

**Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Dates for your Diary**

- Housing Department has agreed to do a presentation and answer any written queries for the July Area Committee Meeting. I would be obliged if you could submit your **Housing queries** to scac@dublincity.ie no later than **Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June** so that replies can be given at the July Area Committee meeting.
- A reminder that the next **Dublin South Central JPC Meeting** is scheduled for Monday **the 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 2.30pm** in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**Issues**

- **Inchicore - Need to vision potential development of village as opposed to separate considerations of areas in the Village.**
- **Public Domain – Need to seek approval for recruitment of Public Domain Officer.**
- **Civic Centre Development in Ballyfermot.**
- **Activation of Policy Work as identified under Discretionary Funding.**

**CRUMLIN /KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA**

**New Public Park, Cork Street**

Works to develop a 0.6 hectare neighbourhood park on the site of the demolished Chamber Court flats on Cork Street commenced in February and are progressing well. It is expected that the park will be completed by summer 2017.

**St. Audoen's Park, High Street**

St. Audoen's Park is included in the Liberties Greening Strategy. As part of the proposed improvements to High Street it is planned to enhance the area by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation throughout the park. A Part 8 planning application for the project was agreed at the July 2016 City Council meeting. Tenders have been submitted and are currently under assessment.

**New Public Park, Bridgefoot Street/Island Street**

Plans to develop a high quality neighbourhood park at Bridgefoot Street have been re-activated and public workshops were held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April in St. Catherine's Church, Thomas Street. The consultant landscape architect will now prepare proposals which will be presented at a second workshop.

**Newmarket**

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Newmarket Square and its environs is now complete. The Plan describes, supports and guides the implementation of improvements to enhance the use and attractiveness of the area. Following agreement at the February Area Committee meeting a Part 8 planning application for the project was advertised on 20<sup>th</sup> February. A copy of the plan was available for inspection in the Planning Department in the Civic Office for 6 weeks from that date. The closing date for the receipt of submissions or observations was 20<sup>th</sup> April. A report in relation to the Part 8 planning application is included on the agenda for this month's Area Committee meeting

### **Francis Street**

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Francis Street, Hanover Lane and part of Dean Street has also been completed. The plan provides for a more pedestrian friendly environment which encourages people to visit the area on foot. The plan also supports the continued commercial operation of the Arts and Antiques quarter. Following agreement at the March Area Committee meeting a Part 8 planning application for the project will be advertised on 28<sup>th</sup> April. A copy of the plan will be available for inspection in the Planning Department in the Civic Office for 6 weeks from that date. The closing date for the receipt of submissions or observations is 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Michael Mallin House**

Works to convert 4 bedsits into 2 x 1 bedroomed units are due to commence this week. Similar work is ongoing in Basin Street to convert 8 bedsits into 4 x 1 bedroomed units.

### **Lighting Improvements**

Public Lighting Department is currently undertaking improvements to lighting on some of the smaller streets between Francis Street and Meath Street to improve safety and the public realm. Lighting in the area is being upgraded to LED as part of a planned citywide changeover. A programme of painting of street lighting columns and upgrading to LED will continue subject to resources.

A flagship lighting scheme on Thomas Street and James Street is continuing and will likely be completed by mid-summer. The programme has involved installation of 58 no. 'Cuffe Street' heritage lamps along the route.

### **Pimlico**

The Area Office has now remedial completed work to the small green at Pimlico. Works included laying a new pathway through the space, installing new lighting, repairing and repainting the boundary, restoring an area of lawn and some replanting.

### **Vicar Street Play Area**

The Area Office has completed final works to the small hard surface play area at Vicar Street. Following work last year to repair the surface and install new play equipment, the boundary railings has now been repaired and repainted and public lighting in the area improved.

### **Newmarket Redevelopment**

Work has been largely completed on a new 400-bed student housing, office and retail development at Mill Street. Known as UniNest 'New Mill', the complex is expected to open in stages from June and be fully occupied in September. The project has included restoration of No 10 Mill Street which will now comprise high quality office spaces.

