group has organised youth organisations in Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Bluebell and Drimnagh to make small window boxes and assist residents in the sheltered housing complexes with planting the bedding plants. This group has representation from across the area.

### **Planters in the community**

The City Council Community Development and Public Domain staff have identified 38 sites to install the large blue planters in Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Bluebell and Inchicore.

The WALK Group, based in Walkinstown, made and filled the planters and the local environmental groups and residents have agreed to maintain them. The Planters are a visible incentive to residents to get involved in the monthly street clean ups.

### **“Bloomin South Central”**

Building on the success of Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Gardens in Bloom competition last year, the City Council and the Ballyfermot Environmental Project have opened the competition to the wider South Central Area, Drimnagh/ Ballyfermot ward for 2021.

“Bloomin South Central” hopes to find and photo the best garden in the area. Residents will be invited to submit their garden for entry into the competition and the Camera Club will capture the winning gardens to create street exhibitions throughout the area. The project will open on June 1<sup>st</sup> with entries closing on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Entries will be assessed and a number of gardens from each area will be selected to be photographed by Satsun Photography Group for an “on street exhibition in each area.

### **Community Allotments**

The Bluebell allotment is thriving with all the plots allocated and a substantial waiting list. Last year’s discretionary funds went towards the upgrades to their shed and additional water taps and they are already planning on improvements to the biodiversity and the communal area on the site this year with the 2021 discretionary funds.

The Chapelizod allotments opened last December with all plots allocated. The first plot holder meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 11am, where a committee will be formed and the spending of funds agreed. The City Council will organise an on-site training session on composting to encourage the use the composter on site.

### **Community festivals**

The City Council staff are contacting local groups and festival committees to support them develop appropriate activities during the summer months. Events will continue to be online and virtual. The Ballyfermot Festival Committee continue to meet with a view to organizing a programme of events during the summer.

The Chapelizod Festival Committee are meeting to organise a virtual/ online festival in July.

### **Social Inclusion**

#### **Covid Stability Fund**

The Covid Stability Fund to support community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises was announced. Application details are at

<http://www.pobal.ie/programmes/covid-19-cv-stability-fund-2021/>.

The applications will go live on May 20<sup>th</sup> until 3pm on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cruinniú Na nÓg**

Creative Ireland: Cruinniú Na nÓg will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. The event is online at Facebook: Ballyfermot Festival

Ballyfermot Youth Organisations are working together to plan the programme and have engaged with all the local schools to encourage participation. Familibase, Ballyfermot Youth Service and Cherry Orchard integrated Youth Services have all hosted and facilitated workshops.

The event includes:

A community art project to create life size totems to decorate the main road in Ballyfermot. Singing coaching workshops to encourage young people to take part in the live stream concert. A live stream concert to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> link to the event is at Facebook: Ballyfermot Festival.

### **Bealtaine**

Outdoor Balcony Concerts.

The Council will work with two Sheltered Housing Complexes to host Balcony Concerts.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Annamore Complex at 2:30 pm.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Claddagh Court at 2:30 pm.

The concerts will be performed outdoors by The RAMS, Men's Choir and residents will remain on their balconies socially distanced and safe to enjoy the tunes of their youth.

### **Web cam Talks**

The City Council has organised webcam talks from Our Lady's Church, Mourne Road as follows:

May 11<sup>th</sup> History of Drimnagh at 1pm.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Brickwork and Brickfields at 1pm.

The talks are available on the link: <https://www.mourneroad.ie>

### **Healthy Ireland**

The City Council will distribute Healthy Ireland "play packs" to 500 older people during the month of May. The packs will contain activities and useful information for Older People.

### **Dementia Awareness**

The City Council is working with local groups to re-establish the plans to develop Dementia Supports, including the community café in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre. The committee, which includes a rep from the HSE, will meet during May to further the project. The Bungalow, Community Civic Centre and Parish Councils have been invited to get involved.