Work has also commenced on a second UniNest development at an adjacent site on Blackpitts, due to open in 2018, while work also progresses on the Starwood Aloft hotel on the site of the former Tenters Pub, also expected to open in 2018.

The redevelopment on Mill Street, together with an emerging masterplan for privately owned sites in Newmarket, and the Council's own public realm masterplan for Newmarket represents a very significant rejuvenation of one of the more neglected area of Dublin 8.

### **Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue**

Improvement works at Cashel Avenue and Captains Avenue consisting of new parking zones, new footpaths and a plinth wall surrounding the greens were substantially completed on 28th April. The works are funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2016. It should be noted that landscaping (reseeding and planting of new trees) will take place at both locations when the spaces have been leveled.

### **Brickfield Park**

Works to install an all weather pitch in Brickfield Park are now complete. The new pitch was funded by Dublin City Council and Sports Capital grants.

The official opening by the Lord Mayor took place on Monday, 24th April.

Drimnagh. It is planned to install 3 'Welcome to Drimnagh' signs later this month or early next month. Following consultation with local community representatives the signage will be located at Davitt Road/Kilworth Road, Davitt Road/Slievenamon Road and Rafters Road/Crumlin Road.

### **Long Mile Road/Slievebloom Road**

Remedial works have been carried to the wall opposite the Half Way House. The cracks have been repaired and the wall re-plastered with pebble dash to match existing walls in the area. This work was funded from the South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2017.

### **Commemorative Plaque**

The Unveiling of a Commemorative Plaque by the Associated Bluebell Communities Commemorating the 16 Executed leaders will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Local Schools, Community Groups and members of the defence force will be in attendance.

### **Liberties Swift Conservation Project**

Eighteen Triple Cavity Swift nest boxes will be erected in St Brigids School the Coombe, and Francis street CBS in the coming days. This is a joint initiative between DCC, local schools and the Dublin Swift Conservation Group in an effort to provide much needed nest sites for these iconic City birds whose populations are in serious decline.

Swift calls will be played in an effort to attract the birds to their new nest sites and educational talks and workshops will take place in local schools.

New nest boxes have been designed here in Marrowbone Lane, they have special features that will suit buildings without overhangs. They have sloping roofs to prevent predators from perching on the boxes. The first of its kind in Ireland, they are made from a fiberglass material which will last a lifetime. They will officially be called **The Liberties Swift Box!**

### **Summer planting and Environmental Enhancement Projects**

Summer Planting & Environmental Enhancement projects will take place in the following locations:

- Garden View Court
- Coombe Court
- Michael Mallin House
- Marrowbone Lane
- Oliver Bond
- Mary Land Grotto

### **Crumlin Kimmage Community Report-**

#### **Historical Photograph Exhibition and Talk on Architectural Conservation**

Dublin City Council in conjunction with the Crumlin Walkinstown Forum, Crumlin Historical Society and St. Mary's Parish will host a Historical Photograph Exhibition from 10a.m.- 7p.m. in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, (old school Crumlin Village), on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 followed by an Architectural Conversation talk on Crumlin Village at 7.30p.m.

### **Brickfield Drive/ Keeper Road Residents Association**

Dublin City Council Community Team have supported the Brickfield Drive/Keeper Road Residents Association clean up which will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 10a.m. to 12 noon.

#### **Crumlin Walkinstown Forum**

- Dublin City Council Community and Social Development are continuing to support the Crumlin Walkinstown Forum in their activities. Crumlin Walkinstown Forum Crumlin Village Clean up will take Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 from 6pm – 7.30pm.
- Crumlin Walkinstown Forum Fun day will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Stannaway Park. Further information on activities to follow.

#### **Environmental Projects: - Senior Citizens Complexes**

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Team will provide Senior Citizens Complexes in the Crumlin Kimmage area with a small number of bedding plants to enhance their complexes.