Scott.watson@dublincity.ie ph: 087 1643170

miriam.flynn@dublincity.ie ph: 086 8151320

[victoria.kearney@dublincity.ie](mailto:victoria.kearney@dublincity.ie) ph: 087 6009002

### **Orchard Centre Update.**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, The Orchard Community Centre has been a very different place since March 2020. Most of the groups who use the Centre have been unable too because of the restrictions during the pandemic with limited numbers allowed in during less restricted times. However, the Centre has continued to provide a vital service to the community during this time. The Centre prior to the pandemic operated a Foodbank in conjunction with The Society of St. Vincent De Paul and this has continued during the past year of restrictions.

### **Foodbank Operations.**

Monday: Palettes of Food are delivered and stored away in the storerooms.

Wednesday: VDP hold their weekly meeting and pack food bags for clients.

Friday: Food Bags are given to clients from the Centres sports hall.

Each Friday up to 100 people are availing of this service. All people must stick to social distancing guidelines and every precaution is taken running the foodbank with hand sanitising, face mask wearing, gloves wore by VDP volunteers as well as all bags sanitised before being handed to clients.

### **Moving Forward from May 10th.**

With recent Government announcements allowing some outdoor gatherings of people up to 15, the Centre is now getting ready to welcome back a limited number of groups that can use our court yard area and outdoor spaces to run their activities. There are a number of groups who will be returning to us from Monday 17th May.

All groups will have to stick strictly to allowed numbers and all guidelines. Groups who will be returning to us are - Cherry Orchard Boxing Club, Local HSE young family group, Ballroom/Sequence Dancing Group, Local Baton Twirlers/Majorettes Group, Dublin Circus Project, Men's Music Shed. As restrictions ease further we will welcome back more groups going forward.

### **Funding towards upgrading the centre.**

The Centre was recently allocated further funding to help us upgrade the building and modernise. This is very welcome as the building has many outstanding issues that need to be tackled to make it the centre it should be. The funding that has now been allocated to us will be used to install a new wooden sports hall floor in our main hall as well as install a new art installation/painting works, running from our reception area in to one of our main rooms in the centre. This project is being done with input and support from the Disability Action Collective group who work to bring disability issues to the fore and lobby on behalf of disabled people in the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard areas. We will also be using the funding towards installing new equipment in to our Boxing Club extension.

### **Covid-19 Community Call**

The Orchard Centre staff along with other Community staff, continue to monitor the helpline for the area and, while calls are less frequent than 2020, there are still members of the community who require assistance.

### **Community Clean Up**

On May 8th staff worked with residents of the area for a community clean up.

### **WiFi4EU**

The Orchard Community Centre has been successful in being granted a full 3 year public wifi service.

WiFi4EU aims to give communities better internet access, improving digital literacy and complementing other public services provided in the locations selected. A wide range of potential locations will be explored, including libraries, parks, community centres and youth services, bringing much needed connectivity and helping to bridge the digital divide.

### **Public Domain**

The clean up of St. Oliver's site was successful and protective Rock Armor was used preventing further illegal dumping along Clover hill Road. Park West Avenue will be cleared shortly. ADI application to address dumping along grass margin. Swale Cherry Orchard Green and the site at Barnville Park boundary was cleared of illegal dumping.

Public Domain clean-up of Walkinstown Green, Kilnamanagh and Camac Park, Bluebell is also scheduled for this month.

Community Planters were delivered to Bluebell and Ballyfermot. Clean-up initiatives are supported by Public Domain, with equipment delivered to Ballyfermot Environmental Group for all participants in monthly clean-ups across the Ballyfermot Area.

Bluebell Environmental Group supported three clean-ups so far. Packs for family groups distributed to Tidy Drimnagh members and Walkinstown close. Tidy Drimnagh Hi-Viz was provided by Public Domain. A Tidy up of shrubbery inside Bluebell Allotments has been arranged. Some TLC painting of bollards/public lights is under consideration for the Bluebell/Drimnagh area to be surveyed and costed.

Greenway at lock 4 Bluebell environs cleared of burnt debris by South Dublin County Council. Graffiti to be removed along the canal wall, on seating and bins in co-operation with South Dublin County Council between Bluebell and Kylemore Bridge. Graffiti removal scheduled at entrance to Ballyfermot from Stansfield Road and Naas Road Junction.

To report illegal dumping or graffiti along canal or community groups requiring community clean-up support please email [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)

Report from: -

**Dave O'Donovan,**  
**Acting Senior Executive Officer**  
**Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.**