#### **Residents/Environmental groups**

Dublin City Council Community Team has identified a number of residents/environmental groups in the Crumlin Kimmage area for environmental enhancement projects. However on the recommendation of Dublin City Council Parks Section, groups will now plant bulbs in September instead of planting plants, as this will give more impact in areas identified with less maintenance for groups.

### **BALLYFERMOT /DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

#### **Ballyfermot Road Public Realm Improvement Plan**

A public consultation which was very well attended by both business owners and residents was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Ballyfermot Library. The next stage will be to meet with internal stakeholders which is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and give them a month to give their consideration and comment on the plan. This will then be fed by the Consultants into the final draft.

#### **Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Community Update Bealtaine**

As part of Dublin City Council Bealtaine celebrations, the Council is hosting a performance of Bezzie, a powerful one woman show by Sheila Flitton at Claddagh Ct Senior citizen's complex on Thursday 18th May @ 2pm. The event is free with refreshment provided.

Weekly dance classes continue in the Ballyfermot Sports & Leisure Centre every Tuesday morning 11.00 am – 12.00 noon. The Community Gardaí from Ballyfermot Garda station will be giving a talk on home security to the Ballyfermot Senior Citizens forum at 11.30am on Thursday May 18th in Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

#### **Installation of Remembrance Plaque in Bluebell.**

On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Trees planted to commemorate the executed 1916 leaders were identified in the unveiling of a Commemoration Plaque in Bluebell.

#### **The Cherry Orchard Summer Fair**

The City Council are supporting the Cherry Orchard Summer fair which takes place over the 19th and 20th May in the Equine Centre and Cherry Orchard Park. Staff from the area office,

Sports development section and Orchard Community centre are supporting a large range of activities over the course of the two days. A committee of local services with some local residents have worked to put the programme in place and the event is going from strength to strength. This year Familibase have organised a 5K run on the Saturday morning.

All are welcome

### **Environment**

The annual plant sales will be taking place in the following locations:

23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bunting Park, Walkinstown Residents Association Depot	19:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady Hall -Drimnagh	10:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Lower Cherry Orchard Community Centre	18:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Mathew's Parish Centre	18:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Gurteen Youth Club, 12 Gurteen Park	18:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Ballyfermot Library	18:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Ballyfermot Youth Services, Decies Road	18:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Markievics Community Centre	18:00
25 <sup>th</sup> May	The Band Room- Chapelizod Village/St. Laurence's Grove Community Garden	18:00

### **River Court Sheltered Housing**

On Wednesday the 24th May @2pm the Council is organising a hanging basket workshop residents of Riverview senior citizens complex in Chapelizod. The residents will be invited to create their own flower basket" to decorate the complex. This project is to support of Chapelizod city neighbourhoods application.

## Progress Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh 2017 Discretionary Funds

Ref	Project Title	Amount Allocated	Contact Person	Amount Paid
1	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Village Wash programme	€25,000	Ger Toner	
2	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Shopping Precinct Wash Programme	€15,000	Ger Toner	
3	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Pavement Proofing	€ 5,000	Ger Toner	
4	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Tree Planters	€15,000	Ger Toner	
5	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Dog Fouling	€ 5,000	Ger Toner	
6	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Dumping	€20,000	Ger Toner	
7	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Halloween	€ 5,000	Ger Toner	
8	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Utility Community Box Art	€ 6,000	Community/Ger Toner	
9	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Cherry Orchard Tree Planting	€10,000	Kay Noonan Cork	
10	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Bluebell Environmental Improvements	€13,000	Miriam Flynn	
11	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Chapelizod Environmental Improvements	€ 5,000	Miriam Flynn/Ger Toner	
12	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Kilmainham & Inchicore EIS	€25,000	Aoife Hannan	
13	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Inchicore Shopfront Improvement Scheme	€20,000	Aoife Hannan	
14	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Cherry Orchard It's Ours Programme	€33,000	David O'Donovan	
15	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Slieverbloom Park - Road Environmental Improvements	€ 3,000	Brian Lyons/Roads	To be confirmed
16	Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Installation of railings at Bunting Park	€40,000	Brian Lyons	
17	Infrastructure and Buildings - The Bungalow Improvements	€12,000	Miriam Flynn	12,000

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18	Infrastructure and Buildings - Bosco Youth Centre	€30,000	Miriam Flynn	
19	Infrastructure and Buildings - Ballyfermot Sports Centre/Gurteen Youth Centre	€40,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	
20	Infrastructure and Buildings - Teanga Beo Baile	€10,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	10,000
21	Infrastructure and Buildings - St. Vincent Street West Lighting Upgrade (new lighting posts)	€15,000	Brian Lyons/Aoife Hannan/Nicola O'Shea	
22	Infrastructure and Buildings - Provision of Radio/Music Centre at Bluebell Community Centre	€ 500	Miriam Flynn	
23	Infrastructure and Buildings - Lifestart Project (Windows and Doors)	€ 7,000	John Behan	7,000 approved for payment
24	Infrastructure and Buildings - Labre Park (Portacabin)	€10,000	Pat Teehan, Traveller Accommodation Unit	
25	Infrastructure and Buildings - Orchard Centre, special dance floor	€ 2,500	Miriam Flynn	
26	Policy Initiatives - Land use Study on Institutional lands in Lower Ballyfermot	€10,000	Peter Finnegan/John Behan	
27	Ballyfermot Resource Centre (replace guttering)	€33,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	
28	Ballyfermot Star (research into social enterprise cafe)	€15,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	
29	Boxing/Youth Bus	€14,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	
30	Candle Community Trust	€25,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	
31	Familbase	€15,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn	
32	Sports Engagement Initiative	€22,000	John Behan/Miriam Flynn/SDO	
		€506,000		€29,000

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33	Public Domain – Dog Fouling and Bins	€ 20,000	Ger Toner	
34	Public Domain – Utility Community Box Art	€ 10,000	Ger Toner	
35	Public Domain – Environmental Security St. Audoen's School	€ 5,000	Community Development Team	
36	Public Domain – Illegal Dumping and Kilmainham Lane Green Space	€ 10,000	Ger Toner	
37	Public Domain – Dolphins Barn Public Realm Improvement Plan	€ 30,000	David Healy	
38	Public Domain – Ceannt Fort Centenary	€ 5,000	Community Development Team	
39	Park & Environmental Upgrades – D. 12 park Benches	€ 12,000	Brian Lyons/Sean Redmond	
40	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Memorial Garden Dolphins Barn Fire Station	€ 10,000	Fire Service/Brian Lyons	
41	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Rialto Men's Shed	€ 22,000	Gerry O'Donoghue	
42	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Hurling Wall Pearse Park	€ 20,000	Brian Lyons/Sean Redmond	
43	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Upgrade Playground Brickfield Park	€ 50,000	Brian Lyons/Sean Redmond	
44	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Painting and Upgrade Galtymore Park	€ 15,000	Brian Lyons/Sean Redmond	
45	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Upgrade Playground Poole Street	€ 60,000	Tony Smithers	
46	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Upgrade to Open Space at Bangor/Clonmacnoise/Lismore/Durrow	€ 35,000	Brian Lyons/Sean Redmond	
47	Park & Environmental Upgrades – Lissadel Court Kitchen Upgrade	€ 20,000	Chris Butler	
48	Security and Safety – Basin Street CCTV Upgrade and Road Surface Repairs	€ 44,000	Tony Smithers	
49	Policy Initiatives – Integrated Plan to address Economic Development in Dublin 8 and Housing/Homeless Challenge	€ 30,000	Peter Finnegan	
50	Policy Initiatives - Tackling the Underlying Causes of Crime and Anti-social Behaviour in SWIC and Cherry Orchard	€ 7,500	Peter Finnegan	
51	Maintenance of Services – Crumlin Swimming Pool	€ 35,000	Cathriona Woulfe	€ 35,000.00
		€ 440,500		€ 35,000.00